

Oregon Law Foundation Grant Rubric

Organization Information

Organization Name:	Funding Category:	Grant Amount Requested:
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Grant Proposal Information

Eligibility

Grants will be considered based on the following criteria:

- Project Fit with OLF Mission and Vision—The goals and activities of the project are aligned with OLF values.
- Populations to be Served in Oregon—The majority of the people served by the project represent marginalized groups. (Ex. People with a physical or mental disability, low socioeconomic status, immigrants, people of color, women, LGBTQ)
- Understands Community Need—The project assesses and understands community need.
- Partnerships, Collaborations & Coordination—The organization is working in coordination and/or collaborating on the project with specific organizations in the same or related fields.
- Outcomes and Evaluation—The organization has a clear definition of success and specific metrics to measure success.
- Organizational Capacity—The funding request clearly shows a need for OLF funding, an ability to use funds requested to support the goals outlined in the proposal, and (where applicable) the existence of or plan for other funding sources.
- Organizational Capacity to Address Disproportionate Impact and DEI Principles—The organization has capacity to assess and respond to disproportionate impact of civil legal needs on racial/ethnic populations.

Our Vision

An Oregon where the legal system is trusted, fair, accessible, and serves the needs of all.

Our Mission

The Oregon Law Foundation builds a more equitable legal system to support and fund justice for all in Oregon by:

- Ensuring access to civil legal help for people with low incomes, or who experience other systemic barriers;
- Promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in the legal community; and
- Educating the public about the law and the legal system.

Project Fit with OLF Values

Do the project's goals and activities align with the OLF Values?

Ratings:

- ☐ 4—Clearly fits with OLF values.
- ☐ 3—Generally fits with OLF values, but not all.
- ☐ 2—Fits with few OLF values.
- ☐ 1—No, or unclear connection with OLF values.

Populations to be Served in Oregon

Do most of the people served by the project come from marginalized backgrounds? (Ex. People with physical or mental disability, low socioeconomic status, immigrants, people of color, women, LGBTQ)

Ratings:

- ☐ 4—The project serves only marginalized people.
- ☐ 3—The project serves a majority of marginalized people.
- ☐ 2—The minority of the participants are marginalized people.
- ☐ 1—The project serves no marginalized people, or it is unclear who the project serves.

Understanding of Community Need

Does the project assess and understand community need?

Ratings:

- ☐ 4—Client need is clearly understood with input from the client community.
- ☐ 3—Client need is understood but not with clear client input.
- ☐ 2—Client need is anecdotally known.
- ☐ 1—The project does not assess community need, or it is unclear how community need is assessed.

Partnerships, Collaborations, and Coordination

How is the Organization working in coordination and/or collaboration with specific organizations in the same or related fields? *(Some projects do not require partnership; take note if this is the case.)*

Ratings:

- ☐ 4—The organization has a partnership or plan for clear, well-described partnerships.
- ☐ 3—The organization has a partnership, but the role is nominal/unclear.
- ☐ 2—The organization has potential for or a plan for partnership, but partnership is not clearly described.
- ☐ 1—No partnership in place/no plans to partner.
- ☐ N/A *(Some projects do not require partnership; take note if this is the case.)*

Outcomes and Evaluation

Does the organization have a clear definition of success and specific metrics to measure success?

Ratings:

- ☐ 4—Project's expected outcomes are clearly stated, and the organization has a plan for measuring success.
- ☐ 3—Project has clear expectations but does not have a plan to measure success.
- ☐ 2—Project does not have clear expectations but makes some outcome measurements.
- ☐ 1—The project's expected outcomes are not clear, and the organization does not have a plan to measure success.

Organizational Capacity

Does the organization demonstrate need for OLF funding, capacity to absorb the amount of funding requested, and where applicable a plan for sustainable funding?

Ratings:

- ☐ 4—Applicant has capacity.
- ☐ 3—Clearly lays out a plan to build capacity.
- ☐ 2—Applicant has a history of providing high-quality, efficient work, but capacity is unclear.
- ☐ 1—Applicant does not currently have capacity or demonstrate capacity.

Organizational EDI Principles

Does the organization ensure that staff/board understands the disproportionate effect of civil legal needs within racial/ethnic communities?

Ratings:

- ☐ 4—Clear means of ensuring staff/board understanding disproportionate impact of civil legal needs on racial/ethnic populations AND a clear plan to address disproportionate impact.
- ☐ 3—Understands, but plan is not clear.
- ☐ 2—Speaks to general DEI principles but does not have capacity building for staff or organizational plan.
- ☐ 1—No mention of disproportional impact.

Funding Recommendation

What questions, comments, or concerns about this proposal would you like to share when you meet with the Grants Committee?

Based on your review of this proposal, would you recommend it for funding?

- ☐ 4—Highly recommend.
- ☐ 3—Recommend.
- ☐ 2—Recommend, but with some reservations.
- ☐ 1—Do not recommend.

Grant Amount Recommendation:

Funding Category Recommendation: