

To date, the LFO Board has approved the following grants from the Access to Justice Fund:

**Aamjinwaaang First Nation** (Sarnia, ON), in conjunction with Osgoode Hall Law School, will hold a community forum on environmental law and mount an arts-based educational project for youth.

The **Barbra Schlifer Clinic** and **Springtide Resources** (Toronto, ON) are developing training materials for Deaf and ASL Interpreters who work with victims of domestic violence.

The **British Columbia Coalition of People with Disabilities** (Vancouver, BC), in partnership with **PovNet** and the **Community Legal Assistance Society**, will develop an online training course for workers helping clients with CPP disability proceedings and a self-help manual for clients who are applying for CPP disability benefits.

The **Canadian Hearing Society** (Toronto, ON), in partnership with three Ontario community legal clinics, is working to improve access through sign language interpretation, to legal services.

The **Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation** (Toronto, ON) will conduct a series of webinars and workshops in Ontario on housing and human rights. This project is an outgrowth of the Connecting Communities Consortium (see below).

The **Community Law School Sarnia-Lambton** (Sarnia, ON) will train service providers in rural and remote communities on consumer protection issues.

**Community Legal Education Ontario** (Toronto, ON) will co-ordinate and support the "Connecting Communities Consortium", a group of legal and non-legal organizations working together to increase the capacity of front line service organizations (e.g., settlement organizations) to provide basic legal information and referrals to linguistic minorities and rural residents.

**Community legal clinics** in three regions of Ontario are leading the development of regional planning models focusing on serving linguistic minorities and/or rural residents. In addition a range of community legal clinics serving rural and linguistic minorities will host articling students for the 2012–2013 and 2013–2014 articling years.

**Courthouse Libraries B.C.** (Vancouver, BC) will host a national conference on online public legal education as well as conduct follow up online seminar activities.

**Éducaloi** (Montreal, QC), a leading Quebec public legal education organization, will spearhead a major public legal education initiative in the area of consumer rights, including the creation of web-based content and outreach to youth.

The **Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa** (Ottawa, ON) will provide legal information to aboriginal women released from prison on community supervision and release conditions.

The **Ending Violence Association of B.C.** (Vancouver, BC) will train front line service providers who work with aboriginal communities on domestic violence issues.

La **Fondation du Barreau du Quebec** (Montreal, QC) will produce guides for self-represented litigants in criminal and administrative law matters. The guides will be modeled on a successful existing guide in civil matters and will be available in French and English.

The **Justice Education Society** (Vancouver, BC) will deliver legal information to self-represented litigants in the province using innovative online tools and, in partnership with staff at Vancouver's Justice Access Centre, a telephone support service.

The **Legal Help Centre of Winnipeg** (Winnipeg, MB) will operate a drop-in legal information centre and legal clinic in downtown Winnipeg. The centre will be staffed by students and will be operated in partnership with the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba.

The **Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia** (Halifax, NS) will develop a pro bono legal services model for that province.

The **Legal Resource Centre of Alberta** (Calgary, AB) in partnership with **Alberta Law Libraries**, will develop the first phase of a project to produce an online public legal information “portal” for Albertans.

**Luke’s Place** (Durham, ON), a support and information centre for victims of domestic violence who are involved in family law proceedings, will expand its pro bono clinic services for unrepresented victims of domestic violence who are dealing with divorce, separation, custody, and support issues.

The **Multilingual Orientation Services Association for Immigrant Communities** (Vancouver, BC) will deliver legal information on domestic violence issues to immigrant communities.

The **National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation** (Ottawa, ON) will deliver its education module on careers in the justice sector (lawyers, parole officers, court clerks, etc.) to twenty secondary schools with high populations of aboriginal students. The project will solicit requests for deliveries from schools in northern Ontario, Quebec, the Northwest Territories, the Yukon and Atlantic Canada.

The **Native Law Centre** (Saskatoon, SK) will continue to carry out its mandate and produce publications and educational activities related to aboriginal peoples and the law in Canada. In addition the Native Law Centre (Sask, SK) will enhance and sustain its **Program of Legal Studies for Native People** which offers legal education and skills instruction to aboriginal students from across the country who have been admitted to law school.

The **Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History** (Toronto, ON) will produce a book-length history of the Ontario Court of Appeal, written by renowned Canadian historian and author Christopher Moore.

The **People’s Law School** (Vancouver, BC) will bring its long-running Justice Theatre programming to aboriginal students in remote communities in northern B.C., the Yukon, and Saskatchewan. Justice Theatre performances are based on actual cases and allow students to participate as members of the jury.

**Pro Bono Law Ontario** (Toronto, ON) will extend its Law Help model for providing pro bono legal services (currently in place in Toronto) to Ottawa. Volunteer lawyers in the court building will assist unrepresented litigants with procedural information, form completion and duty counsel representation.

**Pro Bono Students Canada** (Toronto, ON) will coordinate a program to enable law students to provide pro bono assistance to institutions that serve unrepresented family law litigants in Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Quebec.

The **Public Legal Information Association of Newfoundland and Labrador** (St. John’s, Newfoundland) will produce a self-help kit for individuals completing an uncontested divorce and a kit for individuals carrying out the duties of an executor. The kit will include all necessary forms and instructions for filling out the forms, and will be distributed free of charge.

The **Public Legal Education Association** (Saskatoon, SK) will develop a stand-alone web site for self-represented litigants dealing with family law issues in Saskatchewan. PLEA will develop a large amount of new content for the web site, which will offer legal information on a wide range of family law topics.

The **Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick** (Fredericton, NB) will coordinate the delivery of up to 100 workshops on family law topics to self-represented litigants across the province.

**South Fraser Women's Services Society** (Surrey, BC) will hire a South Asian Legal Educator to provide the South Asian community in the Lower Mainland with legal education, information and advocacy as it relates to violence against women and children.

Law and journalism students at the **University of British Columbia** (Vancouver, BC) will provide assistance to individuals who claim they have been wrongly convicted of a serious crime through the University's Innocence Project.

The **University of Ottawa** (Ottawa, ON) will lead a project to develop self-help materials for refugee claimants and train refugee support workers.

The **University of Windsor** (Windsor, ON) will host a conference on class actions and access to justice.

The **West Coast Prison Justice Society** (Abbotsford, BC) will hire a legal advocate dedicated to providing advice and assistance to aboriginal prisoners who are currently incarcerated and dealing with legal issues in prison.

The **Workers' Action Centre** (Toronto, ON) in collaboration with several community partners, will train community and front-line organizations working with linguistic minorities and rural communities on employment standards and human rights in employment. This project is an outgrowth of the Connecting Communities Consortium (see above).

**YWCA Canada** (Toronto, ON) will train frontline staff at 10 YWCA shelters in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. The training will prepare staff to assist aboriginal victims of domestic violence by improving their knowledge of the justice system.