



2009 CHALLENGE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lawyers Foundation is pleased to announce that it will again award Challenge Grants. The challenge grant program will match, dollar for dollar, **up to an amount to be designated at a future date**, funds raised by ***State, local and voluntary bars of Georgia, including bar sections and other law related organizations*** for projects that meet the criteria of the Foundation.

There will **be at least three such grants**, and the recipients will be identified by ***December 1, 2009. One-fourth of the Challenge Grant would be paid out at the time of the award notice.*** The ***balance of the grants*** will be paid out *shortly after* the recipients meet the challenge and raise the required funds. ***25 percent of the challenge must be met by March 1, 2010, and the entire amount of the challenge must be raised within 1 year of receipt of the award notice.***

The challenge funds:

- ▶ Must be derived from sources other than the project grantee
- ▶ Must be raised and dedicated specifically for the project in question
- ▶ Must be applied only to the Foundation grant.

Deadlines

- ◆ **The deadline for submitting the completed grant application is September 30, 2009**

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Guidelines

1. The Foundation shall, in decisions as among otherwise qualifying and meritorious applications for grants or loans, give preferential weight to: matters affecting residents of the State of Georgia and activities which would ameliorate widespread or recurrent serious conditions.
2. In making grants or loans, the Board of Trustees shall consider, *inter alia*, as factors entitled to weight:
 - whether the funds would be used to fulfill the purposes of the Foundation
 - whether the project duplicates other existing programs,
 - whether the project offers a multiplier effect for the Foundation's financial contributions; and
 - whether the proposed activity, if continuing in nature, might subsequently be supported by other funds.
3. The Foundation also considers funding for new and innovative programs which may be of an experimental nature and that need assistance in the form of "seed money."
4. No grant or loan shall be made to any organization of which any member of the Board of Trustees is an employee or contractor; provided, however, that service by a member of the Board of Trustees as a voluntary attorney with an organization shall not be deemed employment by that organization.
5. The Foundation is dedicated to the principles of duty and service to the public, improving the administration of justice and advancing the science of law. The Foundation seeks to enhance the system of justice, to support the lawyers who serve it and assist the community served by it. All grants must further one or more of these principals.
6. The Foundation will provide the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia with an annual report containing a breakdown of each loan or grant made, its purposes, its amount, and the name and address of the recipient organization.
7. This Grants Criteria is valid and applicable for the 2009 Challenge Grants. If any changes are made to the grant making criteria, all applicants will be given an opportunity to amend their application to comply with the changes.

For More Information:

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