

Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois Notice of Funding Opportunity

June 30, 2021



The [Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois](#) is a charitable foundation that provides grants to support the provision of legal aid services to low-income Illinois residents in civil matters. (For a list of current grantees and the types of services provided, click [here](#).)

Application Guidelines & Materials

[Guidelines](#) and application materials are now available for the Lawyers Trust Fund's CY 2022 Annual Grant Cycle. For more information, please click [here](#). This is a new, consolidated grant cycle, and is open to both current grantees and new applicants.

Amount of Funding Available

LTF has awarded a total of \$11,650,130 in grants to legal aid organizations and programs for 2021. It is anticipated that a similar amount will be available for the CY 2022 Annual Grant Cycle.

Application Due Date

Completed Applications are due on **Monday, September 20, 2021**.

New & Emerging Organizations/Programs Encouraged to Apply

New and emerging legal aid organizations and/or programs – especially those based in, led by, and/or serving historically marginalized groups, including communities impacted by racism – are encouraged to apply.

Waiver of the One-Attorney Requirement

Because the practice of law in Illinois is limited to licensed attorneys, LTF generally requires that applicant organizations employ at least one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) attorney with a minimum of three years of experience at the time the application is due on September 20.

The LTF board of directors will consider waiving the one FTE attorney requirement for emerging legal aid organizations/programs that meet certain criteria. Applicants can seek a waiver in their applicant for FY 2022, or they can request a pre-application waiver to determine their eligibility prior to completing a full application. To request a waiver, click [here](#).

Information Sessions for New Applicants

Information sessions for organizations not currently receiving an LTF grant will be held via Zoom on **July 20 at 2 p.m.** and **August 4 at 10 a.m.** To register for an information session, please email David Holtermann, Deputy Director for Grants & Policy / General Counsel, at david@ltf.org.

Questions?

LTF staff are available to answer questions about the Lawyers Trust Fund, eligibility for a grant, and/or the application process. Please feel free to contact David Holtermann, Deputy Director for Grants & Policy (david@ltf.org) or Mark Marquardt, Executive Director (mark@ltf.org) if you need assistance.