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GUIDE TO PREPARING A SMALL PROJECT APPLICATION

The Small Project Application is to be used for time-limited projects of a smaller scale to a maximum of \$15,000.

Please submit your application by mail, courier, or fax. Please do not e-mail applications.

The Guide to Preparing a Small Project Application is designed to help your organization fill out the Small Project Application Form. You can refer to this guide before answering the questions on the form.

1. Please fill out the attached Application Summary page and have it signed by the Chair or President of your organization. (The applicant should be a non-profit organization.) This will be the first page of your application.
2. Prepare your application to follow the Application Summary page by answering the 16 questions outlined on the Small Project Application Form. Please omit any questions or parts of questions that do not apply.
3. Provide us with the completed **original** application and 1 copy, both on 8½” x 11” paper.
4. Because we will be making additional copies of your application for circulation to Law Foundation Board members and external reviewers, it will assist us if you:
 - a) Type on one side of a page only, and where possible, ensure that any attachments are single-sided.
 - b) Paperclip your application and all attachments. Please do **not** bind, fold, staple, or three-hole punch your application or materials.
 - c) Allow at least a 1” margin on the top, bottom and sides of your application.
5. Completed application forms and accompanying materials **must** reach the Law Foundation no later than the specified submission dates (a copy of all the submission dates can be obtained from the Law Foundation).
6. Please attach a copy of your Constitution and Bylaws.

You should know that if asked, the Law Foundation staff will disclose the name of an organization applying for a grant, the amount requested, and the purpose for which the funds have been requested. In the course of preparing their report on a grant application for Foundation Board members’ review, the Law Foundation staff may circulate the application to external reviewers and discuss the merits of the proposed program or project with individuals in related fields.

Question 1: Purpose/Overview of Applicant

What is the purpose of your organization?

Briefly describe your organization's overall purpose and activities, its members and the community/client group(s) it serves. Please attach a list and brief description of the Directors and indicate how often the Board meets.

Question 2: Project Objectives

Describe your organization's proposed project. What are the overall objectives and specific objectives of the project?

Provide a clear description of what you want to accomplish. Overall objectives are broad general statements of what you are trying to accomplish. Specific objectives are measurable statements of what you want to accomplish by a given point in time. Objectives should be realistic enough to be achieved and clear enough for you to know when you have achieved them.

Here is one example of a project's objectives:

Overall Objective: To make legal information accessible to senior citizens in Terrace in an easily understood manner.

Specific Objectives: By the end of this 8-month project, we will have:

- a) identified the types of legal information that seniors in Terrace say it is most important for them to know about;
- b) developed a senior citizens' advisory committee to help in planning and guiding the project;
- c) organized and held six workshops on the legal topics identified as important by the seniors' committee; and,
- d) evaluated the overall success of each of the workshops.

Question 3: Evaluation

Describe the process(es) you will use to evaluate whether or not you have successfully met the above objectives.

Evaluation tells you how well you are meeting your objectives, and it helps to check on the accuracy of assumptions you make in planning. Evaluation also provides information to help make decisions during the course of the project and gives feedback to staff. There are many ways of evaluating a project: questionnaires, evaluation forms, verbal feedback, etc.

In the previous example, the evaluation of objectives a), b), and c) would probably be self-evident, i.e. were the plans carried through or not. However, objective d) requires the group

to collect some information about whether or not the workshops were successful. This could be done in a number of ways, such as:

- a) distributing a questionnaire to the seniors who attended the workshops, asking them to comment on their usefulness;
- b) asking the workshop leaders for their views on how relevant the workshops appeared to be to those who attended;
- c) recording the number of people attending each of the six workshops; whether or not attendance levels increased or decreased over the course of the workshops might be an indicator of how useful the participants perceived them to be; or,
- d) testing the seniors who attended on some of the information covered during a workshop to see if the information had been absorbed and understood.

If you would like more information about how to evaluate whether or not you have achieved your objectives, please contact Law Foundation program staff.

Question 4: Law Foundation's Mission Statement/Program Objectives

Describe how this project relates to the Law Foundation's mission statement and its program objectives.

The attached page lists the mission statement and program objectives of the Law Foundation in its mandate areas of legal education, legal research, law reform, legal aid and law libraries. Explain how your project relates to one or more of these program objectives.

Explain how your program or project serves the diverse public of BC. The Law Foundation's working definition of diversity is:

Diversity includes age, class, different abilities, education, ethnicity, family, gender, marital/relationship status, race, religion, work experience, geographic size and location, and sexual orientation.

The Foundation has compiled a Diversity Profile of British Columbia. It includes demographic information for British Columbia to show the population diversity within each geographic region. The Diversity Profile provides a clearer idea of how the individual elements of the diversity definition are reflected in the province. The Diversity Profile is available for downloading from the Foundation's website, www.lawfoundationbc.org. If you are unable to access the Diversity Profile from the website, the Foundation will mail a copy to you upon request.

Question 5: Need for the Project

Why do you think this project is needed and who will it serve?

This is an opportunity for you to tell us why you think this work needs to be done.

Your project may serve one or more of the diverse populations or groups in BC. Describe the population your organization currently serves (that is, program participants, service recipients, clients). Include an estimate of the number of individuals served in the group, and the distinguishing characteristics of this population group.

Tell us about the target audience(s) and describe the number and types of persons who you expect to be served by the project. Identify the geographic scope of the project and tell us how prospective clients will be told about the project's services. Describe what steps you will take to ensure that you include all members or groups within the target audience.

Question 6: Work plan

Outline the work plan and schedule of events (if applicable) for the development and implementation of this project.

Please provide us with a work plan which includes the following:

- a) tasks needed for the project and the order in which they should occur;
- b) a time schedule for completing these activities;
- c) an estimate of resources needed for these activities, e.g. skills, people, equipment, facilities, information; and,
- d) an indication of who is to be responsible for each of the various activities and tasks.

Question 7: Distribution of Materials

If applicable, outline your plan to distribute materials produced with the grant and state the costs for promotion and distribution.

If applicable, outline your plan to distribute written or video materials produced with the grant and what costs will be involved in the promotion and distribution. Be sure to include these costs in your project budget.

Question 8: Skills and Qualifications of the Applicant

Describe the skills or qualifications you believe your organization has that will enable you to carry out this project.

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Explain why your organization is the most appropriate group in your community to undertake this project.

Question 9: Project Staff and Project Volunteers

Describe the project staff and project volunteers, and describe their duties.

Describe the number of staff that will carry out this project and their duties for the project.

If volunteers will be used to carry out the project, specify how many and describe your methods to recruit, train and supervise the volunteers.

Question 10: Legal Supervision Plan

Describe the legal supervision arrangements for this project and tell us the name of the lawyer who will provide the supervision.

Describe how the quality of the legal work will be assured. If your project will use non-lawyer staff or volunteers to prepare or deliver legal information and assistance, outline your plan for a lawyer to supervise their work to ensure its legal accuracy. Please contact the Law Foundation staff regarding legal supervision requirements.

Question 11: Community Support

Describe the community support that you have and any additional support you will need to carry out the project.

List the community groups or individuals that support the project and the kind of support they have committed to you.

Question 12: Related Services and/or Resources

Describe what other organizations in your community provide similar services and/or what similar resource materials exist on the same topic.

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- a) what other organizations in your community provide similar services and/or what resource materials exist on the same topic.
- b) how your organization plans to coordinate the delivery of this project with organizations providing similar services (e.g. periodic meetings, referrals).

Question 13: Organization's Budget

State your organization's budget for the last year, the current year, and the upcoming fiscal year. List the main sources of funding for your organization.

State your organization's total budget for last year, the current year and the upcoming fiscal year (which would include the grant requested from the Law Foundation).

e.g. Organization's Budget	2008/2009	\$90,000
	2009/2010	\$93,500
	2010/2011	\$99,850

Outline the main funding sources e.g. bingo/casinos \$27,000; United Way \$32,000, etc.

Attach a copy of the most recent audited statement, signed by 2 Board members, and the current operating budget. If an audited statement is not available, please include the most recent unaudited statement. Applications without these statements will be considered incomplete.

Question 14: Itemized Project Budget

Provide an itemized project budget.

An example of a budget is attached for your reference.

Note:

- a) At the top of the budget, state the time period to which this budget relates.
- b) Itemize all of the project expenses and revenues and round off all line items to the nearest dollar.
- c) Where necessary, provide explanatory notes to support your budget for each of the various expenditures.

Question 15: Future Funding

If you plan to continue this project after the end of the Law Foundation grant, detail your plans for obtaining future funding support.

If you intend to continue this project after the Law Foundation grant, tell us how you will obtain other funding.

Question 16: References

Please provide names and contact information of 5 individuals who are familiar with your organization and its programs and services and/or who can verify the need for your project and its impact on the community and/or target groups. Please ensure that these individuals are aware that they may be contacted by the Law Foundation as references for your project. Please list the name, telephone number, e-mail address and/or fax number, address, and organization (if applicable). Please do not send letters of support.

<p>If you have any questions about the application form, please contact the Law Foundation at (604) 688-2337.</p>
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THE LAW FOUNDATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MISSION STATEMENT

To advance and promote a just society governed by the rule of law, through leadership, innovation and collaboration.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Law Foundation's funds are directed to five mandated areas: legal education, legal research, legal aid, law reform, and law libraries. The Law Foundation seeks to ensure access to justice through its program objectives which are:

1. Legal Education

To promote legal education programs and services in British Columbia to make the law more accessible through:

- a) increasing public awareness of the law and the justice system;
- b) providing education to groups with particular legal needs; and
- c) assisting in the academic and professional development of those providing legal services to ensure those services are of the highest quality.

2. Legal Research

To advance the knowledge of:

- a) law;
- b) social policy; and
- c) the administration of justice

through the identification of areas and issues needing study and analysis and the encouragement and support of projects to address those needs.

3. Legal Aid

- a) To assist in the provision of legal services, including:
 - i. advice and representation of economically disadvantaged persons; and
 - ii. support of community service and non-profit organizations that address issues that benefit groups of disadvantaged persons or the public.
- b) To facilitate access of the public to the justice system.
- c) Legal aid includes the Legal Services Society, community-based advocacy, public interest law, and other legal aid.

4. Law Reform

To encourage and support projects promoting changes to the law and the administration of justice in accord with current knowledge, values and technology.

5. Law Libraries

- a) To assist law libraries and resource centres to keep their materials current.
- b) To encourage and support projects designed to improve the utility and accessibility to both the legal profession and the public of legal and law-related materials.

The MISSION STATEMENT and PROGRAM OBJECTIVES have been adopted by the Board of Governors as policy guidelines. These are the principles upon which funding decisions will be based.

Sample Small Project Budget

(This is an example of a project budget. Your budget will vary depending on the type of project.)

_____ (Date) to _____ (Date)

Expenses:

Salaries of Project Workers	\$
Honoraria (Speakers, Facilitators, etc.)	\$
Legal Supervision	\$
Translators/Signers	\$
Editing/Desktop Publishing/Printing	\$
Facilities	\$
Telephone/Fax/Photocopies	\$
Transportation	\$
Participant Childcare	\$
Postage/Distribution Costs	\$
Administration	\$
Other (Specify)	\$
Total – Expenses	\$

Revenue:

Law Foundation:	\$
Other expected revenue:	\$
In-kind contribution:	\$
Total – Revenue:	\$

❖ **Please provide details about your in-kind contribution and an estimate of volunteer time contributed to this project.**