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THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

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The New York Bar Foundation grant program assists organizations with law-related projects that: (1) facilitate the delivery of legal services to those in need; (2) improve the justice system and the law; (3) enhance professional competence and ethics; and (4) increase public understanding of the law.

While maintaining flexibility in considering needs of grant applicants, given the many applications for the limited funding available, the Board of Directors sets forth the following guidelines to aid in considering the proposals. These factors are intended only to be advisory.

1. Project impact – (a) A sufficient number of people in the service area should be impacted/served by the grant project; (b) the project should be designed for cost effectiveness.
2. Service need – There should be a demonstrated need for the proposed service, avoiding duplication where other entities are already providing this or similar services in the project area. If there is a need for additional services of this nature, the applicant should demonstrate that they have developed means of coordinating with the existing programs or supplementing them.
3. Organization development – The organization seeking the grant should have been in existence for at least two years.
4. Other sources of funding – The applicant should have identified other potential sources of funding or have secured such sources to make the project viable in the year of the project under consideration and, if the project is ongoing, in future years.
5. Length of TNYBF funding – Foundation funding for meritorious programs could be awarded for as long as three years, with opportunity to extend funding beyond that point in special circumstances. The three-year limitation will not necessarily apply to New York State Bar Association projects and programs.¹

¹ As amended November 4, 2006

6. Geographic distribution – The Foundation should strive for geographic diversity in awarding grants.
7. Law school programs – Grants should not be provided for law school instructional or clinical programs.
8. Limitation – An organization will be limited to submitting only one grant proposal per twelve (12) month period, except under extraordinary circumstances. The limitation does not apply to New York State Bar Association projects and programs.²

² As amended June 29, 2007