

Law Access receives grant to sustain pro bono legal service

Law Access Limited (Law Access) has received a \$100,000 grant from the State Government.

Law Access Chairperson Adam Ebell welcomed the funding.

He said Law Access is an extremely cost effective organisation, minimising administrative overheads by leveraging in kind support from a range of project partners.

“Law Access operates as a safety net of last resort for those who are not eligible for assistance from Legal Aid or community legal centres,” Mr Ebell said.

“This grant is vital to ensuring the sustainability of Law Access.

“The funds will be applied to core operational salary expenses enabling the existing small number of staff employed at Law Access to be maintained.

“We benefit from free accommodation in the University of Western Australia’s Faculty of Law and in kind corporate services support, reception services and insurance provided by The Law Society of Western Australia.

“Lawyers seconded to Law Access from the Australian Government Solicitor, Jackson McDonald and MinterEllison assist our part-time staff to assess applications. Law student volunteers and interns provide the service with para-legal assistance.”

Attorney General John Quigley said Law Access provides an essential service by connecting some of the most vulnerable people from all over Western Australia.

“Law Access provides an invaluable service to members of our community who cannot afford legal assistance with lawyers willing to assist on a pro bono basis,” Mr Quigley said.

“More than \$3.5 million of pro bono legal assistance has been leveraged by Law Access since the service commenced on 1 July 2015.

“I am pleased that the State Government was able to provide \$100,000 in funding to enable this great work to continue.”

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