

## **IOLTA Funding Guidelines**

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

1. Be a nonprofit corporation exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Codes, because they are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
2. Be located in the State of Indiana.
3. Provide civil legal services to low-income individuals residing in the State of Indiana.
4. Operate without illegal discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin or disability.
5. Comply with all applicable tax regulations and laws, including the filing of IRS Form 990.

### **Approval Process**

The Indiana Bar Foundation ("IBF") will make funding determinations on the basis of the pro bono application documents, and may, at their discretion, request supplements to the applications, conduct on-site visits, and/or invite an applicant representative to appear at an IBF meeting.

### **Grant Criteria**

When making grant award decisions, the IBF favors grant applications that:

1. Demonstrate innovation in service.
2. Demonstrate district-wide, regional or statewide collaboration, coordination of services with other providers, and avoidance of duplication of services.
3. Assist in providing meaningful access to justice and high-quality assistance to clients throughout Indiana.
4. Have potential for applicability or replication of the program in other parts of the state.
5. Demonstrate a history of quality service and fiscal responsibility.

### **Timeline**

Grant Application available: April 1

Grant Application due: May 1

Grant decisions communicated: July 1

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