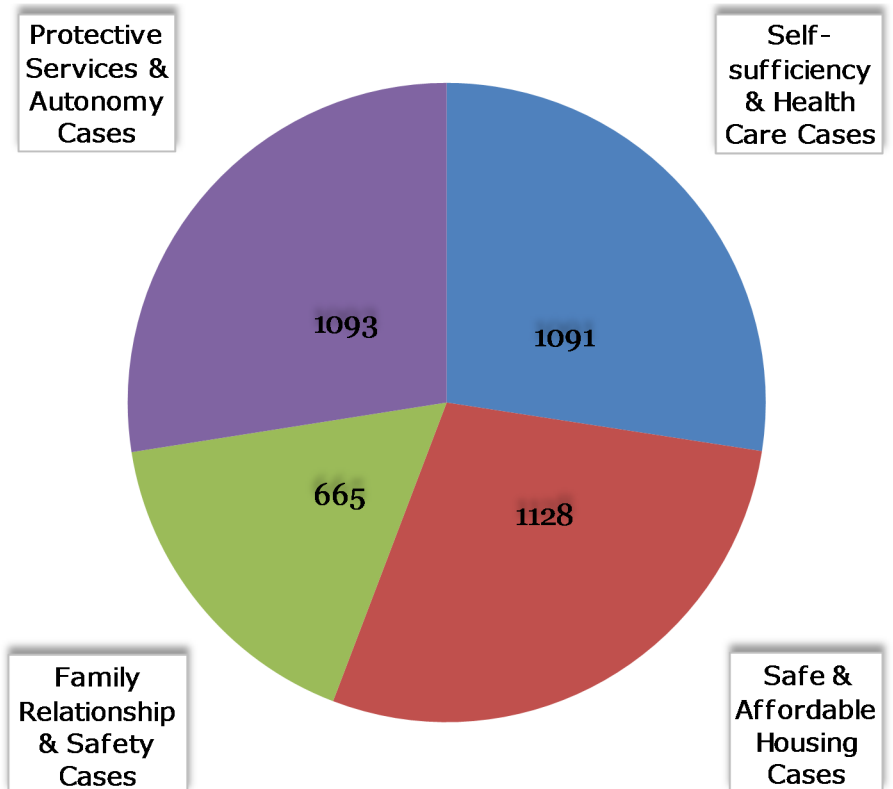


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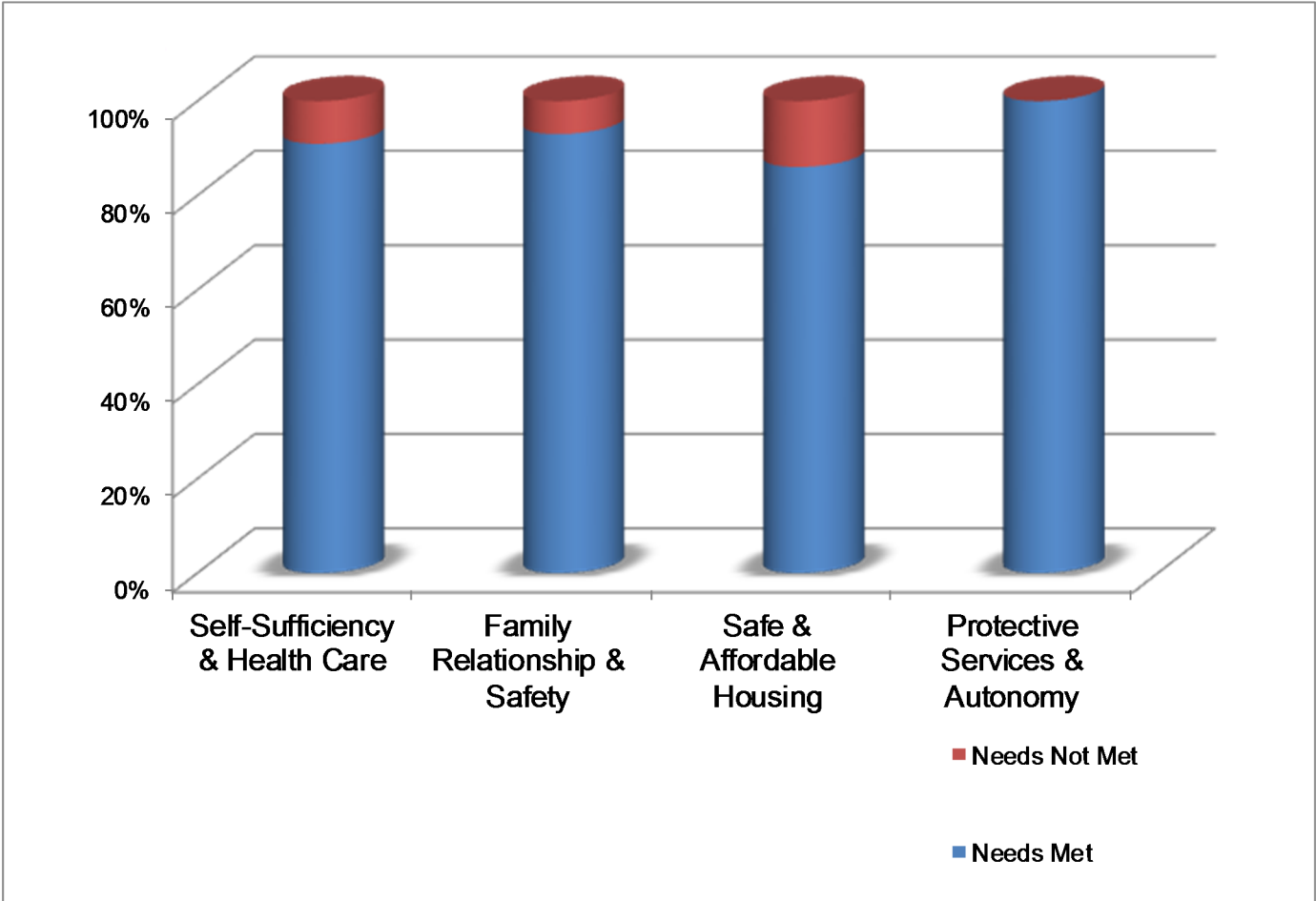
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In 2013, LSNWX provided legal assistance in 3,978 cases affecting essential needs, including 861 cases opened in prior years for which work continued. LSNWX's work in 2013 helped 7,488 low-income people, including 2,617 children.

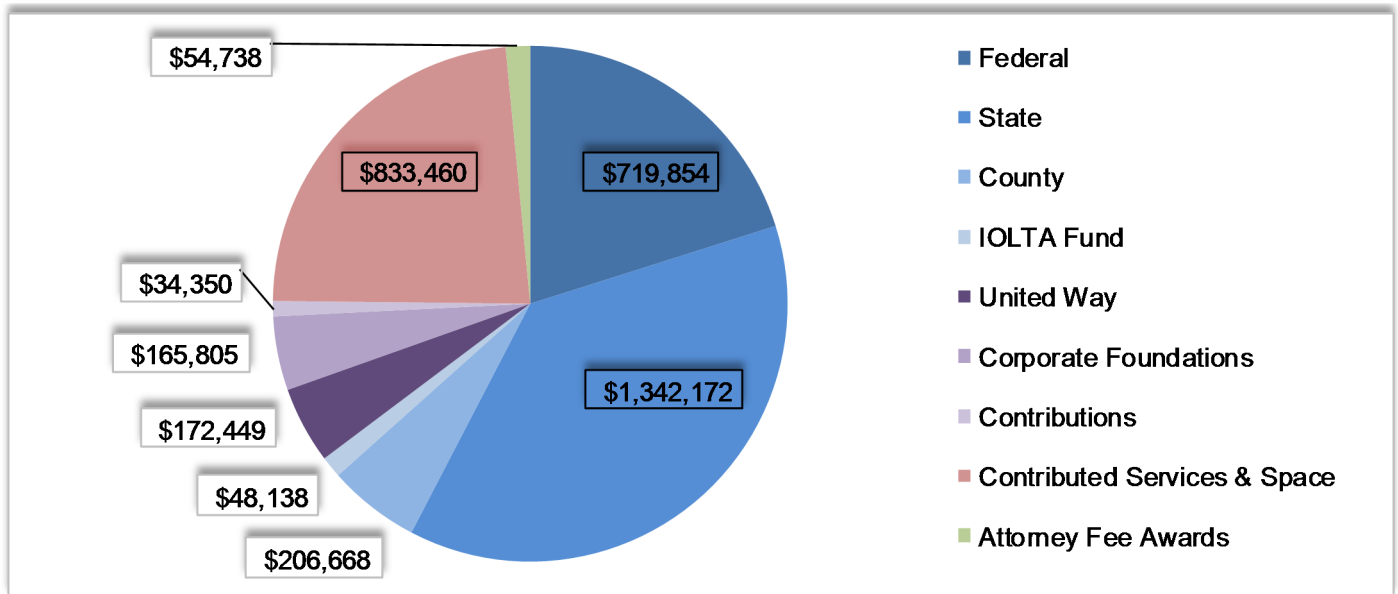


Legal Services of Northwest Jersey is a nonprofit law firm serving low-income people residing in Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex and Warren Counties. The work of LSNWJ is vital to the efforts of low-income individuals to maintain safe and affordable housing, gain sustainable income to escape the ravages of poverty, access quality health care, secure family stability and personal safety, and live with dignity in the community. In 2013, 93% of clients represented by LSNWJ were empowered to pursue their legal remedies and 90% of those clients were successful in meeting their essential needs.

### Essential Needs



## LSNWJ Revenue: 2013



The decline in government resources dedicated to equal justice continued in 2013. Government funding decreased substantially between 2008 and 2013, most notably funding from the State of New Jersey (56% loss) and the IOLTA Fund (96% loss). Federal and County government support, on the other hand, held steady or increased slightly during this period.

LSNWJ has met the challenge through thoughtful strategic planning, fostering of partnerships, and maintaining our steadfast focus on doing the work that makes a difference in the lives of low-income people.

LSNWJ is grateful to the foundations, organizations and individuals who supported our work in 2013:

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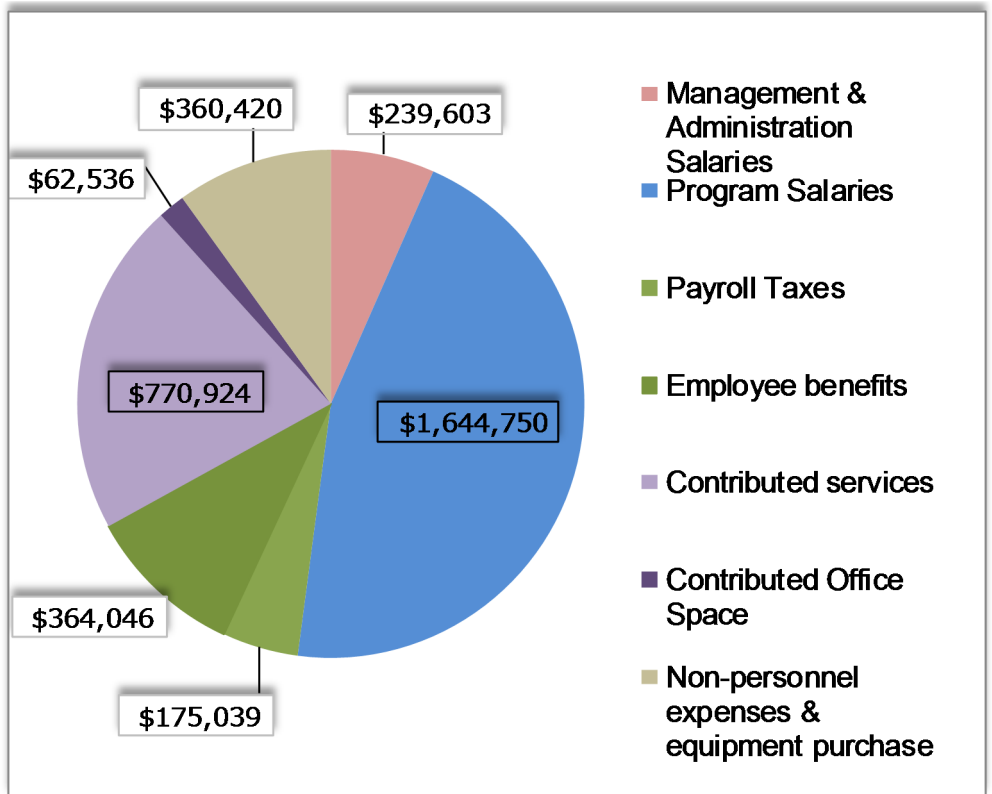
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## LSNWJ Expenses: 2013

More than 88% of LSNWJ resources are used support program work.

Management, administration and fundraising, although a small portion of the overall budget, are critical to maintaining focus on mission, assuring quality, meeting grant requirements, and securing new funding.



Contributed services and office space expand our capacity to serve those in need. In 2013, volunteer attorneys provided free legal assistance in 210 cases, donating 2750 hours of their time to the cause of equal justice. The following individuals each provided more than 50 hours of legal assistance in 2013:

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| ◇ Sylvia A. Ayler, Merck                    | ◇ Henry L. Kent-Smith, Fox Rothschild,   |
| ◇ Christina Baragona, Lowenstein Sandler    | ◇ Mary Ellen Koscs-Fleming, Merck (ret.) |
| ◇ Naomi D. Barrowclough, Lowenstein Sandler | ◇ Mariann C. Murphy, Albino & Murphy     |
| ◇ Irina B. Elgart, Fox Rothschild           | ◇ Marianne McConnell                     |
| ◇ Richard L. Gruenberger, DLA Piper         | ◇ Robert McLellan                        |
| ◇ Cindy G. Hanna, Lowenstein Sandler        | ◇ Miles S. Winder, III                   |

For more than 40 years, in addition to providing financial support, the County of Morris has provided free office space in county facilities.



Bill Matrician accepting the congressional flag and proclamation from LSNWJ President, Thomas E. Bracken.

On September 26, 2013, more than 120 supporters gathered to celebrate equal justice in northwestern New Jersey. Ten years prior, four independent legal services programs serving the five northwest Jersey counties merged - and Legal Services of Northwest Jersey was formed. We incorporated the best practices of each of the merged organizations and added new methods of meeting the needs of our community. During the decade since the formation of LSNWJ, our staff and volunteers provided legal assistance to more than 42,000 people, assisting them in securing justice and meeting their essential needs.

Our guests of honor were William F. Matrician, who dedicated his 40-year career to serving those in need, and Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, a staunch supporter of federal funding for legal services.

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