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GRANTMAKING INTEREST AREAS AND GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in funding from the Toledo Bar Association Foundation. The Foundation, created in 1955, is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and serves as the philanthropic arm of the Toledo Bar Association. While we support programs of the Toledo Bar Association, we are also interested in worthwhile programs in the community that further our interest in promoting justice and respect for the law.

Grantmaking Interest Areas

Projects and program proposals to be considered for support by the Toledo Bar Association Foundation should address one or more of the following areas:

- **Education & Academics** - Programs or projects promoting excellence in legal education
- **Administration of Justice** - Programs or projects which improve the quality and administration of justice
- **Community Outreach** - Support for community projects that enhance the legal profession through law-related activities
- **Access to Legal Services** - Support for the delivery of Pro Bono legal services to indigent persons
- **Professionalism** - Programs or projects promoting professional development and civility within the profession
- **Recognition & Achievements** - Programs or projects which recognize individuals and organizations that promote the mission of the Toledo Bar Association Foundation

Guidelines

The Toledo Bar Association Foundation developed guidelines to help applicants better understand the types of projects and programs the Foundation is seeking to support. Applications are reviewed by staff and the Board of Trustees.

- Single project or program. The project/program should be clearly defined with a start and end date. Projects/programs that are new, unique, pilot or address unmet needs in our community will be favored.
- Length of funding. Generally, grant funds are awarded for one year. Extenuating circumstances may allow for additional or extended funding.
- Geographic focus. The Toledo Bar Association Foundation funds programs that serve or benefit Lucas county and/or its contiguous counties of Wood, Fulton, Henry, and Ottawa.
- Replication/Dissemination Plan. Applicants should demonstrate replicability or a dissemination plan.
- Evaluation. Each applicant should submit a reasonable plan for evaluating the effectiveness of the project/program and must complete an evaluation.

#### Limitations to Funding

While there are many worthy projects and programs, the Toledo Bar Association Foundation is unable to fund all grant applications. Priority is given to programs and projects of the Toledo Bar Association. Therefore, to further the work in the Foundation's interest areas, the Board of Trustees identified activities that will not be funded, including:

- Scholarships
- Capital expenditures
- Debt reduction
- Endowments, mass appeals
- Political campaigns, lobbying or propaganda
- Organizations and/or projects where the primary beneficiary is outside of Lucas and adjoining counties.

We encourage grant seekers looking for these types of funding to scan other foundations, corporations or funding sources for financial assistance in these areas.