

Washington State Bar Association

Corporate Counsel Section

Grant Program

The Corporate Counsel Section

The Corporate Counsel Section is a voluntary member group of the Washington State Bar Association. Our members include in-house legal counsel, attorneys in private practice who spend a substantial portion of their time working with in-house counsel, and other attorneys who provide legal counsel to businesses or non-profit enterprises. Governed by officers and an executive committee, the Section has over 1,000 members. Members participate in the frequent exchange of ideas through the Section's quarterly dinners and continuing legal education offerings.

Purpose of Grant Program

The Section encourages pro bono activity and promotion of diversity by its members in accordance with WSBA's mission to serve the public and members, ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and champion justice. Section funds may be used to make charitable contributions to charitable organizations that engage in charitable activities in furtherance of WSBA's mission, as set forth in these Procedures.

Eligible Grant Recipients

Any Washington state 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or other non-profit organization operating a program, or which offers services or products, that are consistent with the goals and purposes of WSBA is encouraged to apply. Because we are a WSBA section comprised of legal professionals, applicants must have a tie to the legal community.

Amount and Number of Grant Awards

An award amount may vary from \$2,500 or less, depending on the type of program and number of individuals served. The number of award recipients varies based on the type of programs, number of applicants, and grant budget approved by the Executive Committee. Grant funds must be applied to the program's general operating costs or other programs as otherwise agreed to by the parties. The Executive Committee of the Section retains full discretion in determining the amount of each grant and the total aggregate of all grants.

Disbursement of Grant Awards

The Executive Committee will accept applications July 1 – August 31, and the Section will announce grant awards by September 30. Recipients will be confirmed by vote during the Executive Committee's quarterly meetings or as otherwise permitted by Section bylaws.

To Submit Grant Application

Address completed application to: WSBA Corporate Counsel Section, Grant Program
Chairs: Tina Boyd and Bernel Goldberg

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