



# Executive Summary

## Who We Are

Gulfcoast Legal Services (GLS) continued to expand access to justice for low-income individuals and families across the greater Tampa Bay region during fiscal year 2024-2025. Despite a year marked by natural disasters and growing economic challenges, we remained steadfast in our mission to provide high-quality, free civil legal services to those most in need.

## Impact at a Glance

- 3,940 clients served, impacting 8,719 individuals including household members
- 166 referrals to partner agencies for additional support
- Clients had an average annual income of \$19,509, highlighting the critical need for services
- 36% of clients were age 55 or older
- Over 800 individuals with disabilities received assistance
- 19% of households served had limited English proficiency
- 1,606 pro bono hours contributed by volunteer attorneys

## Key Areas of Service

GLS provided legal assistance in housing stability, domestic violence protection, immigration and human trafficking, financial stability, and family law. Services ranged from legal advice and brief services to full representation in court and administrative proceedings.

## Advocacy

GLS attorneys achieved meaningful outcomes for clients facing urgent and complex legal challenges:

- Prevented evictions and preserved housing for vulnerable families
- Supported survivors of domestic violence in securing safety, custody, and financial stability
- Assisted human trafficking survivors in obtaining legal status and rebuilding their lives
- Helped clients reduce debt burdens and regain financial independence
- Provided estate planning services to ensure peace of mind for families facing serious illness

## Financial Status

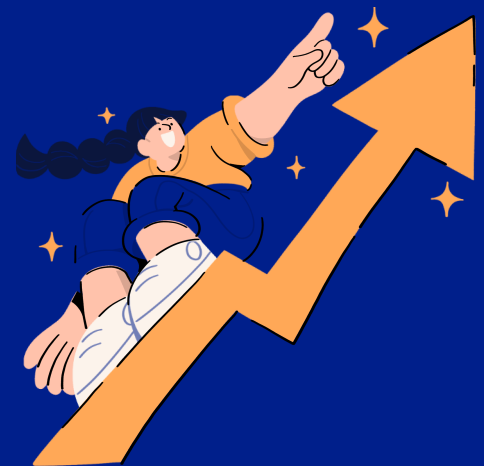
In FY 2024-2025, GLS received **\$78,657 in unrestricted funding** from individual donors and partners. This flexible funding allowed the organization to respond quickly to emerging needs and sustain critical services.

## Future Plans

As demand for legal services continues to grow, GLS remains committed to expanding its reach, deepening partnerships, and enhancing service delivery—including the addition of a Special Projects Unit and Elder Law services. Continued investment from donors, volunteers, and community partners will be essential to ensuring that justice remains accessible to all, regardless of income or circumstance.

“If you’re looking for compassionate and experienced legal representation, you’ll know where to find us: In the community. In the courtroom.”

— Theresa Prichard, Esq.  
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