



IBF's 50th Anniversary Impact Fund Grant Application Criteria and Process

CRITERIA

In honor of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation's 50th Anniversary, the IBF will award a \$50,000 Impact Fund grant in 2018. The IBF looks forward to receiving proposals for projects that will reflect IBF's goals in recognition of this milestone.

The project to be funded must meet the IBF's mission to advance the administration of justice and an understanding of the law through philanthropy, education and service. Through its grant award, the IBF wishes to support a project presented by an organization or collaborating organizations that seek to affect a substantial positive impact in central Indiana. Organizations may partner to propose funding for a collaborative project.

The following criteria apply to each proposal:

1. Project funding from IBF may be awarded only to non-profit organizations or government entities.
2. Project supports the IBF's purpose by: (1) providing public education and understanding of the law; (2) providing direct delivery of legal services; or (3) handling the administration of justice.
3. Project presents opportunities for members of the central Indiana legal community to participate on a pro bono or modest means basis.
4. Project articulates a plan to be sustained by other funding beyond the grant from the IBF. For example, if salary is a significant component and it will require on-going funds, please explain the plan to obtain on-going funds in the future.
5. Project makes a significant impact in Central Indiana. For example, either a new venture for the applicant organization(s) or a plan for significant supplementation to an existing service.
6. Preference will be given to organizations who utilize the full \$50,000 grant and where the grant represents all, or a significant portion of, the total budget for the project. The IBF typically funds 1 year grant cycles.

PROCESS

The Impact Fund Grant selection process involves three steps which are discussed in detail below.

Application Deadline	Notice of Next Steps	Presentation	Notice of Grant Decision
April 2, 2018	April 18, 2018	May 1, 2018	June 1, 2018

Step 1: Written Proposal

The IBF encourages all organizations that meet the Impact Fund Grant's criteria to submit a written proposal between March 1 and April 2, 2018. The proposal must be submitted electronically to ibf@indybar.org

The written proposal must include the following:

- Application form;
- Maximum 2-page proposal with 12-point font size submitted on the organization's letterhead and signed by at least two officers of the organization providing the following information about the project:
 - Identify one of the following areas: public education and understanding of the law through direct delivery of services, direct delivery of legal services, or enhance the administration of justice in the Indianapolis metropolitan area,
 - The unmet need,
 - The target population,
 - The timeline for program development and rollout to the public,
 - The budget and financial sustainability of the project past this grant cycle including other support already received and/or pledged, and
 - How the Indianapolis legal community can participate and support the project through service.
- Board of Directors roster with business affiliation.

The IBF will acknowledge receipt of all complete submissions by electronic mail. Because the IBF does not have the resources to meet with all potential grant applicants, it does not meet to discuss applications with any applicants. If a potential grant applicant has questions about the application or process, please call Arnetta Scruggs at 317-269-2000 or email at ascruggs@indybar.org.

Step 2: Presentation to Impact Fund Committee

Organizations whose written proposals are approved to receive grant consideration will be notified on April 18, 2018, and invited to meet with the members of the Impact Fund Committee on May 1, 2018.

Note: The invitation to meet with the Committee does not imply a guarantee for selection.

Step 3: Fellows Vote

The Fellows of the IBF will vote between May 7 and May 30 to determine the winning proposal. The organizations will be notified shortly thereafter.