



Threshold requirements for qualified grant applications and Applicant Eligibility

QUALIFIED GRANT APPLICATIONS: LSC seeks to fund proposals to provide a full range of legal services throughout the service area, consistent with the restrictions of the LSC Act and the appropriations acts. Below is a listing of the types of cases typically undertaken on behalf of low-income clients.

- Consumer/Finance
- Family
- Housing
- Education
- Juvenile
- Income Maintenance
- Employment
- Health
- Individual Rights

Where Applicants plan to provide less than the full range of legal services to eligible clients in a service area, e.g., services limited to legal assistance in a single area of the law or a few areas of law such as housing, divorces, and bankruptcy, or proposals limited to a particular type of legal assistance such as advice, referral and brief service, the grant application will not be accepted, unless the Applicant demonstrates to LSC's satisfaction, that it is or will be part of a delivery system that assures the availability of a full range of legal services in that service area. The grant application in its totality must meet this threshold requirement to be considered qualified.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY: The following persons, groups, and entities are eligible to compete for a grant:¹

1. current LSC recipients
2. non-profit organizations that have as a purpose the provision of legal assistance to eligible clients
3. private attorneys, groups of attorneys or law firms²
4. state or local governments
5. sub-state regional planning or coordination agencies that are composed of sub-state areas whose governing boards are controlled by locally elected officials

Contact the LSC competitive grants service desk at competition@lsc.gov if you have any questions regarding this matter.

¹ All successful Applicants must have a governing or policy body consistent with the requirements of 45 C.F.R. Part 1607 of the LSC regulations. An Applicant that is not in compliance at the time the grant is awarded will be required to be in compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 1607 within sixty days from the date the grant award is made.

² A group of attorneys can compete for LSC grants under two options:

1. it may choose to compete as a non-incorporated body; or
2. it may elect to incorporate as a non-profit