

New Hampshire Bar Foundation
Justice Grant Program
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FY 2010 Justice Grant Application and Guidelines
Submission Deadline: By 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009

The New Hampshire Bar Foundation requests proposals for FY 2010 Justice Grants. This grant program broadens the NH Bar Foundation's mission of strengthening the system of justice in New Hampshire by funding efforts to encourage innovation in the *administration of justice, provide community education about the law, and improve access to the legal system*. The grant project period must fall between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010. Grant decisions will be announced in December 2009, with disbursement to follow the signing of contracts.

Justice Grants are made possible through the generous contributions of individuals, legal professionals, and members of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation Justice Society. Our donors value the promise of equal justice for all and seek to improve the administration of justice in New Hampshire.

Priorities for Justice Grants

The Bar Foundation is particularly interested in funding those projects that:

1. Envision new ways to create equal justice for all people
2. Develop concrete innovations in the delivery of legal services, court operations, legal education or in other justice-related areas
3. Address legal needs or projects which are important in a democratic society, but that may go against public or political sentiment
4. Bring together diverse resources and people to find solutions to justice-related problems
5. Build public confidence in the justice system

Justice Grants are usually available for start up costs, planning and research, or for funding to help stabilize new programs, but not for ongoing operational costs. The Bar Foundation is committed to promoting creative thinking and innovation in the short term, but encourages the development of federal, state, local, and community funding in the long term for projects that demonstrate success.

Exclusions

1. The NH Bar Foundation will not fund:
 - for-profit entities;
 - political campaigns;
 - religious activities; or
 - projects that would jeopardize the Bar Foundation's tax exempt status.
2. The NH Bar Foundation will generally not make grants:
 - to individuals;
 - to endowment campaigns;
 - to capital campaigns; or
 - to pay down a deficit.

JUSTICE GRANTS

A large portion of the Justice funds comes from our endowment, which includes the following designated funds:

Advancement of Justice Fund and Richard P. Dunfey Fund – To support access to justice for low-income people, public education about the law, and other projects that improve the administration of justice.

Hon. William F. Batchelder Fund – To support legal services for low-income and other disadvantaged people in New Hampshire.

Stanley M. and Thalia M. Brown Fund – To support public education about the law, with an emphasis on educating the New Hampshire legislature about the justice system in our state.

Vickie Bunnell Memorial Fund – To support access to justice for low-income people, public education about the law, and other projects that improve the administration of justice in the North Country with a special focus on the prevention of violence in the family and community.

Judge Richard F. Cooper Fund – To benefit disadvantaged children and youth in the Rochester area.

Consumer Protection Law Reform Fund – To support consumer advocacy by NH Legal Assistance.

Charles W. Dean Trust Fund – To provide prisoners at the NH State Prison, or persons accused of crimes, a means of telling their story relating to the crime of which they are imprisoned or charged, through the newspapers, periodicals, radio, television, or other methods of communication.

J. Albert and Mildred E. Lynch Fund – To support educational efforts on the importance of property rights in a free society.

A.J. McDonough Family Fund – To support efforts to address the legal needs of New Hampshire’s senior citizens, with an emphasis on projects that provide information, education, and advice about healthcare and nursing home alternatives, legal rights, and asset protection.

Voluntary Prevention Fund – To support efforts to promote ethics and professionalism and to prevent misconduct by members of the NH Bar Association.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Completed Application Cover Sheet** (online: www.nhbarfoundation.org see Grant Programs, Justice Grants)
- **Proposal Narrative (I-VII)** should be no more than **3 pages** and answer the following questions, in order:
 - I. Mission: Briefly describe your organization’s mission and purpose;
 - II. State the Problem: What is the issue and how will you address it through this project?
 - III. What Justice Grant Priorities and what Justice Fund purpose (see above Funds) does this project address?
 - IV. Timeline of Activities: projects must take place during Justice Grant calendar year
 - V. Resources & Collaborations: Provide a list of other financial resources and collaborating partners;
 - VI. Evaluation: What method will you use to evaluate/measure outcome to determine effectiveness of the project for your grant report;
 - VII. Partial Funding: If your proposal is only funded in-part, what effect will it have on your project?

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED:

- An itemized budget for the project
- Organization’s current operating budget
- Copy of the organization’s tax determination letter
- Five copies plus original application on 8.5 x 11” paper, 3-hole punched.

Grant applications are due by Friday, October 30, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Applicants will be notified of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation’s decision in December 2009.

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First time applicants are strongly encouraged to call the program director to discuss project eligibility. Questions may be addressed to Program and Communications Director, Susan Noon, at (603) 715-3253 or via email: snoon@nhbarfoundation.org. We're happy to be of assistance to you.