



NORTH CAROLINA  
BAR FOUNDATION

## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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To: Board of Directors  
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The NCBF Endowment Committee appreciates the opportunity to share updates regarding the Foundation's Endowment since our last Board meeting.

#### Endowment Grant Application Portal: Now Open

The new NCBF Endowment grant application portal opened November 1, 2022, and applications are currently being accepted for the 2023-24 grant cycle. Applications are due by February 1, 2023. Announcements about the grant cycle have gone out via email and E-bar.

Endowment Committee members will begin endowment grant application reviews in mid-February and come together on March 22, 2023, for the committee's annual grantmaking meeting. In their application reviews, committee members will be applying the scoring matrix included in Attachment A.

The committee will share its grant recommendations with the Board of Directors at the April 14, 2023, board meeting.

#### Grantee Site Visits for 2021-22

Endowment Committee members have been conducting grantee site visits again this year. This will be the fifth consecutive year of visiting with grantees for the purpose of collecting meaningful stories, anecdotes, pictures, and impact data that highlights the value of the Foundation's grantee partnerships.

This year committee members are conducting grantee site visits with:

- Council for Children's Rights – Rob Harrington
- Financial Protection Law Center – Stuart Dorsett
- Legal Aid of NC – Jean Carter
- Pro Bono Resource Center, Driver's License Restoration – Peter Pappas
- NCBA Minorities in the Profession Committee – Matt McGuire
- Pisgah Legal Services – Jasmine McGhee
- NCBA Pro Bono Committee – Rebecca Smitherman
- NC Center for Actual Innocence – Jonathan Bogues

#### Jane B. Weathers Lawyers Helping Lawyers Fund

The Lawyers Helping Lawyers Fund had \$6,462 available for grantmaking this bar year. The Endowment Committee reviewed one application to the Fund in September 2022 and made a grant award for \$417; the Endowment Committee reviewed one application to the Fund in December 2022 and made an award for \$3,000. The Endowment Committee will review any new applications to the Fund following the March 15, 2022 and June 15, 2022 application deadlines.

## 2023-24 Endowment Grant Application Review Criteria

<b>Internal (Staff) Review Criteria</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
1. Applicant program is led or facilitated by volunteer lawyers.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (15)
2. Applicant's organization has a lawyer serving on its Board.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (15)
3. Applicant is a former or current grantee that has had a history of partnership and accountability and has been willing to comply with requests involving client impact stories, impact reports, and other information in a timely manner.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (10)
<b>Internal (Staff) Review Questions - Max points: 40</b>	
<b>Committee Review Criteria</b>	<b>Score</b>
1. Applicant program serves under-served or less well-resourced geographic areas of the state.	Very much (5) Somewhat (3) Not at all (0)
2. Applicant program has long-term, demonstrated success at achieving its defined program goals and impacts.	Very much (5) Somewhat (3) Not at all (0)
3. Applicant organization has history of a collaborative partnership with NCBF in ways not related to grantor/grantee relationship.	Very much (5) Somewhat (3) Not at all (0)
4. Applicant program has clearly defined outcomes or expected results	Very much (5) Somewhat (3) Not at all (0)
5. Expected results of applicant program are reasonable, measurable and specific	Very much (5) Somewhat (3) Not at all (0)
<b>Program Impact Questions - Max points: 25</b>	
6. Applicant program has an increased probability of moving forward if awarded funds or NCBF Endowment funding will push project development "over the goal line".	Very much (20) Somewhat (10) Not at all (0)
7. Does NCBF Endowment support increase likelihood that applicant program will	Very much (5) Somewhat (3)

secure matching funds from another source?	Not at all (0)
<b>Financial and Budget Questions - Max points: 25</b>	
<p>Applicant programs are expected to provide support for one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision of direct legal services by legal services attorneys to indigent communities in an effort to ensure access to justice for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay,</li> <li>• Pro bono programs and activities that engage volunteer attorneys to provide free legal assistance to persons of limited means, in order to increase access to justice and demonstrate the value of our profession to society,</li> <li>• Community service projects that create opportunities for lawyers, paralegals, law students and other members of the profession to strengthen and improve communities throughout the state, in measurable ways,</li> <li>• Civic education programs that place an emphasis on the law, the justice system, and the legal profession in order to educate the public and to build confidence in the rule of law and our justice system, or</li> <li>• Professionalism: Programs or activities that cultivate a culture of service, invest in training of lawyer leaders, and use innovative approaches to bring North Carolina lawyers together to work alongside one another for the common good.</li> </ul>	
8. Applicant program furthers a stated value of the NCBF.	Very much (5) Somewhat (3) Not at all (0)
9. Applicant program strongly supports NCBF organizational goals and reflects a level of quality that is consistent with NCBF standards	Very much (5) Somewhat (3) Not at all (0)
<b>NCBF Alignment and Values - Max points: 10</b>	