



Dollars in Thousands

**ABS024 Recommendation Summary**  
**Office of Civil Legal Aid**  
**2023-25 Regular Budget Session**  
**OCLA2325 - 2023-25 OCLA Biennial Budget**

	Average Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
CB T0PL Current Biennium Base	8.5	92,711	2,223	94,934
<b>2021-23 Current Biennium Total</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>92,711</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>94,934</b>
<b>Total Carry Forward Level</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>93,613</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>96,925</b>
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.0%	1.0%	49.0%	2.1%
	0.0	0	0	0
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>93,613</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>96,925</b>
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.0%	1.0%	49.0%	2.1%
<b>Policy – Other Changes</b>				
PL AA Civil Legal Aid VRA	0.0	4,401	0	4,401
PL AB Civil Relief Under State v. Blake	0.0	0	4,774	4,774
PL AC Children's Rep. RTC - SHB 1219	0.0	4,387	0	4,387
PL AD Children's Rep. Contractor VRA	0.0	1,715	0	1,715
PL AE Pre-RTC Eviction Defense Svs	0.0	4,987	0	4,987
PL AF Tenant Right to Counsel Program	0.0	5,629	0	5,629
PL AG Biennial Funding for State v. Blake	0.0	4,774	0	4,774
<b>Policy – Other Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>25,893</b>	<b>4,774</b>	<b>30,667</b>
<b>Subtotal - Policy Level Changes</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>25,893</b>	<b>4,774</b>	<b>30,667</b>
<b>2023-25 Total Policy Level</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>119,506</b>	<b>8,086</b>	<b>127,592</b>
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.0%	28.9%	263.7%	34.4%

*This report does not list decision packages in the agency's priority order. See Decision Package Prioritization Worksheet for priority.*

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**PL    AA    Civil Legal Aid VRA**

A vendor rate adjustment to protect existing client service delivery capacity at the Northwest Justice Project and subcontracted volunteer attorney and specialty legal aid providers from significant erosion in the wake of known and measurable cost increases during FY 2024-25 biennium. (General Fund-State)

**PL    AB    Civil Relief Under State v. Blake**

Funding is requested to continue providing legal assistance to individuals eligible for civil relief as a result the Washington Supreme Court's decision in State v. Blake. (Judicial Stabilization Trust Account – State)

**PL    AC    Children's Rep. RTC - SHB 1219**

Funding is requested to ensure full and proper implementation of legislative mandates that certain children and youth receive the effective assistance of appointed counsel in dependency cases in accordance with the graduated expansion directives in RCW 13.34.212(3). (General Fund – State)

**PL    AD    Children's Rep. Contractor VRA**

Funding is requested to adjust Children's Representation Program contract attorney (vendor) rates to levels necessary to facilitate recruitment and retention of qualified attorneys to provide standards-based representation for children and youth eligible for appointed counsel in dependency and termination cases as required by RCW 13.34.212. (General Fund-State)

**PL    AE    Pre-RTC Eviction Defense Svs**

Funding is requested to (a) continue and carry forward capacity to provide eviction defense services for indigent tenants threatened with eviction but who are not eligible for appointed counsel because a court action has not yet been commenced, and (b) support non-RTC eviction defense information, advice, and referral service demand caused by mandatory notice in the 14-day notice required by RCW 59.18.057(3). (General Fund-State)

**PL    AF    Tenant Right to Counsel Program**

Appropriate dedicated funding for core functions for the tenant RTC program not included in the initial Implementation Plan; address capacity shortfalls in locations where demand exceeds currently allocated eviction defense capacity; provide vendor rate adjustments of 4% per year to ensure continuity of current capacity in the appointed counsel program for indigent tenants established by RCW 59.18.640. (General Fund – State)

**PL    AG    Biennial Funding for State v. Blake**

The Office of Civil Legal Aid requests \$4.8 million in 2023-25 and ongoing General Fund-State support to continue providing legal assistance to individuals eligible for civil relief as a result of the Washington Supreme Court's decision in State v. Blake. To provide legal information, on-line forms, and direct civil legal assistance to individuals eligible for relief under the State v. Blake decision over the course of an entire biennium, the judicial branch is requesting ongoing financial support from the General Fund as a deposit to the Judicial Stabilization Trust Account. (General Fund-State)