



2009-2010 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM

APPLICATION CRITERIA, INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS

Through its Annual Grants Program, the California Bar Foundation supports efforts to build a better justice system by funding projects in furtherance of its mission to improve access to the justice system, educate the public about legal rights and responsibilities, foster confidence in the rule of law, and promote philanthropy as a core value of the state's lawyers. Visit the Foundation's website at www.calbarfoundation.org for a list of prior grantees, projects, and grant amounts.

Grant Cycle

Grant Applications should be submitted for projects taking place in 2010. The Application Deadline for the 2009-2010 grant cycle is October 5, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. (the deadline for applications from the State Bar is October 16, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.). Applicants will be notified in writing of the grant decision in December 2009. Grant recipients will receive an award letter setting forth grant payment arrangements, and will also receive a Grants Condition Form setting forth the terms and conditions of the grant.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 5, 2009
at 4:30 p.m.**

(Application Deadline for State Bar:
October 16, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.)

Program Eligibility

The Grants Program is open to nonprofit organizations serving the public of California, local, minority, and specialty bar associations, the State Bar of California, and California courts in support of projects that build a better justice system in furtherance of the Foundation's mission. Grants are not awarded to individuals.

Funding Guidelines & Criteria

Please note that the Foundation has changed its Funding Guidelines for the 2009-2010 grant cycle. In the past, the California Bar Foundation has generally given grants of approximately \$1,000-\$5,000 and funded projects for only one year. In response to feedback from members of the legal services community about how to more effectively show our commitment to legal services and other programs that build a better justice system and how best to impact the programs and organizations that we fund, the Foundation has revamped its guidelines for the 2009-2010 grant cycle:

- **Grant Size:** We intend to fund most grants at the \$15,000-\$25,000 level. The Foundation will continue to support a limited number of smaller projects, typically from smaller organizations, at the \$1,000-\$10,000 level of funding. *This will result in fewer grant applications than in years past being funded.*
- **Grant Duration:** Although most grants will remain single-year allocations, the Foundation will consider two-year grant proposals.
- **Priority Areas:** For the 2009-2010 funding cycle, priority will be given to projects in the following areas:
 - **Rural** – projects that improve or increase the delivery of legal services and/or legal education to areas outside of the state's major metropolitan areas;
 - **Language Access** – projects that improve or increase accessibility to legal services and/or legal education for limited English proficiency clients; and/or
 - **Diversity Pipeline** – projects that support diversity in the legal profession.

- **Other Preferences:** Preference will be given to:
 - Projects involving collaboration with other community organizations;
 - Projects supporting diverse, low-income, or under-represented communities;
 - Organizations that have been in existence for at least three years.

Contact Jasmine Guillory, Program Director, at 415-856-0780, ext. 302 or jguillory@calbarfoundation.org with questions.

The Foundation reserves the right to revise, change and expand its funding guidelines and criteria at any time, without notice, and may adopt additional criteria that it chooses not to publish.

Instructions for Submission

1. All portions of the Grant Application (Cover Sheet, responses to the Questionnaire, Signature Page, and all supporting documentation) must be received by the Foundation by 4:30 p.m. on October 5, 2009 (the deadline for State Bar applicants is 4:30 p.m. on October 16, 2009).
2. Applications may be submitted by fax, mail, email (as a PDF), or delivery service to:

California Bar Foundation
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639
Attention: Program Director
Fax: 415-856-0788
jguillory@calbarfoundation.org
3. Applications postmarked by the Application Deadline but not received in full by the Application Deadline may not be accepted.
4. An electronic version of the Grant Application is available at www.calbarfoundation.org.

Conditions

Successful Applicants will be required to sign a Grant Conditions Form and agree to comply with certain terms and conditions set forth by the Foundation, including but not limited to the following:

1. Provide the Foundation a year-end report describing the use of the entire amount funded and results of evaluations of the Project.
2. Acknowledge the California Bar Foundation on all printed materials and all publicity related to activities supported by Foundation grants.
3. Obtain approval from the Foundation in advance for material variances from either (a) the use of funds of a grant, or (b) the timeframe of the Project, as described in the Grant Application.
4. Provide requested documentation, including financials or evidence of tax exempt status, and accommodate reasonable site visits by the Foundation during the year in which grant funds are used by Applicant.



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GRANT APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Applicant Information

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| Applicant: | |
| Federal EIN: | |
| Tax Status: | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| Address: | |
| Phone: | |
| Fax: | |
| Web Address: | |
| Contact Name & Title: | |
| Contact Phone: | |
| Contact Email: | |
| Has Applicant received Foundation funds before? | <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes; if yes, provide date(s), amount(s), and project name(s): |

Project Information

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| Project Name: | |
| Is this a new Project? | <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| Total Project Cost: | |
| Amount Requested: | |
| Is this a Multi-Year request? | <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| Is this a collaboration? If yes, list the other organization: | <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |

Using only the space provided, briefly describe the Applicant and the Project:

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GRANT APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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Application Instructions

1. Answer each item listed under the sections entitled “Application Information and Project Description” and “Project Budget” in the format of the application (include the heading for each question).
2. Responses to the Grant Application Questionnaire should be no more than three pages, *not* including required attachments.
3. Include Applicant’s name on the top right-hand side of each page of the responses to Grant Application Questionnaire and the attachments.
4. Submit all application materials without staples or clips, on one-sided, letter-sized paper.
5. Provide only one copy of the application materials.
6. Provide materials in the following order:
 - Grant Application Cover Sheet
 - Signature Page
 - State Bar Supplemental Signature Page (*only* applicable for the State Bar of California)
 - Responses to “Application Information and Project Description” and “Project Budget”
 - “Financial Attachments” and “Organizational Attachments” in the order set forth below (these documents do not need to be submitted by the Courts)

Attachments

Provide the following:

Financial Attachments*:

1. Copy of Applicant’s financial statements *for the prior fiscal year* (if applicable, provide audited financial statements).
2. Copy of Applicant’s budget or draft budget *for the upcoming fiscal year* in which awarded grant funds would be used. If a budget or draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year is not yet available, provide the budget from the current fiscal year and describe any known variances expected in the coming year.
 - If budget includes a surplus for the next fiscal year, include an explanation of whether or not surplus funds are available to fund the Project, and if not, why.
 - If the Project will generate revenues for Applicant, attach an estimate of the amount of such revenue.

* If Applicant is a subsidiary, joint venture, partnership, division, or section of another entity, provide the financial information of Applicant. If relevant, also provide the budget of the parent entity.

Organizational Attachments:

- Roster of Board of Directors, identifying the officers.

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Applicant Information and Project Description

Provide the following information about the Applicant and the Project for which Applicant is requesting funding:

1. Applicant's mission statement and a brief history of Applicant.
2. Detailed Project description.
3. Identify the target group, the estimated number of persons to be reached, and the geographic impact of the Project.
4. Identify the need Applicant's Project will serve and how Applicant's Project will address that need.
5. Describe how Applicant will measure the success of the Project.
6. Describe how the Project will be implemented, including listing which staff members will be involved, and the general timeline for implementation of the Project.
7. Identify any other organization with which Applicant is collaborating on this Project.
8. If funding in addition to any Foundation Grant awarded is necessary, indicate where Applicant will obtain the additional funding that the Project needs for implementation, and whether the Project can be implemented without such additional funding.
9. Describe how Applicant will be able to implement this program within the Project's estimated timeline without Foundation funding, if at all.
10. If the Project will continue beyond the 2010 calendar year, describe how the Project will be funded in the future.

Project Budget

Provide a detailed budget for the Project for each of the following items. Identify which of the Project costs are already accounted in Applicant's annual budget by marking such costs with an asterisk (*).

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| Project Staff | \$ |
| Materials/Supplies | \$ |
| Space | \$ |
| Travel | \$ |
| Copying/Printing | \$ |
| Meeting/Conference Costs | \$ |
| Telephone | \$ |
| Other: _____ | \$ |
| Other: _____ | \$ |
| Other: _____ | \$ |
| Amount of Total Project Budget | \$ |
| Amount of funding requested from the California Bar Foundation | \$ |
| Amount of other funding for the Project | \$ |
| Anticipated source(s) of other funding: _____ | \$ |



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GRANT APPLICATION SIGNATURE PAGE

This page must be signed and submitted along with the Grant Application Cover Page, responses to Grant Application Questionnaire, and all supporting documentation by the Application Deadline.

The undersigned represents and/or acknowledges all of the following:

1. S/he has full authority to sign this application on behalf of Applicant Organization and that when so signed it will be binding on Applicant Organization.
2. The information contained in this application (including all attachments) is true and correct to the best of his/her information and belief.
3. Successful Applicants will be required to sign a Grants Conditions Form prior to disbursement of a grant award.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signing on behalf of:

Regarding:

Organization

Project Name



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STATE BAR SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNATURE PAGE

(to be submitted by the State Bar of California)

This Applicant has my approval to submit the foregoing grant application to the California Bar Foundation.

By: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____, the State Bar of California

Signing on behalf of:

Regarding:

State Bar Division / Entity

Project Name