



## STATE BAR OF NEVADA LRIS PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM

### Grant Making Policies

#### Funding Priorities

The State Bar of Nevada will accept grant applications for projects that fulfill one or more of the following objectives:

- Improve access to the legal system by persons of limited financial means and, if possible, produce a tangible product that can be distributed to the public.
- Promote better access to legal information and an improved perception of the justice system.
- Improve the operation of, and public confidence in, the courts.
- Provide public education about our legal system and promote a positive image of the legal profession.

#### Funding Cycle

The Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee, with approval by the Board of Governors, will make funding decisions annually. Following are the 2010 deadlines:

February 26, 2010	Applications Due
May 31, 2010	Grants Decisions Made

#### Eligible Applicants

Grant applications will be accepted from organizations that are recognized by the IRS as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or similar exempt organizations. Grants will not be made to individuals.

Grant applications will only be accepted from Nevada organizations for programs that benefit Nevada residents.

The LRIS Committee reserves the right to refuse applications. Grants will be made at the sole discretion of the Committee and Board of Governors.

#### Grant Amounts

Total grants awarded vary from year to year. Grant amounts typically range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

#### Ineligible Projects

Grants are for one year projects. Support for otherwise qualified multi-year projects will be considered, but the applicant must provide specific, detailed information about plans to secure future funding for the project. Successive annual requests for funding by an organization may be viewed by the committee as a multi-year request. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the State Bar does not fund grant requests for capital construction projects or endowment campaigns, nor does it provide funding for sponsorships of charitable events, regardless of the nature or work of the requesting organization.

#### Application Review and Notification Process

Funding decisions are made no later than May 31st each year. If the application meets the minimum requirements established by the State Bar, the application will be reviewed by the LRIS Committee. Applicants may be contacted for an interview. Based upon Committee review, a recommendation regarding funding will be made to the Board of Governors for final approval.

The State Bar will acknowledge the receipt of each grant application in writing. Notification of awards will also be made in writing.

#### Agreement

Organizations must sign the accompanying grant agreement and submit a final report to the State Bar by the date specified on the form. If the final report is not submitted by that date, future applications from the organization will not be considered.