



THE LAW FOUNDATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Indigenous Justice Funding Opportunities – Printable Copy of Application

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Weaving Justice Grants Call and Community Justice Grants Call

General Info

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 by visiting our funding notice page at lawfoundationbc.org/IJGC.

Groups and organizations new to the Law Foundation’s SmartSimple system will need to first register an account for their group or organization. The questions contained in the application form are available here to assist you in determining if you wish to proceed and to plan your answers to the questions.

Applications must be submitting using our online SmartSimple system. 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).

The following is how the application is set up:

- 1) ELIGIBILITY
- 2) BASIC REQUEST INFO
- 3) OVERVIEW INFO
- 4) PROGRAM QUESTIONS
- 5) BUDGET (contained within each questionnaire set)

Part 1: Eligibility

Are you eligible to apply? Organizations must be either Indigenous-Led or partnered with an Indigenous-Led organization in order to apply for funding through this opportunity.

You will be provided further opportunity to describe how your organization, partnership or collaborative fits this criteria at a later point in this application.

Please describe your organization (check-off):

- Indigenous Led
 - (Hover-over info: Your organization has Indigenous leadership at all levels of decision making within your organization, and Indigenous individuals make up more than 50% of Board and/or executive level leadership. For more information, please refer to our FAQ.)
 - Indigenous Partnership
 - (Hover-over info: Your organization is not Indigenous Led, but is partnering with an Indigenous Led organization to take on the proposed project. Through this partnership, Indigenous decision-makers sit equal and share leadership with non-Indigenous partners. For more information, please refer to our FAQ.)
 - The organization is not Indigenous Led and is not partnering with an Indigenous Led group to take on the proposed project.
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[If answer to 1 = Indigenous Led, then proceed.]

[If answer to 1 = Indigenous Partnership, then proceed, as below]

[If answer to 1 = no (the third option, then message “You are not eligible to apply for this grants opportunity. If you have questions about your eligibility, please contact indigenousjustice@lawfoundationbc.org and monitor this website to see when future funding opportunities are available.”]

[If Indigenous Led, then]

In a few sentences, please describe how your organization is Indigenous Led:

*Please refer to the FAQ to learn how the Foundation describes “Indigenous Led”.

[TEXT BOX LARGE]

Please name your organization’s leadership and those leading this application. We ask that you identify whether the individual is Indigenous, and if so, which community they are connected to:

Name	Role	Indigenous Connection	Community
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[If Indigenous Partnership, then]

In a few sentences, please describe your Indigenous Partnership. Who will you be partnered with and how are they Indigenous Led?

[Text Box]

How do you embody Indigenous leadership, values/protocol, and accountability to community through this partnership?

- If the Foundation has further questions or concerns about the proposed partnership, these will be forwarded to you and a support letter may be required.

[Text Box]

Part 2: Basic Request Info

Please indicate which grant you are applying for. If you wish to be considered for multiple opportunities, you will need to submit separate applications. If you intend to apply for multiple opportunities, you may wish to save your answers in an external document to copy relevant answers between applications.

- 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, \$100,000)
- Gathering (One-time, \$250,000)
- Community Justice Program Grants (up-to \$250,000 per year for up to 4 years)

You will be asked to confirm which grant you are applying for.

For Community Justice Grants, you will be asked how much you will request per year for up to 4 years.

Part 3: Overview Info

You will be asked to provide the following information:

- A title for your proposed program;
- A brief description (150 characters) for your proposed program;
- The total funding request for the entirety of the grant period; and
- The start and end date for your proposed program.

Part 4: Program Questions

Questionnaire for **Cedar Grants** under the Weaving Justice Grants Call

Please confirm that you are applying for the following grant:

Year 1	\$250,000
Year 2	\$250,000
Year 3	\$250,000
Year 4	\$250,000

Yes If no, please refer to the Grants Call to confirm the available opportunities.

If your application is approved, grant payment schedules can be discussed and adjusted in accordance with Foundation policies in conversation with your Foundation contact.

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.

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2. Please identify which Law Foundation mandate area(s) your project falls within. For more information, please read more about our mandate areas [online](#) or our FAQ.
 - Legal Aid
 - Law Reform
 - Legal Education
 - Legal Research
 - Law Libraries

Please provide any additional context around connections to your selected mandate area(s). You may define this based on connections to the Canadian legal system and/or connections to practice of your community's own Indigenous laws and legal orders.

3. Please describe your organization, its purpose and values. Please describe any alignment between your values and the Guiding Values of this Grants Call.
4. Please describe the community you serve. How are you accountable to the people you serve?
5. Please use this space to provide information on key activities, project timelines or any other information you would like to share.

Please submit a draft budget below and describe key budget items anticipated to most impact the proposed project. The budget need not be highly detailed or exhaustive and should include 4-5 of the highest priority budget items for your proposal.

The budget should reflect expected spending for a **single year** of your proposed program.

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Questionnaire for **Willow Grants** under the Weaving Justice Grants Call

Please confirm that you are applying for the following grant:

Year 1	\$125,000
Year 2	\$125,000

Yes

If no, please refer to the Grants Call to confirm the available opportunities.

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Questionnaire for **Sweetgrass Grants** under the Weaving Justice Grants Call

Sweetgrass Grants are available to organizations for the following purposes:

- 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.

- B. Land and Law Grants: Funding support to support discrete opportunities for communities to exercise Indigenous laws and practices on the land. Applicants must communicate how the initiative connects with Indigenous laws and legal orders, or with the Canadian justice system(s).

Which type of Sweetgrass Grant will you apply for?

Development or Law and Land

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Questionnaire for **Sweetgrass Grants** (Development) under the Weaving Justice Grants Call

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6. Please describe your organization, its purpose and values. Please describe any alignment between your values and the Guiding Values of this Grants Call.
7. Please describe the community you serve. How are you accountable to the people you serve?
8. As this is a development grant, please briefly describe your vision for where you hope this work will lead.
9. Please use this space to provide information on key activities, project timelines or any other information you would like to share.

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Questionnaire for **Sweetgrass Grants (Law & Land)** under the Weaving Justice Grants Call

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2. Please identify which Law Foundation mandate area(s) your project falls within. For more information, please read more about our mandate areas [online](#) or on our FAQ. Please reach out if you are seeking support on describing connections between land-based work and these mandate areas. Practice of Indigenous laws on the land can take many forms and are community-defined.
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Questionnaire for **Gathering Grants** under the Weaving Justice Grants Call

Please confirm that you are applying for a one-time \$250,000 grant.

Yes

If no, please refer to the Grants Call to confirm the available opportunities.

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Questionnaire for **Community Justice Grants Call**

The Community Justice Grants Opportunity is a separate and distinct opportunity from the Weaving Justice Grants Call. The focus of this opportunity is on supporting Indigenous community justice programs, from diversion to reintegration programs, or programs focused on benefitting Indigenous communities that support traditional ways of dealing with systemic criminal justice and child apprehension issues.

Please refer to the Community Justice Grants Call **funding notice** for funding priorities and guiding values.

Applicants can apply for up to \$250,000 per year for 1-4 years.

How much funding will you request: [TOTAL]

Over how many years? [YEARS]

Please fill out the following table to describe how much funding per year you are requesting:

Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	

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*Please be advised that the Community Justice Grants Call is a separate opportunity from the Weaving Justice Grants Call. To understand more about the priorities, guiding values, and funding available for the Community Justice Grants Call, please refer to the Community Justice Grants Call funding notice.

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