

Annual Report 2025

Building brighter futures, one second chance at a time.

About Clean Slate Utah

OUR MISSION

To help
people clear
their criminal
records
and access
opportunity.

Everyone makes mistakes, but when people turn their lives around, **we believe they deserve a second chance.** Clean Slate Utah works to ensure that Utahns don't miss out on opportunities because of their past.

OUR APPROACH



Amplify

We spread the word about Utah's Clean Slate law and expungement opportunities.



Elevate

We highlight the stories of people and families directly impacted by record clearance.



Support

We guide individuals through the petition-based expungement and pardon relief process.



Advocate

We fight for fair, affordable expungement policies and full ongoing implementation of Utah's Clean Slate law.

OUR TEAM

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2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Utah Expungement Summit

2,300+
Pre-registered
attendees

800+
Walk-ins

1,059
Individuals
with eligible
records

387
Began
expungement
process

Clean Slate Utah helped bring record clearance services to thousands of Utahns through a large-scale expungement event at the Delta Center, hosted in partnership with the Smith Entertainment Group Foundation, the National Basketball Social Justice Coalition, and Rasa Legal.

The summit united over 60 community partners and 100 volunteer attorneys in a shared commitment to breaking down barriers, demonstrating what's possible when organizations across sectors come together for a common cause.

"I think the more people that know this is an option, the ripple effect is great and that is incredible for our state and our future. Everyone deserves a second chance."

Ashley Smith, Co-founder, Smith Entertainment Group



Reaching Utahns Statewide

BEYOND THE WASATCH

Expungement Clinics in Southern Utah

This year, we focused on reaching more rural communities. In partnership with the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and ACLU Utah, we traveled to Cedar City, Bluff, and White Mesa to host three free expungement clinics.

Cedar City

Bluff

White Mesa

70+

Outreach Events

We believe in meeting people where they are, and that led us to connecting with folks at outpatient facilities, partner events, local back to school days, conferences, podcast conversations, and more.



OUR SERVICE

Clean Slate Fresh Start

90% of eligible Utahns never clear their record. The process is confusing, the paperwork is complicated, and most people don't know where to start. That's where our Fresh Start program comes in.

WHAT WE OFFER

Free Record Screenings

Helping individuals understand their options and eligibility.

Fingerprinting Clinics

Providing accessible services needed to begin the process.

Video Tutorials

Helping people self-navigate the process at their own pace.

In-Person Application Support

Guiding individuals through the legal paperwork.

Access to Legal Resources

Connecting individuals to free and low-cost legal aid.

Financial Assistance

Covering government fees for those at 150-225% of poverty level.

It felt good knowing I wasn't doing it alone. For someone like me — who spent almost 10 years dealing with old charges, paying off fines, losing my license, and trying to rebuild — this meant everything.”

Tiarra, Fresh Start Participant

PROGRAM REACH

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Fingerprinting Locations

At all six USARA locations, with one new to Utah County in 2025.

Salt Lake City

Ogden Provo

Price Moab

St. George

Monthly

Legal Clinics

Free consultations in Salt Lake City for expungement, in partnership with S.J. Quinney College of Law's Pro Bono Initiative.

Life After Expungement

ECONOMIC SECURITY

61% Had improved job opportunities

70% Increased annual income, with 1 in 4 gaining more than \$20,000 per year

40%→22%

Reduced reliance on government benefits

MENTAL HEALTH

50% Improved mental health overall

73% Had reduced emotional distress, shame or embarrassment

60%→6%

Rated mental health negatively, before vs after

HOUSING

1 in 3 Had improved their housing situation within six months

EDUCATION

1 in 5 Had improved education and licensing opportunities

Clearing a record creates ripple effects across every area of life. Here's how it has impacted Fresh Start participants, within just six months.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"The impact on my life has been enormous. I've been able to pursue six-figure employment, renew my passport, and most importantly, regain confidence and momentum in my life and career."

Lance L.

"I feel like I have my dignity back."

Fresh Start Participant

"By getting my record clean, I was able to apply for a nursing license and I'm on my way to being an RN. I no longer have to worry or have any shame of what my past was holding over my head."

Annie Z.

2025 By the Numbers



\$5.1M

Saved in legal fees

At an average of \$2,225 per case, the cumulative savings of individuals self-navigating the process.



2,947

People served

34% more requests for assistance to determine record clearance options than the previous year.



2,290

Petition-based expungements

A 40% increase compared to last year.

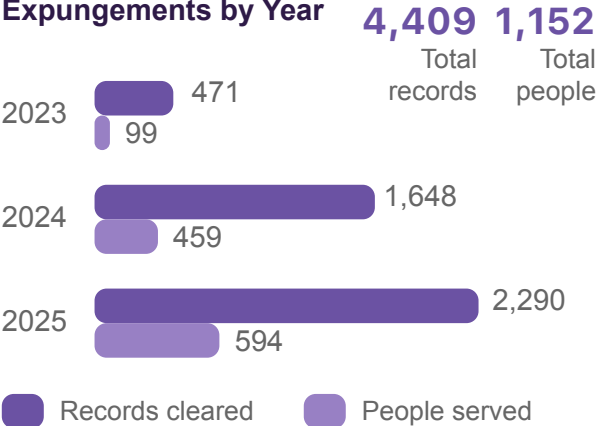


\$116K

Government fee assistance

BCI and court fees covered for qualifying individuals.

**Fresh Start Impact:
Expungements by Year**



CLEAN SLATE IMPLEMENTATION

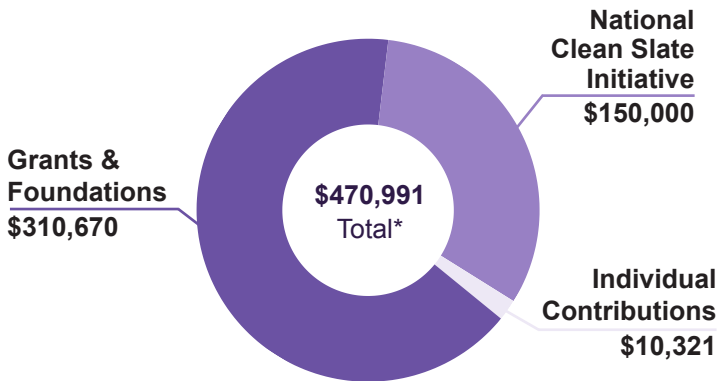
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Records cleared to date, by the State of Utah under the Clean Slate law (86% of the eligible backlog as of 2021).

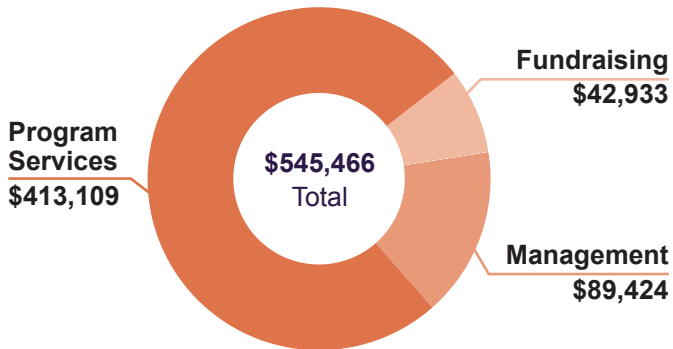
2025 FINANCIALS

Fiscal year ending December 31, 2025

REVENUE



EXPENSES



**Differences between total revenue and expenses due to timing of funding received in the previous year.*

