

Right to Counsel

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Detroit RTC Ordinance

Types of Cases: *“[a]ny summary proceeding commenced in the 36th District Court to recover possession from an occupant of any residential property or any administrative proceeding which threatens the occupancy of an occupant, including, but not limited to, eviction proceedings, mortgage foreclosures, property tax foreclosures, land forfeiture proceedings, and threats to rent subsidies*

Eligibility: 200% of the Federal Poverty Level

Right to Counsel Providers



**United
Community
Housing
Coalition:
UHC**



**Legal Aid and Defender:
LADA**

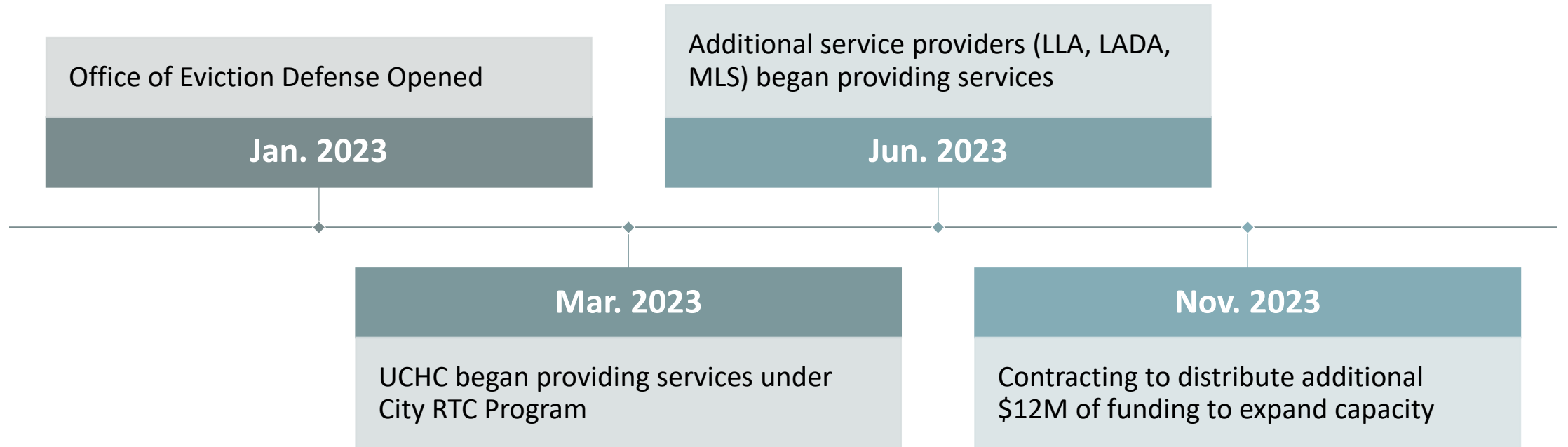


Michigan Legal Services: MLS



Lakeshore Legal Aid: LLA

Program Implementation

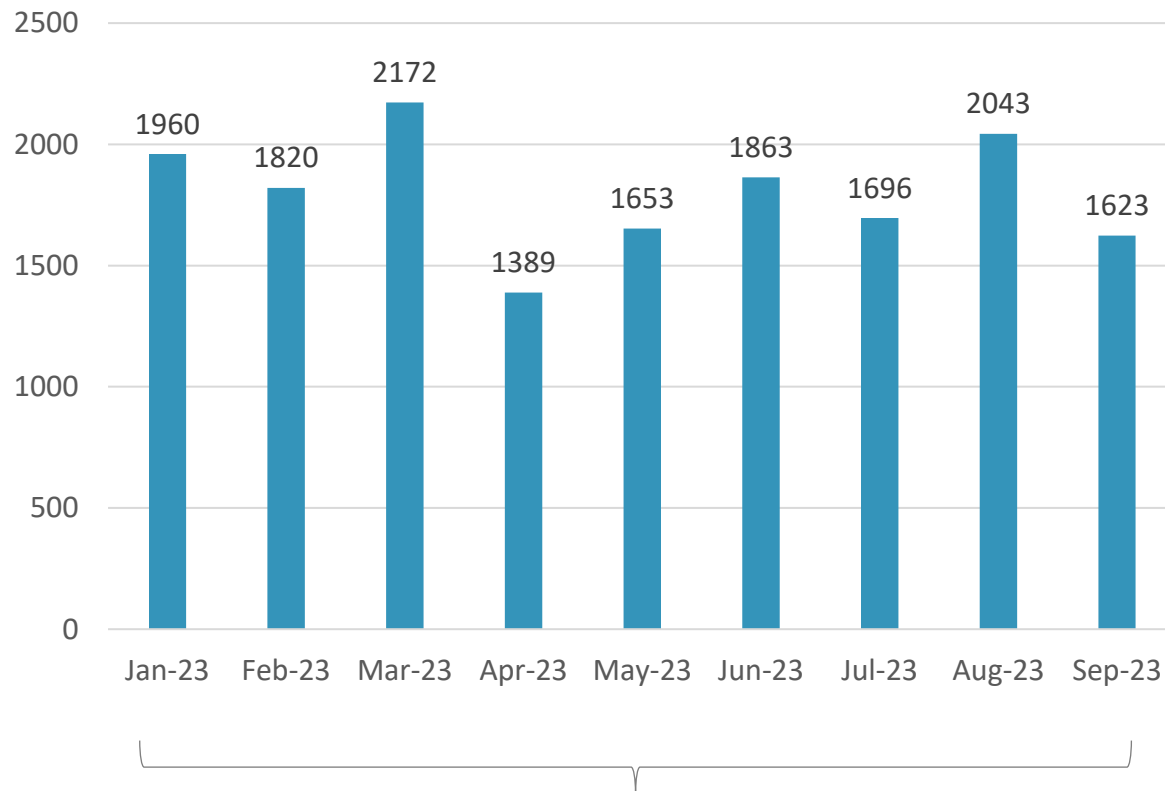


The City of Detroit + Partners Fund Right to Counsel

Right to Counsel Primary Funding Streams

- City Council + Mayor= \$6 million for full representation in Jan 2023, along with an additional 12 million
- Gilbert Family Foundation= \$12 million for full representation & advice only
- The State Bar of Michigan also funds a small portion of RTC cases through our legal service providers

Landlord-Tenant Cases Filed by Month



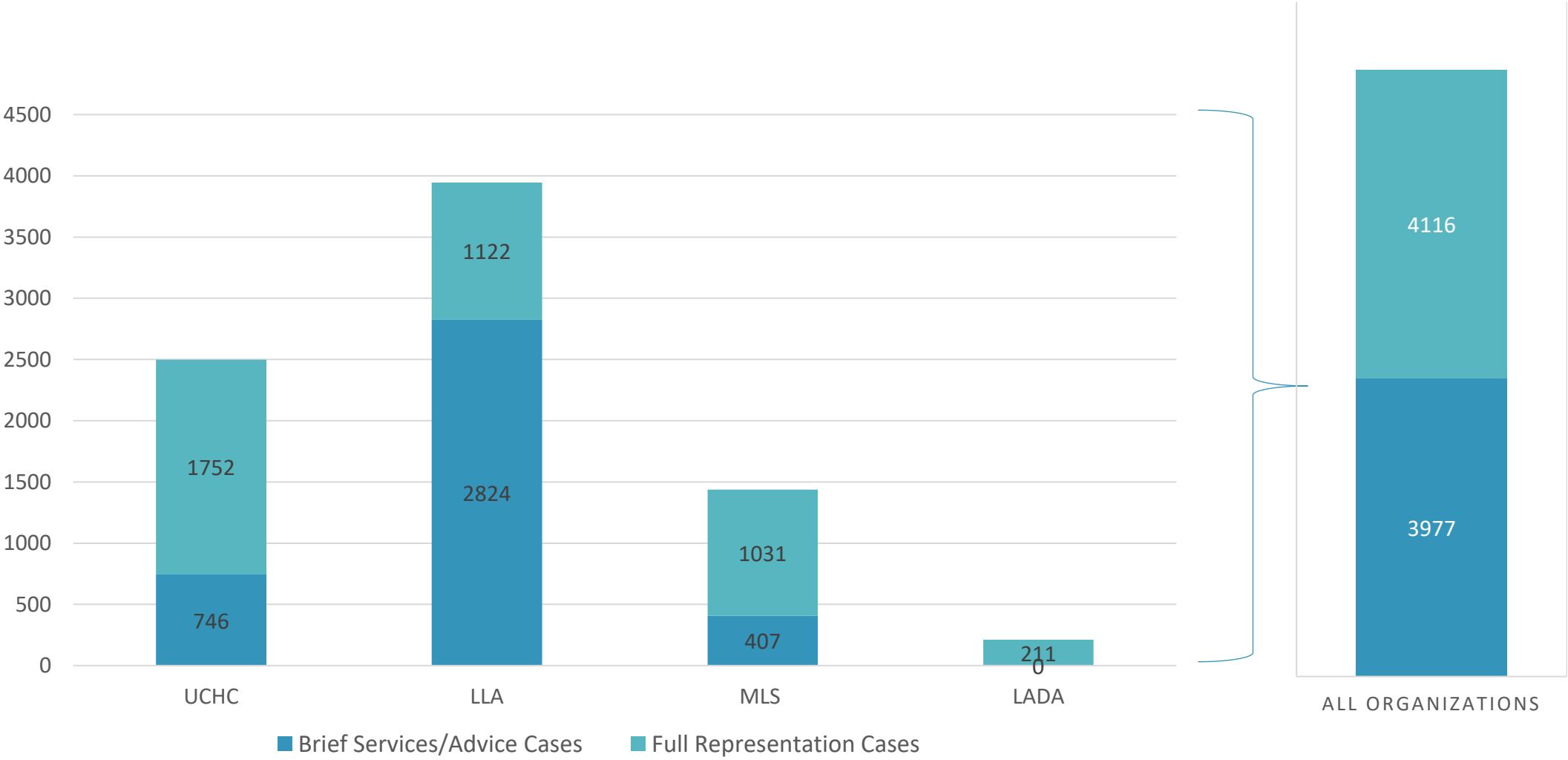
Total = 16,219 filed



Estimated
22,000 cases
for 2023
(approx.
17,600 income
eligible for
RTC)

RTC Case Numbers from March-Sept 2023

(under all funding streams)



New Funding Helps Close the Gap

Source	Timeframe	Cases per Year	Total Cases
City (ARPA): \$6M	Jan 2023 – June 30, 2025 (2.5 years)	2300	5,750
Gilbert: \$12M	May 2022 – April 30, 2025 (3 years)	5250	15,750

Original funds

Source	Timeframe	Cases per Year	Total Cases
City (ARPA): \$12M	Jan 2024 - June 30, 2026 (2.5 years)	Additional: 5000 (+) cases Total: 7300 (+) cases	18,250
City (from State): \$2.5M	Jan 2024-Jan 2026 (2 years)	TBD	TBD

New funds

Office of Eviction Defense Goals & Priorities

- Use available funds to increase [full representation](#) to income eligible tenants
- Maximize [coordination & relationship](#) with 36th District Court to increase the effectiveness of the RTC program and [foster collaboration on City priorities such as increasing rental compliance](#) among landlords in the City
- Maximize [coordination & relationship with our city's Housing Helpline](#) so that tenants can quickly speak with a RTC attorney when needed, & connect to wrap-around services
- [Improve community outreach](#) to connect with important community groups and members who support RTC, additional outreach to increase City residents' awareness of RTC, and outreach to about 20% of tenants who we estimate do not show up to court and receive default evictions as a result
- We have funds available and are accepting proposals for the creation of [a web-based app or mobile friendly materials](#) to further educate eligible tenants about their legal rights and procedures under RTC
- [Data dashboard](#) coming to show true impact and outcomes of City RTC cases