

2023 Race Equity Grant

Legal Foundation of Washington

Race Equity Grant Overview

LFW believes that creating fair access to civil justice requires undoing systemic racial oppression.

Our Race Equity Grants provide multiyear funding to advance racial justice in civil legal aid and build power in communities most impacted by structural racism and oppression. We use a participatory grantmaking model designed to center the voices of communities most impacted by grantmaking decisions. An advisory panel of community leaders who have lived experience with the legal aid system, poverty, and racism review grant applications and prioritize the projects that will be most impactful.

The goals of the Race Equity Grant Fund are to:

- invest in communities most impacted by structural racism and oppression;
- support community- and client-centered approaches to civil legal aid;
- increase civil justice for communities of color;
- build and support anti-racist organizations and leadership; and
- center those most impacted in the decision making process.

Who Can Apply: Civil legal aid providers or organizations in partnership with civil legal aid providers are eligible to apply. Grant proposals can be for new or existing projects, including operational expenses, and must be focused on civil legal aid work in Washington State. *If you have an open Race Equity Grant and have not submitted your final report, you will not be eligible to apply until the final report is submitted.*

Grant Term: Two years starting July 1, 2023.

Grant Awards: Ten \$40,000 grants will be awarded, each with two-year terms

Deadline for Applications: Grant applications are due April 15th.

Register for our informational webinar on March 9 at 11am [here!](#)

Race Equity Grant Application Instructions

Please note the following as you work through your application:

- 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 have submitted an LFW application in the past, you can use previously submitted responses by clicking the "Copy Previous Answers" button at the top of the application.
- 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 to conduct an oral application, please email LFW's Grants Coordinator at arielle@legalfoundation.org by March 31.
- If you would like LFW staff to review your application before submitting, please email LFW's Grants Coordinator at arielle@legalfoundation.org. We will not be able to provide feedback after March 31.
- If you have any questions or would like to discuss your proposal, feel free to schedule a 15 min call with LFW's Grants Coordinator through Calendly using this link: calendly.com/arielle-lfw.

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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.

Organization

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.

Description of Organization*

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

Character Limit: 10000

Current Board Members*

Please provide a list of current board members either within the text box or as an attachment.

Character Limit: 10000 | File Size Limit: 2 MB

Organizational Demographic Information*

If 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 to 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 would like to share any information about your organization's demographics, please let us know in the text box below.

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

Thank you for providing this information and helping us to improve!

Character Limit: 10000

BIPOC Leadership*

Does 50% or more of your senior leadership identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color)? We define senior leadership as those with decision making power over the actions and budget of your organization.

Choices

Yes

No

Character Limit: 10000

Anti-Racist Practices*

Please describe how your organization incorporates racial justice/anti-racist practices in your internal and external work.

Character Limit: 10000

Proposal Overview

Project Name*

Character Limit: 250

Project Synopsis*

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

Character Limit: 250

Amount Requested*

All grant awards are \$40,000.

Character Limit: 20

Geographic Area Served*

What is the geographic region(s) served by your project? Write "statewide" if you project is serving the entire state of Washington.

Character Limit: 250

Project Description

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

Please describe your project and how it connects to one or more of these goals. Include how your project provides civil legal aid to low-income people or partners with organizations that do.

Character Limit: 10000

Communities Served*

Please describe the communities your project serves or plans to serve in Washington State. Were these communities involved in planning this project?

Character Limit: 10000

Optional: Additional Information

If you have any additional information you would like to share about this project, please include it here. If you have attachments, please combine multiple documents into one file before uploading.

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Budget

Project Budget*

Please provide a project budget either within the text box or as an attachment.

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