

2023 Accelerator Grant

Legal Foundation of Washington

Letter of Intent Instructions

Accelerator Grants are one-time grants designed to accelerate time-sensitive civil justice work and launch impactful projects. The grants support innovative and responsive initiatives that would benefit from a one-time infusion of funds.

We seek to fund civil justice organizations doing strong anti-racist work, centering historically excluded communities, and impacting long-lasting systemic change. Accelerator Grants prioritize civil justice work for groups that have been disproportionately under-resourced by legal aid, including:

- Native and Indigenous peoples,
- clients without lawful immigration status, and
- the civil/criminal divide for re-entry and justice-system impacted individuals.

Grants are one year in length (January 1, 2023- December 31, 2023) and typically range from \$20,000-\$100,000. Proposals must be focused on civil justice work in Washington State.

Examples of eligible projects include: legal advocacy for establishing a statewide healthcare system for residents without lawful immigration status; or launching a new app that helps clear Legal Financial Obligations (LFOs). Ineligible projects include: on-going expenses; budget shortfalls; board training; etc.

A Letter of Intent (LOI) is the first step of the grant application process for Accelerator Grants. An LOI is an overview of your organization and project. You will receive notification by September 23 if LFW's board has selected your proposal to move on to a full application. The full applications will be due October 7 and includes more detailed questions about the goals and impact of your project.

Who can apply: Civil legal aid providers or organizations in partnership with civil legal aid providers are eligible to apply.

Grant amount: Typically range from \$20,000 to \$100,000

Deadline for LOI: August 22. You will receive notification by September 23 if your organization is selected to move on to a full application.

Deadline for full applications: October 7

We will be holding an informational webinar on August 8, at 1pm. You can register using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0wdbarVpSIOANB7LkR-5sA.

Please note the following as you complete your LOI:

- We recognize that it can be challenging to fit your responses into character/word limits. To help address this, all questions have the maximum character limit applied. However, this does not mean that we expect you to answer every question to the limit.
- If you would like to submit this application in a language other than English, please email LFW's Grants Coordinator at arielle@legalfoundation.org.
- If you would like LFW staff to review your LOI before submitting, please email LFW's Grants Coordinator at arielle@legalfoundation.org. We will not be able to provide feedback after August 12.
- Feel free to schedule a 15 min call with LFW's Grants Coordinator through Calendly if you have any questions or would like to discuss your proposal using this link: calendly.com/arielle-lfw.

LFW staff are ready to offer assistance as you develop your proposal. Please let us know if you have any questions, need technical support, or an accommodation.

Request Overview

Program Name*

Character Limit: 250

Project Synopsis*

Please provide a one-sentence summary of the project you are requesting funding for.

Character Limit: 250

Amount Requested*

Character Limit: 20

Total Project Budget*

Character Limit: 20

Organizational Information

Non-Discrimination Statement*

To be considered for an LFW grant, please affirm the following:

Our policies and practices provide equal opportunity to all qualified individuals in leadership, staffing and service, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion and any status protected by law.

We do not require attendance or participation in religious/faith activities as a condition of service delivery, nor do we require adherence to religious/faith beliefs as a condition of service or employment.

Choices

My organization affirms the non-discrimination statement.

My organization does not affirm the non-discrimination statement.

Organizational Mission and Vision*

Please provide a summary of your organization's mission and vision for change. Tell us why you do what you do.

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Current Board Members*

Please provide a list of current board members and, if possible, their professional and community involvement, in the text box or as an attachment.

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Organizational Demographics*

In an effort to better understand the organizations we fund, we ask applicants to provide aggregate demographic information about their staff and board. This helps us see trends and gaps including who is and is not applying for funding and receiving grant awards, and how our funding is meeting or not meeting the changing needs of communities across Washington.

If you already share this information in your GuideStar profile, please let us know.

If you already collect different data or would like to share any other information about your organization's demographics, such as how your staff and board's demographics reflect the demographics of clients served, please let us know in the text box below.

Thank you for providing this information and helping us improve!

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BIPOC Leadership*

Does over 50% or more of your senior leadership identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color)? We define senior leadership as board and staff members with decision

making power over the actions and budget of your organization. You are welcome to use the text box below to provide additional information.

Choices

Yes

No

Optional: BIPOC Leadership -Additional Information

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Anti-Racist Practices*

Please describe how your organization incorporates racial justice/anti-racist practices in your internal and external work. You can use the text box or upload an attachment.

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Project Proposal

Proposal*

Please describe the time-sensitive civil justice work that needs one-time funding. Explain the impact and why funding is critical at this time. Does your project focus on legal aid and/or systemic advocacy for:

- Native and Indigenous peoples,
- clients without lawful immigration status, and/or
- the civil/criminal divide for re-entry and justice-system impacted individuals?

A one to two page length is ideal but not mandatory.

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Budget

Project Budget*

Please attach a budget for your project. Any format is welcome, including using the text box below. We have an optional template called LFW Proposed Budget Form available on our website.

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