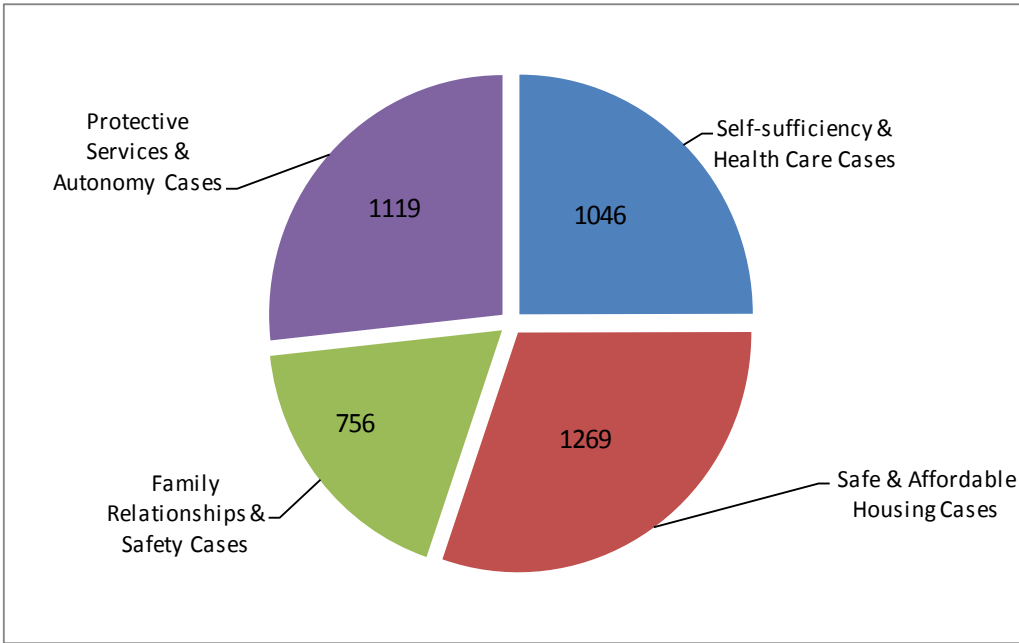


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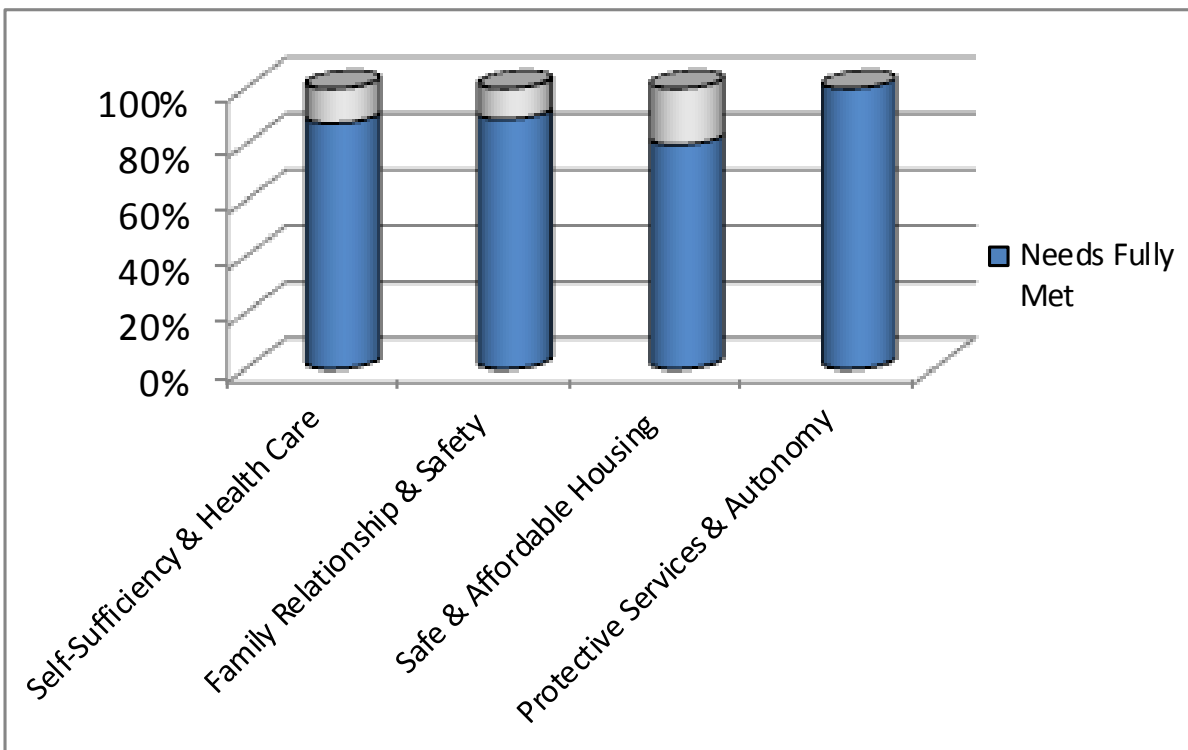


In 2018, LSNWXJ provided legal assistance in 4,190 cases affecting essential needs, including 655 cases opened in prior years for which work continued. LSNWXJ's work in 2018 helped 8,153 low-income people, including 2,566 children.



Legal Services of Northwest Jersey is a nonprofit law firm serving people living in poverty in Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex and Warren counties. The work of LSNWJ is vital to the efforts of people living in poverty 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 2018, 99% of clients provided with full legal representation by LSNWJ pursued legal remedies and 87% were successful in meeting their essential needs.

Essential Needs



PRO BONO NEWS

LSNWJ received a Legal Services Corporation Pro Bono Innovation Fund grant for our **Achieving Justice through Pro Bono Innovation** project. We engaged the Board, staff, volunteers and other stakeholders, in conducting a thorough assessment of our pro bono program and we are improving our program to meet the critical needs of our clients while providing a rewarding experience for volunteers. We have implemented a mentoring model in our tenancy projects, held training on substantive law, skills, professional responsibility and cultural competency, created resource binders, and improved communication between LSNWJ and its volunteers. LSNWJ will continue this work to further integrate pro bono into our mission and strategic goals.

LSNWJ Pro Bono Strategic Goals

- LSNWJ provides robust support to our volunteers.
- LSNWJ achieves reasonably attainable legal outcomes in our pro bono work.
- LSNWJ's Pro Bono program supports LSNWJ's mission and strategic goals and is fully integrated into LSNWJ's structure.

We thank all our volunteers and recognize the following for exceptional service:

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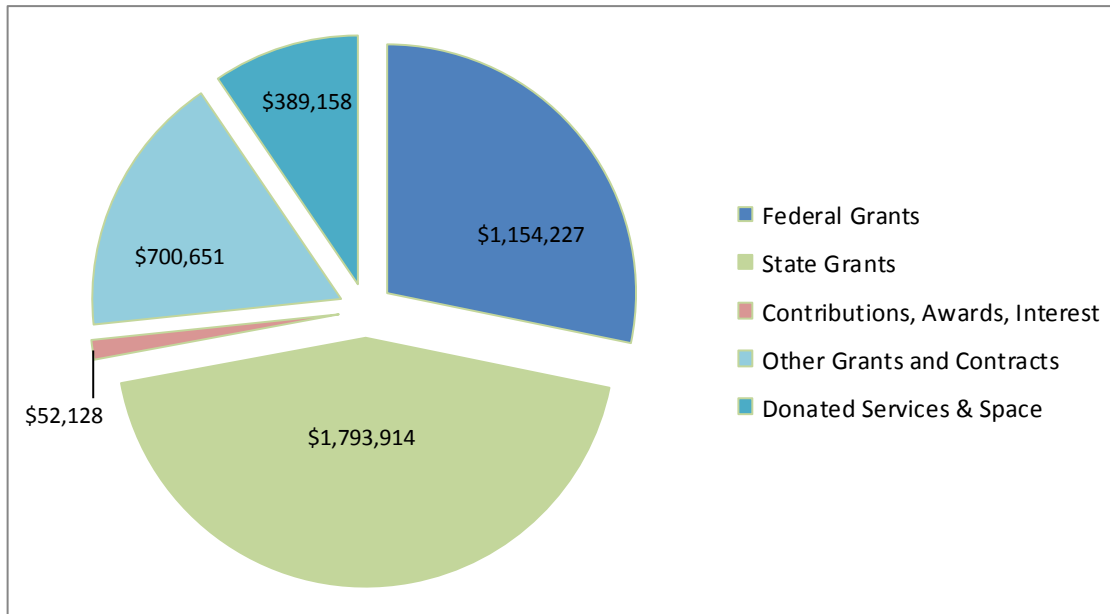
Karen O'Keeffe

LSNWJ's Pro Bono Mission Statement

LSNWJ's Pro Bono Program effectively engages dedicated volunteers to secure equal justice and protect essential needs in our client community.

LSNWJ 2018 Revenue

\$4,090,078



LSNWJ is grateful to the foundations, organizations, and individuals who supported our work in 2018:

Platinum Supporter: (\$100,000+)

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United Way of Northern New Jersey

Silver Supporters (\$10,000-\$49,999)

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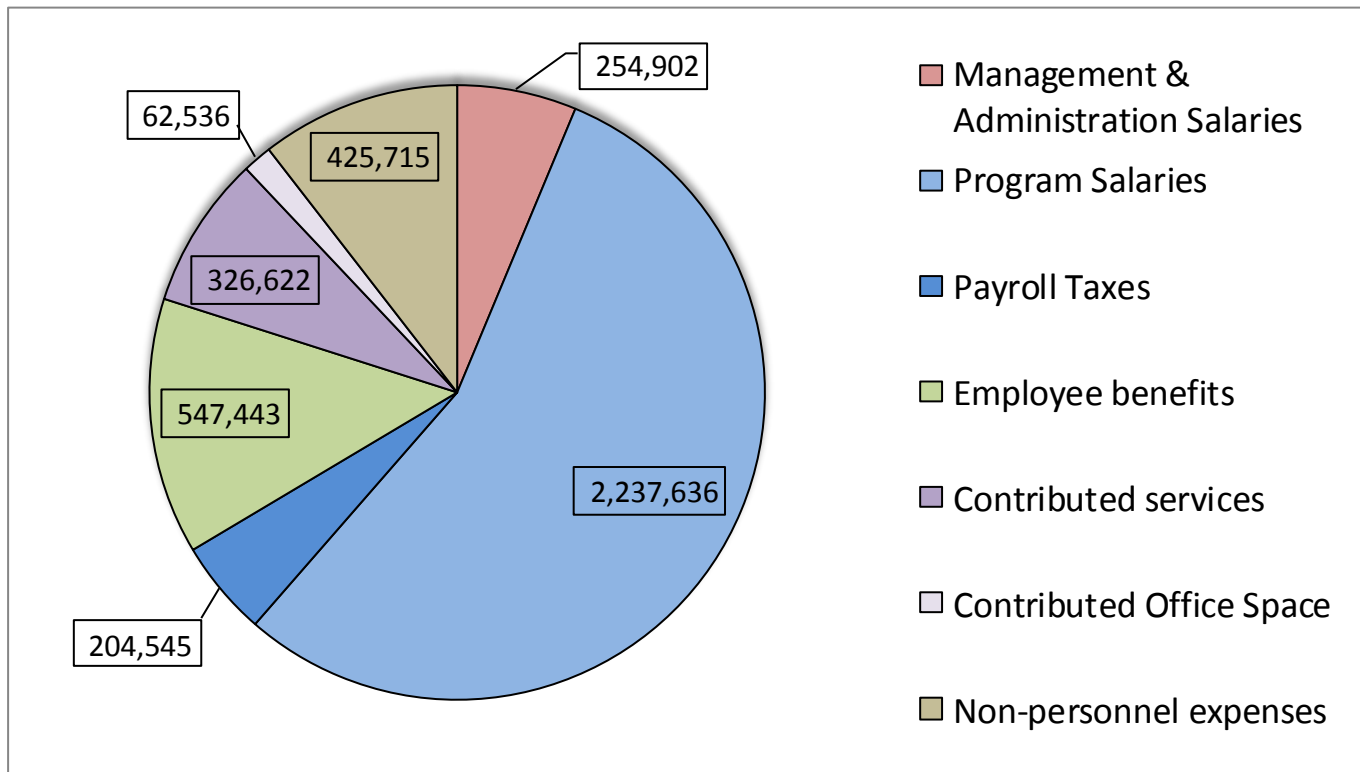
Hon. Lorraine C. Parker (ret.)

Somerset County Bar Association & members

For more than 40 years, in addition to providing financial support, the County of Morris has provided free office space in county facilities., which expands our capacity to meet the needs in our community.

LSNWJ 2018 Expenses

\$4,078,171



In addition, LSNWJ invested \$119,214 in the Michael Weiner Justice Center and other building improvements and equipment. More than 92% of LSNWJ resources are used to 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 expand our capacity to serve those in need. In 2018 volunteer attorneys provided free legal assistance in 223 cases, donating 1900 hours of their time to the cause of equal justice.

In-house volunteer attorneys provided 560 hours of volunteer service. The Partnership for Justice volunteers from Merck, Reed Smith and Sanofi provided 420 hours of legal assistance to tenants facing loss of their homes and vulnerable seniors and others in need of life-planning assistance. The Veterans Justice Initiative, a partnership of LSNWJ, Merck and Lowenstein Sandler, provided veterans with 445 hours of service. The balance of volunteer time was provided by individual private attorneys, many of whom are solo practitioners or in small law firms.

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Last year we said a sad goodbye to long time board member and friend, Allan S. Iskra, Esq. Allan's sudden death in October 2018, silenced his strong voice and passion for serving LSNWJ, its clients, and the larger community. In addition to his work with Legal Aid Society of Morris County and then LSNWJ, Allan was active in the Morris County Bar Association, the Passaic County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Prevention, and his law firm Schoenwald & Iskra. He will be missed and remembered by us all.

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