

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF LSC SURVEY GRANTEEES RE IMPACT OF 2012 BUDGET CUTS ON LSC GRANTEEES' FINANCES AND SERVICES

Below is data from the survey LSC conducted of field grantees from late June to early July of 2012. Responses were received from 133 of 134 grantees regarding the projected impacts of 2012 budget cuts on grantees' funding, staffing, staff compensation, office closures and client services.

1. IMPACT OF 2012 BUDGET CUTS ON GRANTEEES' FINANCES AND SERVICES

The following two tables show the number and percent of programs that have seen their non-LSC and Total funding amounts increase, decrease, or remain unchanged from 2011 to 2012.

Change in Non-LSC Funding, 2011 to 2012

	# of Programs	%
Decrease in non-LSC funding	85	64%
Increase in non-LSC funding	34	26%
No change	14	10%

Change in Total Funding, 2011 to 2012

	# of Programs	%
Decrease in total funding	115	87%
Increase in total funding	13	9%
No change	5	4%

The next two tables show the number and percent of programs who expect to have a 2012 budget deficit and the number and percent of programs that will use reserve funds to finance 2012 operations.

Projected Budget Deficit for 2012

	# of Programs	%
Yes	75	56%
No	58	44%

**Use of Reserves
(of the 118 programs that have a reserve)**

	# of Programs	%
Will use reserve	97	82%
Will not use reserve	21	15%

2. STAFF REDUCTIONS¹

Programs Projecting 2012 Staffing Reductions Because of 2012 Funding Cuts and Net Change in Staffing (120 programs responding)

	% of Respondents with Reductions	Projected Reductions (2011-2012)	Net Change (2011-2012)
Total FTEs	84%	(748)	(724)
Total Attorney FTEs	83%	(348)	(333)
Total Paralegal FTEs	58%	(177)	(160)

LSC Grantees' Projected Staffing Changes from 2010 to 2012 Number and Percent Change in Total, Attorney and Paralegal FTEs

Staff Category	2010 Levels	2010-2011 Change		2011-2012 Change		2010-2012 Change	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
Total	9846	(661)	(6.7%)	(724)	(7.9%)	(1,385)	(14.1%)
Attorneys	4601	(241)	(5.2%)	(333)	(7.5%)	(576)	(12.5%)
Paralegals	1727	(141)	(8.2%)	(160)	(10.1%)	(303)	(17.4%)

Note: 2012 staffing data does not include responses from 14 grantees. 2010 and 2011 data are from LSC Grantee Activity Reports.

3. STAFF COMPENSATION REDUCTIONS²

Sixty-four (64) programs, 54% of all grantees, expect to reduce staff compensation in 2012 because of 2012 budget cuts. The following table shows the types of cuts that programs plan to implement.

Types of 2012 Staff Compensation Cuts Grantees Are Implementing Because of 2012 Budget Cuts

Type of Cut in Staff Compensation	# of Programs	% of Programs Reducing Compensation
Postpone/cancel scheduled salary increases	45	70.3%
Salary reductions	17	26.6%
Furloughs	20	31.3%
Convert full-staff to part-time staff	23	35.9%
Increasing staffers' costs (e.g. increased premiums or co-pays) or reducing health insurance coverage	38	59.4%
Cuts in program contributions to employee pensions	32	50.0%

¹ Based on data from 116 respondents reporting their programs' total funding had decreased from 2011 to 2012.

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4. OFFICE CLOSINGS

Programs Closing Offices in 2012 Because of 2012 Budget Cuts

# of Programs Expecting to Close Offices	% of Grantees	Total # of Projected Office Closings
22	16.4%	29

5. IMPACT ON CLIENT SERVICES

Of the 116 programs reporting that their total funding would decrease from 2011 to 2012, 96 programs (80%) indicated they would make significant changes in their program’s services in 2012 because of these cuts. The following table identifies the type of changes these 96 programs anticipate implementing in 2012.

Changes in Client Services Programs Are Implementing in Response to 2011 Budget Cuts

Type of Change in Client Services	# of Programs	% of Programs Making Changes
Serve fewer clients	87	91%
Reduce hours of intake	40	42%
Accept fewer cases	87	91%
Restrict types of cases accepted	70	73%
Eliminate particular substantive law practice units	16	17%
Substitute pro se for program representation	46	48%
Substitute pro bono assistance for program representation	39	41%

6. REDUCTION IN SERVICES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS, VETERANS AND ON FORECLOSURE SERVICES

The following table shows the number and percent of LSC grantees that expect to reduce services they provide in 2012 to victims of domestic violence, veterans, and on foreclosure-related issues because of 2012 budget cuts.

Legal Area with Service Reductions	# of Programs	% of Programs
Domestic Violence	38	29%
Veterans	12	9%
Foreclosure	39	29%