



ECONOMIC IMPACT OF VLGS'S PRO BONO LEGAL CLINICS

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VLGS CLINIC	BENEFICIARIES, CLIENTS, AND PARTNERS	VT-FOCUSED OPERATING BUDGET	VT-CENTRIC ECONOMIC IMPACT *
South Royalton Legal Clinic	More than 700 veterans since 2014 and 200 client families, domestic violence survivors, and children annually	\$578,012	\$6,358,132
Small Business Law Clinic	288 small businesses, many affected by floods, in partnership with Vermont Legal Aid and Vermont Bar Association	\$281,835	\$3,100,185
Food and Agriculture Clinic	NOFA-VT, Food Connects (Brattleboro), Vermont Farmers Food Center (Rutland), Farm to Energy Initiative with VLGS Energy Institute	\$180,777	\$1,988,547
Center for Justice Reform Clinic	Immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees— more than 100 annually from 80+ countries living in every Vermont county	\$171,425	\$1,885,675
Energy Clinic	Strafford, White River Junction, and Randolph seeking to build community solar and redevelop brownfields into affordable housing	\$118,520	\$1,303,720
Environmental Justice Clinic	Under-represented communities facing environmental burdens like Burlington's Maple/King neighborhood	\$17,939	\$197,329
Environmental Advocacy Clinic	Communities affected by contaminated sites and polluting facilities like Graniteville	\$14,763	\$162,393
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program	Five student reviewers aided by a dozen faculty/staff prepared 70 returns	-	\$8,050
		\$1,363,271	\$15,004,031

^{*} Based on Economic Impacts of Civil Legal Assistance Programs in Vermont (2019), a study commissioned by the Vermont Bar Foundation and funded by a grant from the Vermont Supreme Court, which found that for every dollar invested in low-income legal services, the State and Vermonters see a rate of return of \$11.