

How is Legal Aid Ontario funded?

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Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) gets most of its funding from the Government of Ontario and the Law Foundation of Ontario.

Provincial sources of funding

1. The Ontario government gives LAO a portion of the funding it gets from the federal government under a cost-sharing agreement.
2. The Law Foundation of Ontario (LFO) gives LAO 75 per cent of the interest earned on lawyers' and paralegals' trust fund balances, after the foundation deducts its operating expenses. The amount that the LFO provides to LAO changes every year, mostly due to changing interest rates.

Federal government contributions

These funds are part of a cost-sharing arrangement between the federal government and provincial government for criminal law, the Youth Criminal Justice Act, refugee and immigration cases, and other expenses.

The funding that LAO receives from the provincial government includes funds from this arrangement.

For more information

You can find out more about LAO's funding and financial position in the annual report, which can be found at www.legaid.on.ca/en/publications/reports.asp.