

Free Legal Assistance for Florida's Nonprofits

The Florida Bar Foundation funds the Florida Community Development Law (FCDL) Project, which includes Legal Services of Greater Miami, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Legal Services of North Florida, Bay Area Legal Services, Legal Aid Service of Broward County, and Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida. This is an exceptional opportunity for Florida's nonprofits throughout the entire state. The Florida Housing Coalition featured several lawyers from the Florida Bar Foundation funded project at our 2018 statewide conference. These lawyers covered issues such as healthy joint ventures between for profit and nonprofits in tax credit deals. And their services go beyond affordable housing.

The FCDL Project offers transactional legal services to non-profit affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization

organizations, and to low-income entrepreneurs creating jobs in low-income communities. The legal services offered to nonprofits and low-income entrepreneurs under the FCDL Project are diverse, ranging from economic development activities, non-profit business development, small business assistance, project development assistance, and affordable housing legal assistance. The Florida Housing Coalition is specifically working with the FCDL project to assist community land trusts and community land trust homebuyers.

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Gathered around the Florida Housing Coalition staff are members of the Bar Foundation's Florida Community Development Law (FCDL) project who participated in the Fifth Third sponsored Symposium on Nonprofit Capacity Building on Day 3 of the conference.