

2023 LEGAL ACCELERATOR GRANT APPLICATION For reference purposes only | Please submit your final application here

Step 1 of 4 - Eligibility Criteria

Legal Accelerator Grants are for <u>community-based organizations</u> that serve <u>low-income</u> and/or underserved individuals to:

- Launch or expand <u>direct civil legal service</u> programs
- Provide direct civil legal services in issue areas or for communities where there is a scarcity of legal help
- Provide direct civil legal services in Connecticut, New Jersey or New York State (excluding the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens or Staten Island)

Legal Accelerator Grants are for community-based organizations that:

- Have <u>501(c)(3) charitable status</u> or a <u>fiscal sponsor</u> with 501(c)(3) charitable status
- Are intentional in their approach to holistically centering client needs in the provision of legal services
- Commit to helping clients achieve greater access to justice, power and equity in the legal system

The FurtherJustice Legal Accelerator Grant Program prioritizes organizations that are led by people of color and/or are led by people who are representative of the community or communities that the organization serves.

Step 2 of 4 - Eligibility Questions

Instructions: Please answer the following eligibility questions to determine whether you meet the eligibility criteria for a FurtherJustice Legal Accelerator Grant. If this is a joint application (application being submitted by more than one organization for the purpose of partnering on a proposed civil legal services program), please answer the questions below on behalf of one of the co-applicants. You will have the opportunity to provide more information about co-applicants in later sections of the application assuming you meet the eligibility criteria. Note that every co-applicant must either have 501(c)(3) charitable status or be fiscally sponsored by an organization with 501(c)(3) charitable status.

(1) O O	Does your organization help low-income and/or underserved individuals? (Required) Yes No
(2) O	Will your organization use this grant to provide direct civil (not criminal) legal services? (Required) Yes No
(3) ©	Will the legal services you want to provide help clients in Connecticut, New Jersey or New York State (excluding the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens or Staten Island)? (Required) Yes No
(4) ©	Is your organization a 501(c)(3)? (Required) Yes No
	(4)(a) If not, is the organization fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3)? (Required) Yes No

Step **3** of **4** – Organizational Information

Instructions: Please answer the following questions about your organization. If this is a joint application (application being submitted by more than one organization for the purpose of partnering on a proposed civil legal services program), please answer the following questions on behalf of one of the co-applicants, indicating in Question (7) that this is a joint application. Note that every co-applicant in a joint application must either have 501(c)(3) charitable status or be fiscally sponsored by an organization with 501(c)(3) charitable status.

(1) Full Organization Name: (Required)
(2) Website: (Required)
(3) Your Full Name: (Required)
First
Last
(4) Your Title/Affiliation with the Organization: (Required)
(5) Email Address: (Required)
(6) Phone Number:
 (7) Is this application a joint submission by more than one organization? (Required) Yes No (7)(a) List all organizations joining in this application:

(8)	Please attach your most recent IRS Form 990, if applicable. If this is a joint application, please attach the most recent IRS Form 990s for each co-applicant that has 501(c)(3) charitable status.					
	[Drop files here or SELECT FILES]					
	Accepted file types: pdf, jpg, png, docx, Max. file size: 5 MB, Max. files: 3.					
(9)	If your organization is fiscally sponsored, please provide the name of your sponsor:					
	(9)(a) If your co-applicant(s) is fiscally sponsored, please provide the name of their fiscal sponsor(s).					
(10	0) How did you hear about us?					

Step 4 of 4 – Programmatic Information

Instructions: Please answer the following questions to provide us with more detailed information about your organization and how a civil legal services program at your organization will benefit the community you serve. If your organization is completing this application as the sole applicant, only answer Questions 1 through 4. If this is a joint application (application being submitted by more than one organization for the purpose of partnering on a proposed civil legal services program), please be sure to also answer Question 5. There are no character or word limits for any of the questions below.

(1) How would	d you describe the comr	munity that your or	ganization serves?	(Required)
(2) How does	your organization serve	this community? ((Required)	

(3) Does your organization have a legal services program now? If so, please briefly describe, including the number of lawyers or other legal professionals (i.e., paralegals, legal advocates, DOJ accredited representatives, etc.) and the issues that the program addresses. (Required)
(4) How would having a legal services program or expanding your legal services program help your organization better serve your community? (Required)
(5) If this is a joint application, please tell us about the other organization(s) with which your organization is working or wishes to work. Please provide their mission(s), an overview of how the organization(s) serve their community and how your organizations plan to collaborate in launching or expanding a civil legal services program.