



Justice Grants Program

FY 2018 Application and Guidelines

Submission Deadline: By 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018

The New Hampshire Bar Foundation requests proposals for FY 2018 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, 2018 and December 31, 2019. Grant decisions will be announced in March, 2018, 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 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, usually in the range of \$500 to \$5,000, are 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;
 - litigation; or
 - projects that would jeopardize the Bar Foundation's tax exempt status.

Exclusions continued...

2. The NH Bar Foundation will not make grants:
 - to individuals;
 - to endowment campaigns;
 - to capital campaigns; or
 - to pay down a deficit.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Completed Application Cover Sheet

Proposal Narrative should be no more than three (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 list of 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**

Grant applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018. Applicants will be notified of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation's decision in March, 2018.

Please mail applications to:

**2018 Justice Grants Program
New Hampshire Bar Foundation
2 Pillsbury Street, Suite 300
Concord, NH 03301-3502**

Please direct any questions to Program Coordinator, Lisha Brosseau at lbrosseau@nhbarfoundation.org or 603-715-3210.



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FY 2016 JUSTICE GRANT APPLICATION

Grant Period: January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019

Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018

COVER SHEET

Applicant/Organization Name: _____

Tax ID #, if applicable: _____ Website: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

Telephone: _____ Office hours: _____

Executive Director/President: _____

Direct Line: _____ Email: _____

Year Established: _____ Grant Request: \$ _____

Justice Fund(s) most applicable: _____

Current Fiscal Year Organization Budget: Income \$ _____ Expenses \$ _____

If applicable: Project Name: _____ Project Budget: \$ _____

Project Manager: _____

Contact Telephone: _____ Email: _____

STAFF

Organization: # of full-time staff: _____ How many FT staff are attorneys? _____

Organization: # of part-time staff: _____ How many PT staff are attorneys? _____

Please describe the NH population you serve: How many are in the target population? What percent of the total population do you serve? What is the age range and income level of target population? Please include other relevant characteristics:

Briefly state the problem or need being addressed and how grant funds will be used: (1-5 sentences)

What is the geographic area served by this organization or program: (by county, if applicable):

Signature of Executive Director _____ Date _____
(please attach a business card)