

Grant Considerations

The Alabama Law Foundation board of trustees has not allocated a set percentage of funds collected to any one funding category. However, projects that provide civil legal aid to the poor receive priority over other purposes. The board recognizes that IOLTA funds cannot meet the entire needs of any one program, and IOLTA funds generally will be used to supplement programs which are also funded by other sources. All grants funded by the Alabama Law Foundation are wholly discretionary and do not imply that a program will receive funds for the next grant cycle.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to receive funds from the IOLTA program, an applicant must (1) submit a written proposal within the board's time schedule; (2) respond adequately to questions in the grant proposal format; (3) respond adequately to further requests for information; (4) agree to carry out the program for which funds were requested, and report to the board on progress and results in accordance with the grant agreement; and (5) come within one of the categories approved by the Supreme Court of Alabama.

The foundation will only award grants for the provision of legal aid to the poor to programs that provide services to individual clients or families at or below 125% of federal poverty level.

Committees and Task Forces of the Alabama State Bar must have the approval of the Board of Bar Commissioners prior to submission of a grant application. Grant applications will not carry over from one grant cycle to the next. A new application must be submitted each time an organization applies for IOLTA funds.

Do not submit any document not specifically requested. If necessary, the foundation will request additional information by a separate document. If you think a question is clearly not applicable to your organization, indicate so by writing N/A in the space provided.

Additional documents required:

Governing Body Information (Current Board Roster) **All Applicants**
Signed Grant Assurances **All Applicants**
Case Acceptance Policies/Priorities **Civil Legal Aid Providers**
Current Client Financial Eligibility Guidelines **Civil Legal Aid Providers**
IRS 501 (c) (3) Determination Letter **New Applicants Only**
Most Recent Financial Audit **New Applicants Only**

Submit the following attachments electronically to tdaniel@alfinc.org:

Financial Information (Form on foundation website)
Legal Services Provider Data Spreadsheet (Form on foundation website)

Current Board Roster
Case Acceptance Policies/Priorities
Current Client Financial Eligibility Guidelines

Submit the following attachments by hard copy:

Signed Grant Assurances
IRS 501 (c) (3) Determination Letter
Most Recent Financial Audit

Applications must be received the by the Alabama Law Foundation, Inc., no later than 5:00 P.M. on October 15 of each year. Grant decisions will be announced prior to January 1.

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