

Project Grants Call 2025 Information Session

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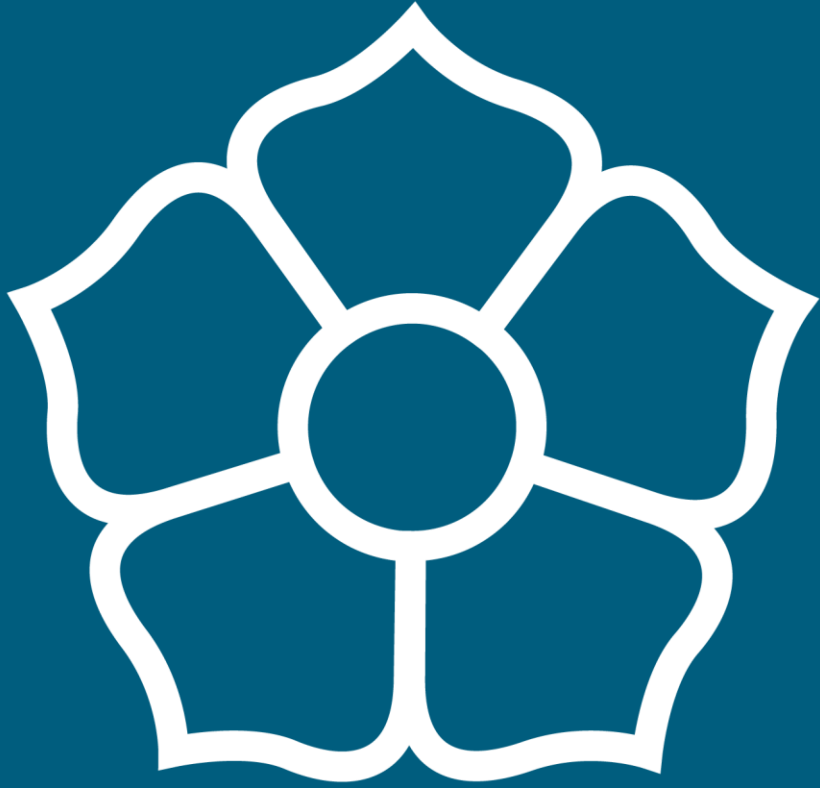


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Agenda

- Project Grants Call
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 - Grant Size and Duration
 - Who Can Apply
 - Granting Priorities and Assessment
 - Ineligible Projects
 - How to Apply
 - Selection Process
- Questions



Purpose of the Project Grants Call

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- The Law Foundation of BC has created a \$5 million grant fund to support one-time projects to advance access to justice for people and communities in British Columbia.
- Successful projects will align with the Foundation's mandate areas, strategic plan and priorities for this particular call.
- Successful projects will strengthen access to justice in British Columbia, in particular for under-served and equity-denied groups.



Grant Size and Duration

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- Organizations can apply for up to \$250,000 total.
- Projects will last between one (1) and three (3) years.
- Grant-seekers will be prompted to indicate project duration.
- Projects are not likely to start before fall 2025.



Eligibility

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- Non-profit organizations and collaborative entities or groups operating in BC and/or for the benefit of people living in BC.
 - projects that are collaborations between two or more organizations
 - individual organizations
- Grant-seekers do not need to be registered charities.
- Project objective must fall within one or more of the Law Foundation's mandate areas

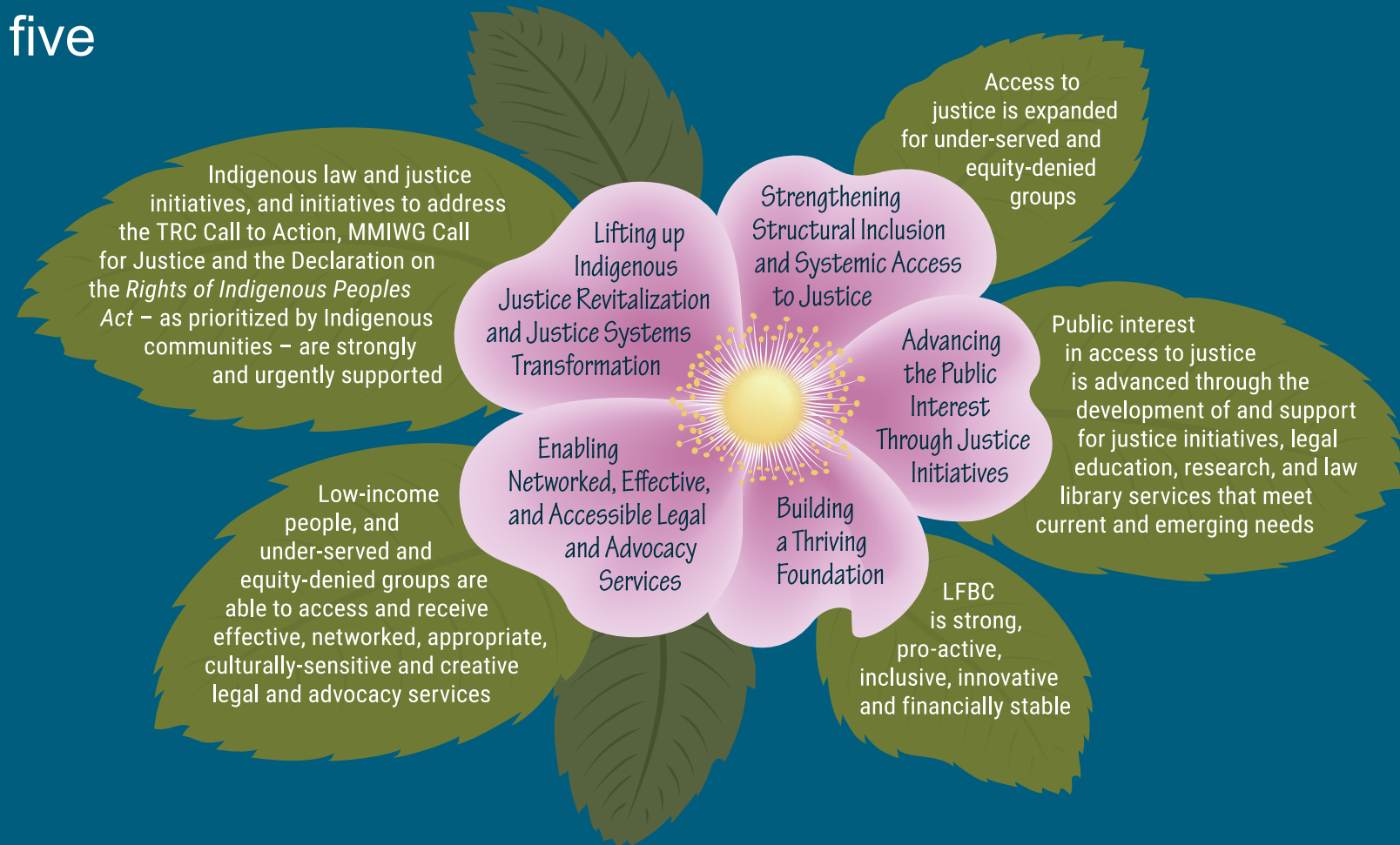


Granting Priorities and Assessment

Mandate Areas and Strategic Plan

The Law Foundation has five mandated funded areas:

- Legal education
- Legal research
- Legal aid
- Law reform
- Law libraries



Granting Priorities and Assessment

Applications are expected to fit one of the following project types to be eligible for funding:

1. Legal research projects that engage and centre communities most impacted by the research issues identified;
2. Projects intended to expand, deepen or sustain the impact of existing programs. These projects could make program improvements in areas including but not limited to capacity, accessibility, and/or innovation; and
3. Pilot projects.

Granting Priorities and Assessment

- Advance justice system transformation and law reform;
- Strengthen structural inclusion and systemic access to justice for under-served and equity-denied groups; and
- Support low-income people and under-served and equity-denied groups to access and receive effective, networked, appropriate, culturally sensitive, and creative legal and advocacy services.

Granting Priorities and Assessment

- Need for the project
- Community accountability;
- How well-positioned the grant-seeker is to undertake the project;
- Benefit to rural and remote communities; and
- Clarity and feasibility of project and budget

Granting Priorities and Project Examples

Example projects:

- Legal research including community consultations to inform a law reform and policy advocacy agenda
- A project to translate public legal education materials into a language most needed by newcomer communities
- A pilot project to increase access for LGBTQ2S+ people experiencing systemic injustices when navigating BC's justice system

What are Ineligible Projects?

- Projects that are not time-limited;
- Individual court cases or litigation;
- Major capital or infrastructure projects;
- The development of by-laws, governance documents, or contracts; and
- Projects seeking to start a new organization.




Application Process

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- Sample application with questions viewable in PDF
 - Hyperlink available in Zoom Chat
 - Law Foundation- Project Grants Call Website:
<https://www.lawfoundationbc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Project-Grants-Call-Application-wordcount-sample.pdf>
- Seven (7) narrative questions and a series of fill-in fields
- Must be submitted online using *SmartSimple* grants management system
- Accepted until **12:00 PM PDT on Friday March 21st, 2025**
- Applicants will receive an automatic confirmation email after submission
- A brief survey to gather your feedback

How to Apply via SmartSimple

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We fund projects and programs throughout BC that benefit the public in the following areas: legal education, legal research, legal aid, law reform, and law libraries.

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Online Application Process




Registration

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Organization


Individual


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Organization Information

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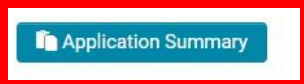
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GRANT CRITERIA **OVERVIEW** PROGRAM POPULATION SERVED CAPACITY BUDGET CONFIRMATION CONTRIBUTORS

*** Requested Amount:**

*Please put the **total** grant amount for all years combined.*

*** How many years will this project last?**

1 2 3

*** Program/Project Overview**

Please describe the program or project for which you are seeking funding in 250 words or less. This description may be used in public materials created by the Foundation.

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*** Please describe the key activities, outputs and intended outcomes for this project.**

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Grant Review and Recommendation Process

Review and Recommendations

- Eligible applications will be reviewed by staff
- Staff may request additional information and/or ask clarifying questions regarding your application
- Competitive applications will be recommended for funding
- Final review and approval by the Law Foundation's New Grants Committee
- Decisions expected to be communicated by fall 2025



Questions?

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