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Update 1:

In the first few weeks at #TFDP, I've been learning more about Texas's carceral system and the punitive ways it impacts low-income folks, taking on legal research on restitution, and learning how to support someone who needs their drivers' license reinstated. I've also been learning more and supporting work done in Travis County to rethink the Master Plan for prison and carceral expansion, and have met incredible leaders and community members through this! I'm grateful for Equal Justice America's support.

Update 2:

I've been working on my restitution memo and Class C Drivers License support work at TFDP and learning more about how my organization supports low-income Texans. I'm grateful for Equal Justice America's support!

Update 3:

TFDP has been working with interns on trauma-informed interviewing and client services, and I have gotten to spend more time learning about the Travis County Master Plan and Certificates of Obligation -- seeing if the city can redistribute. I'm glad to be making connections and building community with folks in Austin.

Update 4:

At TFDP, I've been working more on bond forfeiture work and client services, learning about how different systems within the carceral and punishment-oriented "justice" apparatus impact mostly low-income people and primarily Black and undocumented Texans. I've also been spending time getting to know other TFDP colleagues and organizers around Austin.



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Update 5:

I wrapped up my internship with the completion of two memos and some field work -- one of my memos might end in proposed legislation in the upcoming legislative cycle in Texas, and the other memo was used to support a client in one county in Texas. It was a double-edged sword to learn more about legal policies and practices in Texas – on one hand it was incredibly disheartening to see the way systems are stacked against low-income folks of color playing out, and on the other hand I left feeling more equipped to do the work I want to do and support folks. I felt really grateful for the support I got from TFDP, as well as the support from Equal Justice America in letting me do this internship.