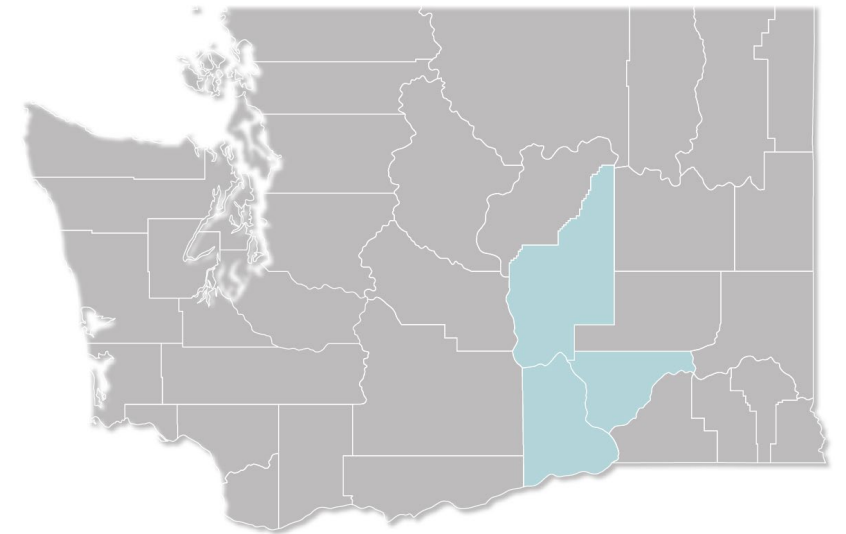


Central Washington BIPOC Communities Grant

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The Legal Foundation of Washington



The Legal Foundation of Washington is a nonprofit organization created in 1984 at the direction of the Washington Supreme Court to distribute IOLTA funds to legal aid organizations across the state. LFW has 40 years of experience raising, managing, and distributing funds to achieve equal civil justice for low-income people.

LFW currently provides more than \$15 million a year in grants for direct civil legal aid and systemic advocacy. We currently partner with over 50 organizations across the state.

LFW believes equal justice is a right, not a privilege.

Our grantmaking brings this vision to life by targeting inequalities in the civil legal system, where people seeking justice in a wide variety of cases – including immigration, worker rights, housing, and domestic violence – are not entitled to a lawyer and left to navigate complex systems by themselves.

We know that creating fair access to civil justice requires undoing systemic racial oppression and reflect racial justice and inclusion in all of our grantmaking. Our work is guided by the goals and strategies of the [State Plan for the Coordinated Delivery of Legal Aid to Low-Income People](#) and the [Washington Race Equity & Justice Initiative \(REJI\) Commitments](#).

Community Need Identified

LFW uses an equity analysis in evaluating LFWs existing grants compared to community need in Washington and looks closely at county poverty population data. From this analysis, we saw a need for expanded race equity-focused legal aid programming in Benton, Franklin, and Grant counties.

In central Washington, these three counties have a high percentage of BIPOC population in poverty. Communities of color face deep disparities in this region and have minimal civil legal aid programming tailored to meet their needs.

	Total Population	Individuals at 100% of Poverty Level	Percentage of Total Population at 100% Poverty Level	BIPOC Individuals at 100% of Poverty Level	Percentage of BIPOC Population at 100% of Poverty Level	Individuals at 200% of Poverty Level
Benton County	294,951	35,310	12%	15,667	44%	52,594
Franklin County	92,464	13,939	15%	7,319	53%	31,660
Grant County	96,998	12,634	13%	8,025	64%	33,919

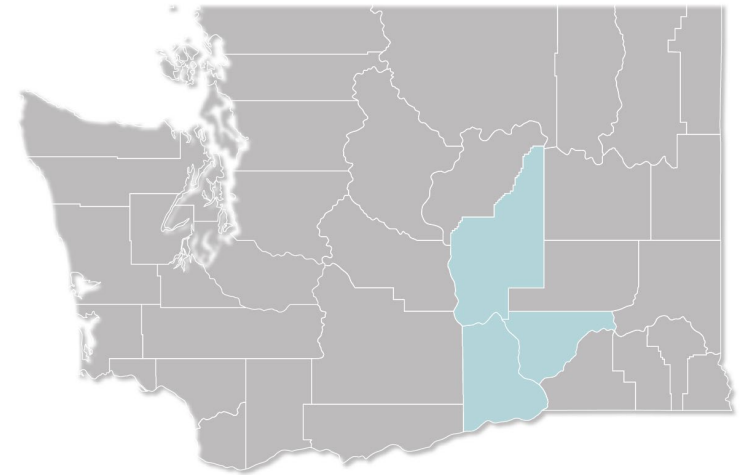
Data source: 2021 American Community Survey Data of the U.S. Census

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LFW's Central Washington BIPOC Communities Grant is designed to expand **direct civil legal aid services for communities of color** in **Benton, Franklin, and Grant counties**.

We seek to fund organizations doing strong anti-racist work and rooted in client-centered and community-informed models of service. Projects must align with the goals and strategies of the [State Plan for the Coordinated Delivery of Legal Aid to Low-Income People](#) and the [Washington Race Equity & Justice Initiative \(REJI\) Commitments](#).

Grants will be 18-months in length (July 1, 2024- December 31, 2025) and total approximately \$300,000.



Grant Specifics



Who can apply: Civil legal aid providers or organizations in partnership with civil legal aid providers are eligible to apply. **Collaborative proposals between multiple organizations are encouraged.**



Grant term: 18 Months from July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025



Award amounts: Vary. Grant awards will total approximately \$300,000.

We Seek to Fund:

Direct legal aid services for BIPOC clients in Benton, Franklin, and/or Grant Counties

Partnerships between legal aid organizations and community-based organizations

Culturally specific civil legal aid programming centering the needs of communities of color

Projects aligned with the goals and strategies of the State Plan for the Coordinated Delivery of Legal Aid to Low-Income People and the Washington Race Equity & Justice Initiative (REJI) Commitments.



Example of a proposal:

A project co-led by a community-based organization in Franklin County and a legal aid provider that uses community lawyering to develop on-site Spanish-language legal services for Latinx farmworkers based on community-identified needs and goals.

Application Questions

Organizational Information

- Organizational Mission and Vision
- Current Board Members
- BIPOC Leadership
- Race Equity/Anti-Racist Practices

Proposal and Programmatic Information

- Proposal
- Community Engagement and Accountability
- Race equity/Anti-Racist Approach and Evaluating Impact
- Systemic Change and Racial Justice

Project Budget

- Any format is welcome, but must be for the 18-month grant period

How to apply through the GRANT PORTAL



Logon Page

Email Address*

The Email Address* field is required.

Password*

The Password* field is required.

Log On

Create New Account

[Forgot your Password?](#)

Welcome to LFW's Grant Portal

First Time Here?

Click "Create New Account". Be sure to keep this login information for your organization's records.

If you need assistance, please refer to our [training materials](#).

Been Here Before?

If you have already used LFW's Grant Portal, but have forgotten your password, please click "Forgot Your Password?" and follow the instructions.

If you have applied to one of LFW's grant programs before, but not using this new system, please refer to the "First Time Here?" instructions above.

Not Sure?

If you believe your organization already has a profile but you are unsure of the login information, DO NOT create a new profile. Doing so could result in loss of historical information for your organization. Instead, please contact Emily Van Yuga, Grants Coordinator, at emily@legalfoundation.org

Steps to apply:

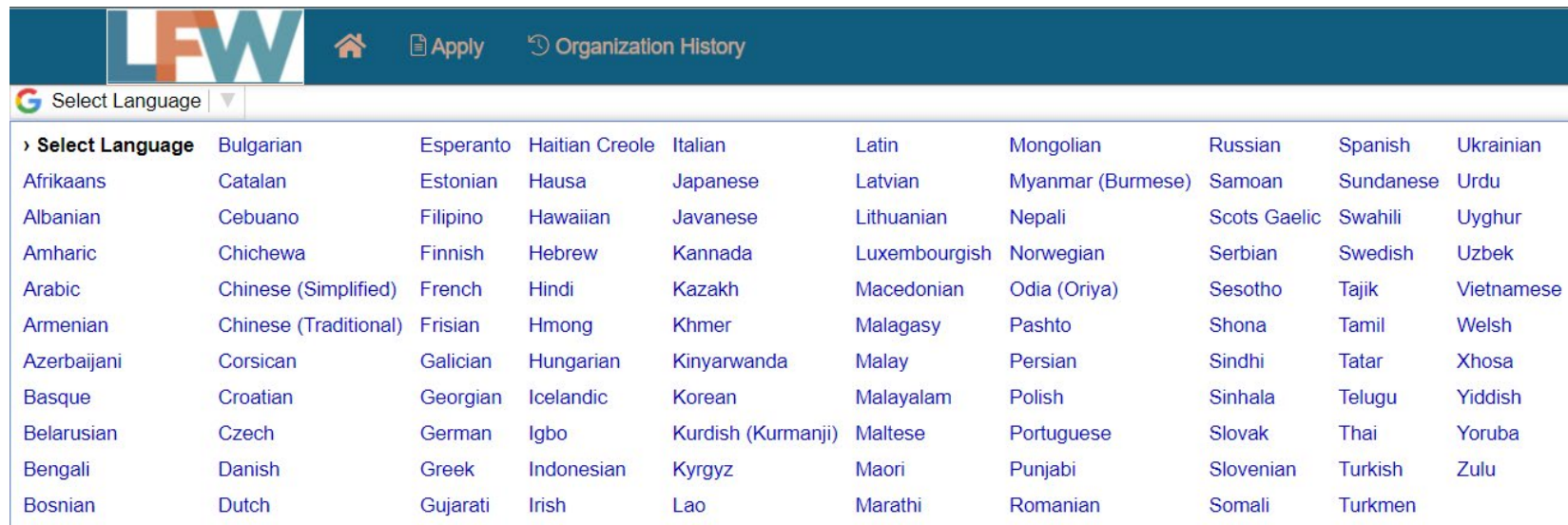
- Go to our website, www.legalfoundation.org
- Click on "Grantmaking" at the top of the page then "How to Apply" on the left side
- Review instructions then create an account by clicking the teal "Log In" button in the upper right corner
- After creating, in the Grant Portal, click "APPLY" and the Central Washington BIPOC Communities Grant will appear

Spanish Application Available

- If you prefer to submit your application in Spanish, we have a translated application available on our [website](#). Please send the application via email to arielle@legalfoundation.org. Once received, we will translate to English and include with the original Spanish in the [Grant Portal](#).
- **Subvención para las comunidades BIPOC del área central de Washington.** - Responda a las preguntas y envíelas por correo electrónico a arielle@legalfoundation.org antes de que finalice el día 3 de abril de 2024. Una vez recibida, la solicitud se traducirá al inglés y el personal de LFW creará un nuevo proceso de subvenciones en el [Portal de Subvenciones de LFW](#) con las respuestas originales en español y las respuestas traducidas al inglés.

Alternative Submissions

- If prefer to submit your application in a language other than English or Spanish let us know. The grant portal will translate the application using Google Translate in the following languages:



- If you would like to conduct an oral interview, please let us know by the end of day **March 22**.
- If you require any accommodations, please let us know!

Central Washington BIPOC Communities Application Tips



Grant term and budget is for 18-months (July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025)



Proposals do not have to cover all three counties and could be focused in any or all of the eligible counties



Proposals should include direct civil legal aid work

Application Tips

- 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 are putting in a collaborative proposal with another organization, please include responses for both organizations in the application.
- If you would like to have LFW staff review your proposal before submitting, please let us know by the end of day **March 22**.
- If you have any questions or would like to discuss your proposal, feel free to schedule a 15 min call with LFW's Grants Manager, Arielle Handforth, [here](#).
- If you have submitted an LFW application in the past, you can use previously submitted responses by clicking "Copy Previous Answers" at the top of the application.
- You can have multiple users in your organization edit the application. Invite them by clicking "Collaborate" at the top of the application.



Timeline for Central Washington BIPOC Communities Grant





Questions

Please type your questions in the chat box, Q&A, or raise your hand to be unmuted.

If you think of a question later or would like to provide feedback, email me at arielle@legalfoundation.org