

LEGAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM: FUNDING HISTORY

Fiscal Year	Funding for Legal Orientation Program
2003	\$ 1 million
2004	\$ 1 million
2005	\$ 1 million
2006	\$ 2 million
2007	\$ 2 million
2008	\$ 3.76 million
2009	\$ 4 million
2010 (ABA Request)	\$ 6.5 million

As the use of detention—and bed space in many of the facilities hosting the LOP—has expanded, the program has continued to serve more people each year. However, because the expansion of detention has outpaced the expansion of funding for the Legal Orientation Program, the numbers of people receiving LOP services represents a shrinking percentage of the overall detained immigration court population each year.¹

An increase in funding to \$ 6.5 million for fiscal year 2010 is necessary to allow the program to keep pace with the growing rate of immigration detention.

¹ LEGAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM Evaluation and Performance and Outcome Measurement Report, Phase II, Vera Institute of Justice, May 2008