

LAW FOUNDATION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

LEGAL IMPACT GRANTS APPLICATION OVERVIEW



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1. PROJECT PRIORITIES

The following have been identified as priority project areas:

- Legal needs of seniors, newcomers and low-income Islanders and vulnerable groups.
- Innovative approaches to enhance access to justice.
- Public legal education that is practical, relevant, and accessible.
- Technology, specifically projects that explore or use technology that enhances the delivery of legal services and/or public legal education.

The Law Foundation of PEI encourages projects that demonstrate*:

- Consistency with the Law Foundation's mandate objectives, vision, mission, and/or strategic priorities.
- Whether there is a need for the project or program.
- Involvement of, and potential benefits to, residents of Prince Edward Island.
- Collaboration between organizations at a local, regional, or national level.
- Sustainability of the project or program.
- Value for money.
- Availability of alternative and/or matching or other funding.

** While each application will be carefully considered, the Law Foundation of PEI may give priority to projects within its mandate that demonstrate collaboration with other organizations and where shared costs have been negotiated. As part of your application, you should highlight any collaborative agreements/partnerships and/or any shared funding agreements that are in place.*

2. ELIGIBILITY

Any organization or individual may apply to the Law Foundation, provided the project is law-related and falls within the statutory objects and areas of encouragement as interpreted by the Board of Governors, who make all decisions on funding. (See section 5 for projects considered ineligible).

An applicant may apply for more than one project. A separate application must be submitted for each proposed project.

All grants are made subject to budgeted amounts and the availability of funds.

3. DURATION OF GRANT

A grant is, unless otherwise specifically stated, solely applicable for the year and project for which it is made, and it cannot be assumed that funding will continue to be provided for subsequent year(s) and projects(s). Further funding requires reapplication.

4. APPROPRIATE USE OF GRANT FUNDS

Grant recipients must use the funds as specified in their application or any variation approved in writing by the Law Foundation. Any unused portion must be returned to the Law Foundation.

5. INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects that the Law Foundation generally considers ineligible for funding include:

- Projects benefiting individuals, unless the organization is providing scholarships or bursary assistance.
- Commercial (for profit) ventures.
- Requests for support of litigation.
 - Costs largely related to lobbying, advocating, or promoting a position on a legal or public policy issue.

6. EVALUATION OF SUBMISSIONS

The Board of Governors of the Law Foundation of PEI will review each submission at its board meeting generally scheduled in late November of each year. The Board bases its final decision on the following key considerations:

- Meeting the eligibility criteria as noted in section 2.
- Compliance with the submission requirements.
- Applicant has the capacity, skills, and experience to plan and carry out the project.
 - Applicant is ready to be fully accountable to Law Foundation for monies granted.
- Demonstrated need for project/program without duplication of existing efforts.
 - Project has demonstrated understanding/approach to reach the target audience.
- There is a planned approach for accessing legal expertise, if applicable.
- Applicant has sufficiently demonstrated the sustainability of the project and the ability to carry out next steps (or access additional funding), if applicable.
 - Potential impact of the project, such as overall contributions to the province, number of people impacted, targeted geographic area.
- The amount of Law Foundation grants previously awarded to applicant.
- How the applicant plans to disseminate the results of the project.
- Urgency or timing requirements of the project.

7. IMPACT OF PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS

All proposals are required to briefly address how the project may be impacted if there are public gathering and travel restrictions in place as have been experienced during the COVID pandemic. Describe how the project would be continued under these restrictions (e.g., hold presentation virtually, use technology to deliver service, using social distancing). This requirement does not affect eligibility for funding but is intended to ensure that all grantees consider the potential impact of public health restrictions on the completion of the project.

8. FUNDING DECISIONS

- See section 9 for the submission deadlines.
- The Board of Governors of the Law Foundation of PEI will review each submission at its board meeting generally scheduled in late February.
 - Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be advised within a reasonable time following the meeting (ideally within 3 days).

9. GRANT TYPES AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

For projects starting in 2025, the application deadlines are as follows:

All Grants (One application cycle per year)

Application Deadline	October 31, 2024, 5:00 pm AST
Decision By	Late November

10. SUBMISSION FORMATS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Submissions will only be accepted through e-mail.

The on-line forms are available on the LFPEI's website at www.lawfoundationpei.ca. Electronic submissions can be sent to slm@lawfoundationpei.ca.

We appreciate having the opportunity to review your proposals. Please be assured that each application will be carefully considered. As part of our review process, LFPEI staff may contact you to discuss details of your application prior to the LFPEI Board's decision.

Questions are invited. Please direct your inquiries to:

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