

# Frequently Asked Questions & Application Guide

## Weaving Justice Grants Call and Community Justice Grants Call

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## GENERAL

### What opportunities are available?

There are two funding opportunities available through the Indigenous Justice Fund at the Law Foundation of BC. The opportunities are the Weaving Justice Grants Call and the Community Justice Grants Call. Both opportunities are available to Indigenous Led applicants or Indigenous Partnerships (defined below).

### What is the Weaving Justice Grants Call?

This Weaving Justice Grants Call is intended to provide financial support for Indigenous communities to use law to restore power to their communities in ways that bring people together. This opportunity is focused on supporting the work to heal Indigenous families and communities through Indigenous legal education, legal research, legal services, and law reform. A total of \$10 million is available through the Weaving Justice Grants Call. There are several grant types available within the Weaving Justice Grants Call, which are described below.

### What is the Community Justice Grants Call?

This fundings is intended to support Indigenous Led organizations, Nations and Indigenous Partnerships to build transformative systems of community justice that are healing based, trauma-informed and culturally grounded. A total of \$5 million is available through the Community Justice Grants Call. Applicants can apply for any amount, up to \$250,000 per year for up to four years (total maximum \$1M per grant).

### How does the Law Foundation of BC define Indigenous Justice?

The Foundation is not offering or abiding by a specific definition of Indigenous Justice in developing these funding opportunities. We invite applicants to reflect on their, and their community's definition of Indigenous Justice in answering the application questions. The Foundation acknowledges that Indigenous Justice will be defined differently by communities or Nations as a result of communities' unique traditions, languages, culture, legal orders and histories. While we have worked closely with our Indigenous Advisory Circle, Indigenous staff, Governors and partners to understand how some Indigenous peoples or communities define Indigenous Justice, we acknowledge that a fulsome definition of Indigenous Justice cannot be sufficiently caught through this opportunity's purpose, eligibility, guiding values and/or priorities.

## Key Dates

December 15th, 2023	Funding Notice Posted
February 8th, 2024	Informational webinar and opportunity to respond to any questions at 12:00pm and 6:00pm
March 8th, 2024	Applications due at 11:59pm
By June 30th, 2024	Willow, Sweetgrass and Gatherings: Application final decisions will be communicated to applicants.
By June 30th, 2024	Cedar Grants and Community Justice Grants: Invitations to proceed with Stage 2 will be communicated to applicants.
July – August, 2024	Cedar Grants and Community Justice Grants: Stage 2 of the application process (please see questions on Application Process below for more information).
By November 30th, 2024	Cedar Grants and Community Justice Grants: Final decisions will be communicated to applicants.

## Can I share this Grants Call with my networks?

Yes! Please share this funding call with your network!

You can share the link to this page: [www.lawfoundationbc.org/IJGC](http://www.lawfoundationbc.org/IJGC) or we also have prepared graphics for various social media platforms available for download [HERE](#).

## MANDATE AREAS

### What are the Law Foundation's mandated funding areas?

The Law Foundations has five mandate funding areas:

- Legal education;
- Legal research;
- Legal aid;
- Law reform; and
- Law libraries.

For more information on the Law Foundation's mandated funding areas, please click [HERE](#).

### What are some examples of previous funded projects or programs that fall within the Law Foundation's mandate areas?

Applicants seeking further information about previously funded projects and programs may refer to the Foundation's [2022 Annual Report](#).

Your project may not fit neatly under any single mandate area, and that is okay! Some examples of projects previously funded through the Indigenous Justice Fund include:

- Legal Education:
  - Land-based shared learning on Indigenous laws for youth involved in the criminal and child apprehension systems in the Upper St'at'imc communities.
- Legal Research:
  - A multi-year program involving extensive community engagement to develop a Haida legal model that articulates Haida laws as they are expressed in traditional Haida cultural practices.
- Legal Aid:
  - Indigenous Led program supports for families moving through Aboriginal Family Healing Court process, connecting families with Elders and supports with the goal of family reunification.
- Law Reform:
  - Re-establishment of a council of women of high standing, to advance traditional administration of justice in the community.

- Systemic advocacy focused on police accountability through convening families and survivors and sharing legal information through gatherings and campaigns.

## ELIGIBILITY AND IDENTITY

### Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants for both the Weaving Justice Grants Call and the Community Justice Grants Call must be any of:

- Indigenous communities, Nations, tribal councils, treaty organizations, Indigenous leadership organizations;
- Existing nonprofit organizations;
- Collaborative entities or groups; and/or
- People who are seeking to establish new organizations, collaboratives or groups.

Applicants are only eligible if they operate (or intend to operate) in BC and/or for the benefit of people living in BC.

Grantseekers do not need to be registered charities or nonprofit societies. Grantseekers do not need to identify as specifically law-focused groups or organizations as long as the proposed work relates to Canadian law or Indigenous law, or the impact of laws and policies on the lived experiences of Indigenous Peoples.

In order to receive funding, all applicants must also be able to accept and administer grant funds. If not, you may also consider partnering with a collaborator organization that can receive and manage the funds on behalf of your organization or group.

Only Indigenous Led organizations and Indigenous Partnerships are eligible to apply.

### How does the Foundation define “Indigenous Led”?

The Foundation is informed by several sources on its operating definition of Indigenous Led programming. In working with our Indigenous Advisory Circle, the Foundation uses a definition that examines multiple factors that also draws on wisdom on this subject shared by the Circle on Philanthropy.

The Foundation defines Indigenous Led programming as those where positions of leadership are held by Indigenous people, and where more than half of those in Board and/or Executive positions identify as Indigenous. The Foundation takes a flexible approach to this definition and also considers which values and protocol guide the work, which relationships and accountability mechanisms are in place, and who delivers or will deliver the specific programming.

Application forms require applicants to describe how they are Indigenous Led. Applicants may find the following resource useful in describing how they are Indigenous Led, which is authored by the Circle on Philanthropy: [link](#).

### How does the Foundation define “Indigenous Partnerships”?

The Foundation is informed by several sources on its operating definition of Indigenous Partnerships. The Foundation acknowledges that partnerships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people are important contributors to change, particularly where programming bridges gaps between the Canadian legal system and Indigenous systems of justice. In working with our Indigenous Advisory Circle, the Foundation uses a definition that examines multiple factors that also draws on wisdom on this subject shared by the Circle on Philanthropy.

The Foundation defines Indigenous Partnerships as those where Indigenous and non-Indigenous people work alongside each other, where Indigenous decision makers sit equal and share leadership with non-Indigenous partners. The Foundation sees Indigenous Partnerships as those where Indigenous peoples’ worldviews, and wisdom are prioritized in their work with non-Indigenous partners at all points of the program or service-delivery model in ways that promote respect and reciprocity.

Application forms require applicants to describe their Indigenous Partnership. Applicants may find the following resource useful in writing this description, which is authored by the Circle on Philanthropy: [LINK](#).

### For the purposes of these grants, how does the Law Foundation view or understand grant-seekers' Indigenous identities?

As a settler organization working within a colonial system, we recognize the burden of proof on Indigenous individuals, as a result of historical and present-day racist policies and laws. We do not want to further perpetuate those harms. We are working from a trust-based approach, and one that respects Nations’ rights to define who is a citizen and member of their Nation. We also recognize being a citizen and member in one’s Nation or community is only one of a number of ways to understand Indigeneity, and access and connection to culture, tradition and being in relationship with one’s community is equally important, while acknowledging that connection to family, community, Nations and culture for many Indigenous peoples have been fractured by harmful colonial systems and policies both past and present, including the Indian Residential School and the Sixties Scoop, to name a few, that have impacted identity and/or ability to connect and re-connect.

The Law Foundation recognizes the complexity and intersectional nature of identities, particularly Indigenous identities. The Foundation also recognizes that Indigenous identity fraud is a prevalent issue that causes harm both individually and systemically, and is a result of ongoing settler colonialism. While the Foundation does not require

applicant organizations to describe systems they have in place to prove Indigenous ancestry, how an organization verifies identity may be part of how applicants communicate a commitment to Community Accountability, which is a guiding value of both funding opportunities.

### Is a group not organized as a non-profit society or charity eligible to apply?

This call supports capacity-building activities and may fund people who are seeking to establish new organizations, collaboratives, or groups. As such, grant-seekers do not need to be a registered charity or other qualified donee.

Grant-seekers also do not necessarily need to be registered non-profit societies. Grant-seekers can, however, choose to submit a joint proposal with an organization that is a non-profit.

Grant-seekers who are not registered or incorporated, including those seeking to establish new organizations, collaboratives, or groups, are eligible to apply for funding. In these cases, if your application is selected to move forward, expect additional discussion with the Law Foundation, so together we can work with you to address any support needs around administering the grant.

Grant-seekers who plan for another organization to receive and administer funds on their behalf if funded are also asked to identify this in their application.

### Our organization is national/regional, but we do some work in BC. Are we eligible?

Yes, depending on the nature and scope of the work being proposed. Please note that eligible grant-seekers must operate or intend to operate in BC and/or propose work that will significantly benefit people living in BC.

### We received funding from the Law Foundation of BC recently. Can we apply for a second grant?

Yes, applicants who are already recipients of Foundation grants are still eligible to apply for funding through the Weaving Justice Grants Call and/or the Community Justice Grants Call.

### We have an ongoing grant from the Law Foundation of BC. Can we apply?

Yes, applicants who are already recipients of Foundation grants, including ongoing funding, are still eligible to apply for funding through the Weaving Justice Grants Call and/or the Community Justice Grants Call.



## Are there other funding opportunities for proposals that are not Indigenous Led or are not from Indigenous Partnerships?

The Weaving Justice Grants Call and Community Justice Grants Call are open to only Indigenous Led organizations or entities, or Indigenous Partnerships. Particularly innovative proposals that do not meet this eligibility criteria may be referred by staff to other streams of funding at the Foundation, should there be alignment to the guidelines and priorities of other funding calls.

## AVAILABLE GRANTS

### What are the Grant Types within the Weaving Justice Grants Call?

There are several grant types within the Weaving Justice Grants Call:

*Cedar, Willow, Sweetgrass and Gatherings*. The grant types all have the same purpose, priorities and guiding values, which are described in the Weaving Justice Grants Call funding notice.

Each grant type within the Weaving Justice Grants Call is focused on supporting work of various sizes and scopes. This was done to acknowledge the range of potential programs that could go to advance the purpose of this funding opportunity, while ensuring some funds are available to support particular types of projects (for example, gatherings and land-based work).

When applying under the Weaving Justice Grants Call, applicants will apply to any of *Cedar, Willow, Sweetgrass and Gatherings Grants*, explained in detail below.

### Cedar Grant (4-Year Grant, \$250,000 per year, total \$1,000,000)

The largest grant type with funding available to support work aligning with the purpose of this Grants Call, its priorities and values. Grant funding is available over a period of four years.

Examples of Cedar or Willow Grants could be something like:

- To use Indigenous laws to create a conflict resolution circle in Community X to resolve civil and family disputes with guidance of traditional community leadership.
- To create a program connecting Elders with youth to learn the community's Indigenous laws and language on the land through harvesting and processing.

## Willow Grant (2-Year Grant, \$125,000 per year, total \$250,000)

This grant funding is available to support work aligning with the purpose of this Grants Call, its priorities and values, and funding is available over a period of two years.

Examples of Cedar or Willow Grants could be something like:

- To use Indigenous laws to create a conflict resolution circle in Community X to resolve civil and family disputes with guidance of traditional community leadership.
- To use Indigenous laws to create a conflict resolution circle in Community X to resolve civil and family disputes with guidance of traditional community leadership.
- To create a program connecting Elders with youth to learn the community's Indigenous laws and language on the land through harvesting and processing.

## Sweetgrass Grant (One-year Grant, \$100,000 for the year)

There are two types of Sweetgrass Grants. They are Development Grants and Law & Land Grants.

### **Type A – Development Grants:**

Funding to support the development of capacity, ideas and infrastructure to advance future intended initiatives or programs. The funding can be used to bring people together to make a plan for creating some future impact in the community.

Examples of the Development Grants could be:

- To develop community engagement sessions that will lead to development of a conflict-resolution model informed by the community's Indigenous laws and traditions.
- To build a steering committee with legal experts and Elders to inform a water protection initiative for a particular Nation.

### **Type B – Land & Law Grants:**

Funding for discrete opportunities that advance Indigenous legal education, legal research and law reform on the land, where communities study and share their Indigenous laws and practices in ways that advance the priorities of this Grants Call. Applicants must communicate how the initiative connects with Indigenous laws and legal orders, and/or with the Canadian justice system. Funding is meant to support legal education, legal research and law reform on the land where communities define their use of their own Indigenous laws and legal orders in their own way.

Examples of **activities** this grant is meant to support might include:

- Land-based learning around traditional ceremonies, governance practices, harvesting, food security and sovereignty;
- Land-based language revitalization opportunities; and
- Land-based work focused on developing kinship between those in leadership roles including elected and/or hereditary leadership, Elders, knowledge-keepers, women, and youth.

Examples of **Land & Law Grants** could be:

- To support a one-week camp for youth in care to learn the community's laws and language, and heal on the land with Elders and knowledge keepers.
- A salmon fishing trip for women in our community led by knowledge keepers to learn the community's laws, stories and traditions in ways that heal.

### Gatherings (One-time, \$250,000)

Funding is available to support gatherings that align with the purpose of this Grants Call and the priorities and values contained in it.

Through this Grants Call, the Foundation aims to support projects, including gatherings, that aim to impact communities in a transformative way.

Gatherings that occur as part of a community's routine protocol, such as marriages, funerals or family reunions are not the intended priority for this Grants Call.

Examples of gatherings that would be eligible for funding under this opportunity include:

- A gathering of legal professionals to collaborate on the advancement of Indigenous law and legal orders in Rights and Title cases;
- A gathering of women of high standing and knowledge keepers in a particular community to author an action plan for reviving traditional laws around family disputes and dispute resolution.

### What Grant Types are available under the Community Justice Grants Call?

There are not multiple grant types available under the Community Justice Grants Call. Applicants can apply for any amount of funding up to \$250,000 per year for up to four years. Eligible programs can range in size and impact from earlier stage development-sized grants, to full service delivery programs.

## Community Justice Grant (4-Year Grant, \$250,000 per year, total \$1,000,000)

The funding is available to Indigenous Led (or Indigenous Partnerships) organizations for all types of Community Justice programs.

These programs should be part of a community's strategy to transform systems of law and justice in ways that are informed by Indigenous protocols, practices, values and ceremonies.

Funding is also available to support programs focused on benefitting Indigenous communities that support traditional ways of dealing with systemic criminal injustice and child apprehension issues.

While advocacy and direct service delivery will likely be a part of any proposed work, proposals that advance a holistic approach considering upstream or preventative supports are eligible for support.

Some examples of potential programs could be:

- The development of a community plan to support reintegration of community members after release from prison using traditional laws and protocol, and includes training initiatives on the impacts of stigma and lateral violence in community.
- A diversion program that supports community members in conflict with the criminal justice system through providing culturally-informed supports to stop violence in their lives and relationships, that focuses on healing and the impacts of inter-generational trauma.

These are meant only as examples and are not meant to restrict the types of programs your organization might propose. If you have any questions about whether you think your proposed program is eligible, please contact us at [indigenousjustice@lawfoundationbc.org](mailto:indigenousjustice@lawfoundationbc.org).

## GRANTS INFO

### What kind of proposals are eligible?

The basic requirement is that all applications must be related to Canadian law or Indigenous laws, or the impact of laws and policies on the lived experiences of Indigenous Peoples. Proposals that do not make clear connections to law will be ineligible. Successful proposals must also meet the applicant eligibility criteria as described above.

### How will the Law Foundation decide what to fund?

The Foundation will assess each application to determine alignment with the purpose, priorities, and guiding values outlined in each Grants Call to determine which proposals

will be recommended for funding. Successful proposals must follow the eligibility criteria and must be in alignment with one or more of the Foundation's mandate areas, described further above.

Please ensure that you are writing your proposal while considering the Priorities and Guiding Values of the correct grant opportunity. The Community Justice Grants Call has separate priorities and guiding values to the Weaving Justice Grants Call.

Funding recommendations and process will be guided by advice of the Foundation's Indigenous Advisory Circle.

### What can the funds be used for?

Funding under both grant calls can be used for a wide range of activities and core operating costs tied to advancing the goals of your proposed project, though there are some limitations. If you have questions about what can and cannot be supported through this opportunity, please contact the Foundation using the information provided below.

Here are some examples of how funds can be used:

- Salaries and wages specific to carrying out the project (project coordinator/manager, assistants, facilitators, contractors/consultants etc.)
- Administration and overhead costs;
- Rentals (including meeting space and equipment rentals);
- Community engagement;
- Program costs across a wide range of activities, including policy development, capacity building, governance, etc.
- Honoraria for Elders, Knowledge Keepers;
- Food and hospitality;
- Travel and accommodations, reasonable and necessary costs of the proposed work;
- Accessibility costs to enable and support inclusive participation;
- Training, including cultural mentorship and intergenerational learning opportunities;
- Technology needs;
- Healing and wellness supports; and
- Medicines, ceremonial items and gifts as needed to support the goals of the proposed work.

## What kind of projects/activities will not be funded?

The following costs will not be funded. Please note, this list is not exhaustive, please contact the Indigenous Justice Team should you need further clarification.

- Living expenses;
- Debt retirement;
- Monetary reserves;
- For-profit business development costs;
- Retroactive costs; and
- Projects and proposals that do not align with one or more of the Law Foundation's mandate areas

## Are the Grants renewable?

Any grant issued through the Weaving Justice Grants Call or the Community Justice Grants Call is assumed to be a one-time grant. It is likely that there will be future opportunities to re-apply and potentially an opportunity to extend the grant cycle in exceptional circumstances, though neither are guaranteed and will depend on several factors including the Foundation's financial picture at that time.

## Will this funding only be offered this one time?

This is the inaugural funding round for both the Weaving Justice Grants Call and the Community Justice Grants Call. While there will likely be further funding opportunities focused on advancing priorities of Indigenous justice, it is unlikely that open opportunities will take place every year.

## When is the earliest start date for successful proposals?

For **Willow, Sweetgrass, and Gathering Grants** under the Weaving Justice Grants Call, the earliest start date for work will be August 1, 2024. This is because the applications will be adjudicated by the Foundation's Board of Governors in June of 2024.

For **Cedar Grants** under the Weaving Justice Grants Call, and **Community Justice Grants**, the earliest start date for work will be January 1, 2025. This is because applications will be adjudicated by the Foundation's Board of Governors in late 2024.

## What is the maximum/minimum amount we can request?

### Weaving Justice Grant Call:

Under this opportunity, there are set grant sizes for each grant type. Each grant type has a specific grant amount tied to it, and no more or less can be applied for under each opportunity.

If your application is approved, staff will discuss with you an appropriate payment scheme, and if less funding is ultimately required to meet the project goals, that conversation can take place at that time.

The grant types are:

- Cedar Grant (4-Year Grant, \$250,000 per year, total \$1,000,000)
- Willow Grant (2-Year Grant, \$125,000 per year, total \$250,000)
- Sweetgrass Grant (One-time Grant, \$100,000)
- Gathering (One-time, \$250,000)

### Community Justice Grants Call:

Under this opportunity, applicants are invited to describe how much funding they need to support their project goals up to the following maximum: \$250,000 per year for each of up to four years (total maximum \$1M per grant).

## How is the grant for Gatherings different from a sponsorship?

Sponsorships tend to consist of partnerships that require exposure or promotional benefits in exchange for sponsorship funds. Sponsorship support is not available through either funding opportunity and all potential funding will be in the form of grants. This is different from a sponsorship in that successful applicants will enter into a granting relationship with the Foundation.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### What is the application process?

All applicants are required to complete Stage 1 of the application process.

If approved, Grants-seekers applying for the **Cedar Grants** under the Weaving Justice Grants Call and **Community Justice Grants Call**, will be invited to continue to Stage 2.

They will be invited to choose between Oral Conversation or a Written Supplement.

Details about each stage and option are provided in detail below.

## What does Stage 1 of the application process entail?

Grant-seekers will complete an application using the Law Foundation's SmartSimple online grant submission and management system. The online application form can be accessed [HERE](#).

Groups and organizations new to the Law Foundation's SmartSimple system will need to register an account for their group or organization in order to apply.

The application form and questions are available for review in advance. Please review this PDF copy of the Grant Applications [HERE](#).

## What does Stage 2 - Oral Conversation entail?

Stage 2 only applies to Cedar Grants and Community Justice Grants.

Grant-seekers will be invited to speak with Foundation staff via Zoom. There will be two Foundation Staff in attendance and one to three representatives of the applicants' organization or group.

Grant-seekers will be provided with the same questionnaire designed to guide the conversation one week before the meeting.

The Foundation invites Grant-seekers to make space in the conversation to communicate the proposed path and/or impact of their work in any way that is meaningful to them, which could be in the form of cultural expressions, song, story, testimony, or others. This will be the first opportunity to get to know one another and determine potential alignment and to seek clarity where needed for everyone involved.

Both Oral Conversation and Written Supplement Applicants may be asked to submit a full budget.

All applicants will be informed of any outstanding requirements with at least three weeks' notice.

Decisions for Cedar Grants Call and Community Justice Grants Call will be communicated in December 2024.

## What does Stage 2 - Written Supplement entail?

Stage 2 only applies to Cedar Grants and Community Justice Grants.

Grant-seekers will be invited to complete a questionnaire within a set deadline no sooner than three weeks after the questionnaire was provided.

This will be the Grant-seekers' opportunity to communicate the proposed path and/or impact of their work to the Foundation in any way that is meaningful to them, which could include artwork, video or other visual media in addition to their written answers.



Applicants who choose to submit a Written Supplement will also have opportunities to speak to Foundation staff to seek clarity where needed.

Both Oral Conversation and Written Supplement Applicants may be asked to submit a full budget.

All applicants will be informed of any outstanding requirements with at least three weeks' notice.

Decisions for Cedar Grants Call and Community Justice Grants Call will be communicated in December 2024.

### When will results from each Stage be communicated?

Decisions for Willow, Sweetgrass, and Gathering Grants under the Weaving Justice Grants Call will be communicated by the end of June, 2024.

Invitations to Stage 2 for Cedar Grants Call and Community Justice Grants Call will be extended by the end of June, 2024. Decisions will be communicated in December 2024.

### What do we need to provide as part of the online application?

Applicants will need to fill out the online application for consideration for the Weaving Justice Grants Call and the Community Justice Grants Call.

The application form is the same for all opportunities, and it can be accessed [HERE](#).

Please note that groups and organizations who would like to apply for multiple grants, need to submit an application form for each one.

Groups and organizations new to the Law Foundation's SmartSimple system will need to first register an account for their group or organization. Should you wish to view the application form and questions in advance of creating an online profile in order to determine if you wish to proceed, a PDF copy of the grant application is available [HERE](#).

Applicants who have accessibility needs around use of the online application are invited to contact the Foundation for assistance, and it is possible that a paper copy of the application could be submitted with prior arrangement with Foundation staff.

### Can applicants apply for more than one grant?

Yes. If you plan to apply for more than one grant, you will need to complete a separate application for each.

### May I use the same answers in multiple applications where applicable?

Yes, applicants may use the same answers between separate applications as needed.

## Do applicants need to submit a budget?

All applicants are asked to submit a draft budget as part of the application, and this question is incorporated directly into the form. We ask that applicants describe key budget items anticipated to most impact the proposed project, and the budget need not be detailed or exhaustive.

Applicants are asked to describe 4-5 key budget lines at the initial application stage.

Some examples of budget lines you may include at the application stage are:

- Salaries and wages specific to carrying out the project (project coordinator/manager, assistants, facilitators, contractors/consultants etc.)
- Administration and overhead costs;
- Rentals (including rental space);
- Honoraria for Elders, Knowledge Keepers;
- Food and hospitality;
- Travel and accommodations, reasonable and necessary costs part of the proposed work;
- Training, including cultural mentorship and intergenerational learning opportunities;
- Healing and wellness supports; and/or
- Medicines, ceremonial items and gifts as needed to support the goals of the proposed work.

For Cedar Grants under the Weaving Justice Grants Call and Community Justice Grants, a more fulsome budget may be requested if the application proceeds to Stage 2 of the process.

All applicants will be informed of any outstanding requirements with at least three weeks' notice.

## Is there a word limit for answering the application questions?

Applicants are welcome to keep their answers concise and aim to write 350 words per narrative question. The word limit recommendation is in an effort to respect grant-seekers' time and reduce the pressure to figure out every aspect of the project at this point. That said, please feel good to use the space and length you need to communicate your project ideas. Foundation staff will also reach out during review of applications, if any additional information or clarity is needed.

## How do applicants register a SmartSimple account?

The Law Foundation uses the SmartSimple online grant management system. You can find the Smart Simple Portal [here](#).

Groups and organizations new to the Law Foundation's SmartSimple system will need to first register an account for their group or organization. After clicking on the Register button, please select Organization as your registration type. Please then select Yes to the question "Are you applying for funding from the Law Foundation of BC?".

From there, you can enter your organization and key contact information. If you do not have an organizational address, simply enter "N/A" for all address fields during account set-up (we ask that you please avoid providing any personal/home addresses).

## What kind of reporting requirements do these grants have?

Grant-seekers will be asked to provide one report for the grant, consisting of both financial reporting (in writing) and narrative activity reporting (either in writing or provided orally) at the end of each year of the grant cycle. The Foundation may also convene interested grantees for shared learning opportunities and celebrations, and attendance at these gatherings may stand in for narrative activity reporting.

The Foundation is in the process of building out reporting mechanisms that are reciprocal and jointly beneficial. We hope that these new ways will benefit our broader communities through understanding gaps, needs and trends, which we hope to share with grantees to make a positive contribution.

## Do I need to use the funds within a certain time frame?

Not necessarily. In the application, applicants will confirm how much funding is being requested per year, and the Foundation expects that work on the project will commence within one year of the grant start date.

We will take a flexible approach and expect that for some proposals, changes to the expected timeframe may emerge over the course of the grant cycle. We will be responsive to that and can discuss adjustments to grant cycle lengths and payment and reporting schemes as needed.

# SUPPORT

## What support is there for organizations that do not have capacity to fill out an online application?

If your organization or entity is volunteer-run, or if you do not have the staff capacity to complete an online application for either of the Weaving Justice Grants Call or the Community Justice Grants Call, please reach out to us. The Foundation may extend honoraria to applicants to compensate for time spent writing applications where needed.

## We have a question about the Grants Call that is not answered here. Who do we connect with?

There are three ways to get in touch with us to discuss any questions you may have that are not answered here.

1. Info Sessions: We will host two informational sessions on February 8th, 2024 be held at 12pm (PST) and 6pm (PST). Applicants will need to register ahead of time using the following links:
  - Webinar #1 – February 8th at 12:00pm PST: [SIGN UP HERE](#)
  - Webinar #2 – February 8th at 6:00pm PST: [SIGN UP HERE](#)
2. Book a Virtual Meeting: We have made some time available on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week between January 10th and March 8th, 2024. So that we can prepare with info needed to help you, we ask that you submit your question(s) ahead of time when you book your call. Please use this [LINK](#) to book a call with us.
3. Email Us: We are happy to answer your questions through email as well. Please contact our staff at [indigenousjustice@lawfoundationbc.org](mailto:indigenousjustice@lawfoundationbc.org).

Please be advised it may take up to five business days for our team to respond.

## We have some technical questions about the application process. How can we get help?

Technical questions or access needs can also be shared with Law Foundation staff at [indigenousjustice@lawfoundationbc.org](mailto:indigenousjustice@lawfoundationbc.org).

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