



**IDAHO LAW**  
FOUNDATION

# Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts

**2027 Grant Application**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Idaho Law Foundation supports the rights of all people to live in a peaceful community. Our mission is to educate all people about the role of law in a democratic society, to provide opportunities for people to avoid and resolve conflicts, and to enhance the education and competence of lawyers.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program works with members of the Idaho State Bar and Idaho's banking community to place client funds into interest-bearing accounts. Participating banks then remit interest earned on these accounts directly to the Idaho Law Foundation (ILF) who in turn distributes these funds through the IOLTA granting process.

Pursuant to Idaho Bar Commission Rule 1309, adopted by the Idaho Supreme Court, IOLTA will only consider funding requests for organizations that meet one of the following funding criteria areas:

- 1) **Legal Aid to the Poor** includes Civil legal services provided to low-income individuals and families who cannot afford an attorney in non-criminal matters. Examples include but are not limited to housing, family law, public benefits, employment issues, and consumer rights.
- 2) **Law Related Education for the Public** refers to programs and projects designed to inform and engage the public about the law, our legal system, and their rights and responsibilities as citizens. Its goal is to foster a civically literate citizenry capable of understanding, respecting, and participating effectively in the legal and civic systems. LRE is often supported by schools, nonprofit organizations, legal professionals, and government agencies, and it plays a crucial role in strengthening democracy and promoting justice.
- 3) **Scholarships and Student Loans** include, for example, funds to support law students engaging in public interest work.
- 4) **Administration of Justice** includes programs and projects that ensure the legal system enforces laws, resolves disputes, and ensures that justice is upheld and people, especially those from underserved communities, are protected fairly and impartially under the law. Examples include but are not limited to court support services that help individuals navigate the court system and victim services that offer resources to those involved with the justice system.
- 5) Other programs for the benefit of the public specifically approved by the Supreme Court of Idaho.

Funding for 2027 grants will cover the period from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027. Any grant funds received from IOLTA must be expended for the proposed program or project in the year for which the funds are granted. Additionally, funds cannot be used for:

- Endowments or reserve funds;
- Fundraising events or campaigns; or
- Lobbying activities;
- Expenses from previous years

Although the final amount available for grant awards cannot be determined until the 2026 year-end fund balances have been calculated, ILF anticipates the availability of up to \$900,000 for

2027 grant awards.

## **SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM, MDT on Monday, August 24, 2026. ILF will not consider late or incomplete applications and will not notify applicants of incomplete submissions other than through a declination letter. Once submitted, all proposals become the property of ILF. You must submit 1 copy of the following information with your application:

- Filled and signed grant cover sheet
- Grant narrative (5 pages or less)
- Grant budget
- Organizational operating budget
- Most recent audited financials

Our preferred method for submission is through email, sent to Shay Krainock ([skrainock@isb.idaho.gov](mailto:skrainock@isb.idaho.gov)).

If you are mailing the application, send it to The Idaho Law Foundation, ATTN: IOLTA Program, P.O. Box 895, Boise, Idaho 83701. NOTE: if you are mailing the application, it must be received in our office by the deadline, not just postmarked by that date.

If you are dropping off the application in person, our address is 525 W. Jefferson St. Boise, ID 83702. Our office is open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (MDT).

ILF will likely announce grant decisions by the end of October.

For questions about the IOLTA application, contact Shay Krainock at (208) 334-4500 or [skrainock@isb.idaho.gov](mailto:skrainock@isb.idaho.gov).

## **GRANT NARRATIVE & BUDGET INFORMATION**

All applications must address all the following information. **Please limit your grant narrative to no more than 5 pages.**

### **GENERAL ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION**

- Organization mission and history
- How the mission and history align with the goals of the IOLTA grant
- The primary programs and services your organization offers
- A list of your Board of Directors or Board of Trustees
- Organizational tax status (if the applicant is not a recognized tax-exempt organization, describe its charitable purposes)

### **PROGRAM OR PROJECT INFORMATION**

#### **NEED**

- Community need(s) your program/project addresses
- How your organization's program/project will identify and address the need(s)

### TARGET POPULATION

- Demographics of target population – e.g. age, gender, income, education, where target population lives, and/or other relevant characteristics
- Anticipated number of people served
- How the target population is identified and selected

### GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Overall goals of the project
- Specific, measurable objectives the program/project will achieve
- How progress toward these objectives will be tracked

### PROGRAM/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Description of the main activities and services for the program/project
- Timeline for implementation
- An overview of the other organizations your program/project collaborates with and how these partnerships strengthen your work

### STAFFING

- The number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) supported by the program/project
- Roles and responsibilities for each staff member involved in the program/project
- Qualifications and experience of key personnel

### EVALUATION

- How you will evaluate the success of the program/project
- The metrics or tools you will use to measure impact
- How you will use the results of the evaluation

## **FINANCIAL & BUDGET INFORMATION**

### BUDGET NARRATIVE

- Total amount of your request
- Purpose(s) for which your organization will use requested funds
- Efforts to obtain additional funding and whether those additional funds are secured or applied for
- How you will ensure the project is sustainable after the grant period
- Program adjustments if a grant for a lesser amount than requested is awarded
- Potential impact if IOLTA funds are not available

- Budgetary adjustments on the most recent IOLTA grant received (if applicable) and why those adjustments were made

### BUDGET

Develop a budget, including both revenue and expenses, specific to the program or project your application addresses.

Revenue may include but is not limited to:

- IOLTA grant
- Other grants
- Donations (Including in-kind donations)

Expenses may include but are not limited to:

- Salaries and benefits
- Occupancy
- Equipment and supplies
- Printing
- Sponsorships
- In-Kind donations
- Training
- Travel
- Indirect (overhead)\*

\*Indirect costs should be limited to no more than 20% of the total project budget.

### OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- A copy of your organization's overall operating budget for the current fiscal year
- A copy of your organization's latest audited financial report and management letter of findings