



RACE EQUITY GRANT

Legal Foundation of Washington

LFW believes that creating fair access to civil justice requires undoing systemic racial oppression. We are committed to becoming an anti-racist organization and strive to reflect racial justice and inclusion in all of our grantmaking.

Race Equity Grants

LFW created the Race Equity Grant fund to build power within communities that have been historically overlooked within philanthropy and to combat the disparate outcomes that racism creates for people of color, particularly in the justice system.

Our goals are to:

- *invest in communities most impacted by structural racism and oppression;*
- *support community- and client-centered approaches to legal aid;*
- *increase civil legal aid opportunities for communities of color; and*
- *build and support anti-racist organizations and leadership.*

Who can apply?

- *Non-profits that are civil legal aid providers or in partnership with civil legal aid providers*
- *Organizations can partner together to apply for a joint grant*
- *Previous applicants and current grantees are welcome to apply*

And for what?

- *Grant proposals can be for new or existing civil legal aid projects, including operational expenses, and must be focused on work in Washington State.*

Examples of grant recipients in 2019:

- **Cowlitz Wahkiakum Legal Aid**

Advancing race equity in Southwest Washington with community trainings, outreach, and organizational capacity building.

- **Entre Hermanos & QLaw Foundation**

Expanding statewide services to Latinx LGBTQ immigrants through direct representation of asylum seekers, legal clinics, and trainings for volunteer attorneys.

- **Tenants Union of Washington State**

Building the power of low income renters of color to advocate for just cause eviction, rent control, and housing justice.

Details

- **Grant amount:** Twelve \$10,000 grants will be awarded each year.
- **Deadline for applications:** This grant has two funding cycles each year. Applications deadlines are April 15th and August 15th.
- **Timeline:** Grants for the first cycle will be disbursed in June. Programs will indicate end dates for the grant in the application.

Participatory Grantmaking

An advisory panel of community experts who have worked on race equity issues and/or lived in communities impacted by poverty and racism review grant applications and make recommendations for funding. The panel provides insight into the challenges facing Washington's communities of color and ensures that LFW grants connect to their concerns.

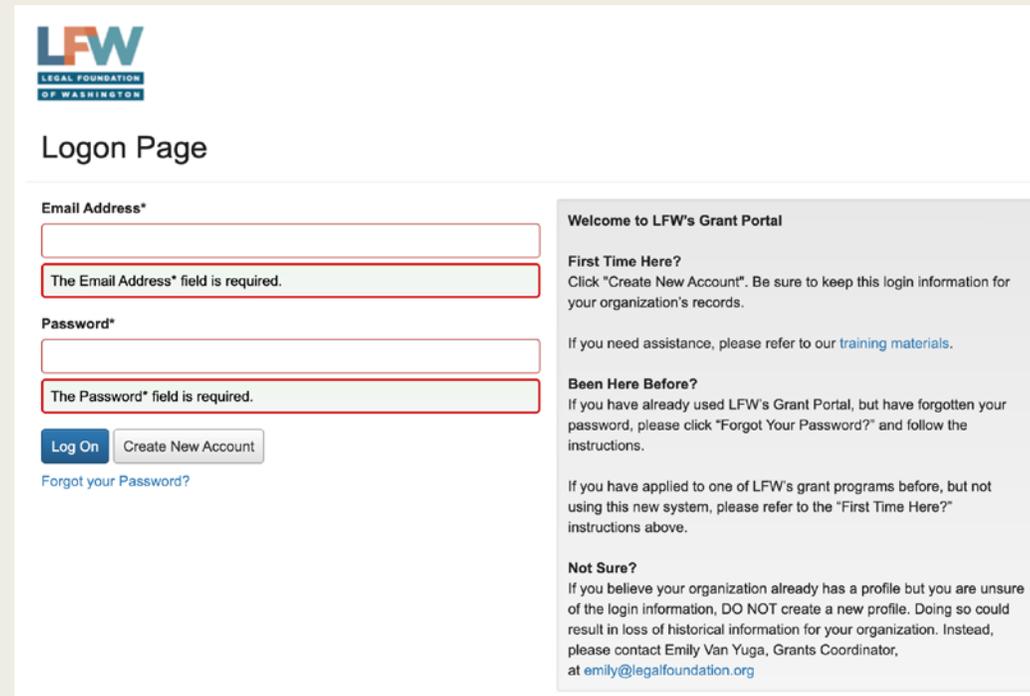


“As civil legal aid providers, they [the panel] are really in the trenches. And through this grant expansion, we’re really interested in communities that have often been excluded to accessing legal aid and looking at what their needs are, and the complexities in communities of color that will help us serve a broader population.”

*Carmen Pacheco-Jones,
Race Equity Panel Chair*

How to apply:

GRANT PORTAL



The screenshot shows the LFW (Legal Foundation of Washington) Grant Portal Login Page. The page features the LFW logo at the top left. Below the logo is the title "Logon Page". The login form consists of two input fields: "Email Address*" and "Password*". Both fields have red borders and error messages below them: "The Email Address* field is required." and "The Password* field is required." respectively. Below the password field are two buttons: "Log On" (teal) and "Create New Account" (grey). A link "Forgot your Password?" is located below the "Log On" button. On the right side of the page, there is a grey box titled "Welcome to LFW's Grant Portal" containing instructions for first-time users, users who need assistance, users who have forgotten their passwords, and users who have applied before but are not using the new system. It also includes a "Not Sure?" section with contact information for Emily Van Yuga, Grants Coordinator, at emily@legalfoundation.org.

Steps to apply:

- Go to our website, www.legalfoundation.org
- Click on “Grants” at the top of the page then “How to Apply” on the left side
- Review instructions then create an account by clicking the teal “Log In” button in the upper right corner
- After creating, in the Grant Portal, click “APPLY” and the Race Equity Grant application will appear

Questions?

Please type your questions in the chat box.

If you think of a question later,
email me at Christal@legalfoundation.org