



Competitive Grants and Grant Renewal Applicant Key Activities and Dates for Calendar Year 2012 Grants

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) awards grants for the provision of civil legal services to low-income persons. LSC awards grants through a system of competition, pursuant to LSC's competitive bidding regulation, 45 C.F.R. Part 1634, and the LSC Appropriation Acts. Eligible Applicants for LSC funding include: 1) current LSC recipients; 2) nonprofit organizations that have as a purpose the furnishing of legal assistance to eligible clients; 3) private attorneys, groups of private attorneys or law firms; 4) state or local governments; and 5) substate regional planning and coordination agencies.

In accordance with LSC's multi-year funding policy, grant applications for calendar year 2012 funding will be accepted for only specified service areas. LSC will publish the competed service areas in the Federal Register and at www.grants.lsc.gov. To apply for funding for the service areas in competition, Applicants must file a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC), and submit a complete grant application responsive to the LSC Request for Proposals (RFP). Applicants must complete the NIC online at www.grants.lsc.gov. Review the schedules below for a listing of key activities and dates pertaining to the LSC grants process.

LSC evaluates each grant application based on the American Bar Association Standards for the Provision of Civil Legal Aid, the LSC Performance Criteria, LSC Regulations and the RFP. LSC's selection criteria are detailed at 45 C.F.R. § 1634.9. Pursuant to the statute and regulation, LSC's competitive bidding process prohibits preference to current or previous recipients of LSC funds.

LSC has established a service desk to respond to information requests and inquiries about the competitive grant and grant renewal process. Contact the service desk by e-mail at competition@lsc.gov. Responses to competitive grant inquiries are returned by e-mail. LSC will hold a free Applicant Informational Session online conference to assist Applicants in preparing grant applications and to promote participation in the competitive grants process. Details about the conference will be posted at www.grants.lsc.gov as the conference date becomes closer.

The 2012 grants process for competitive grant and grant renewal Applicants follows three schedules as described below.

Schedule A: for Applicants that have not had an LSC program quality visit (PQV) since January 1, 2009 (*New Applicants should also use Schedule A*)

Schedule B: for Applicants that have had a PQV since January 1, 2009; will have received a final PQV report by April 30, 2011; and are the only Applicant for the service area

Schedule C: for Applicants that have had a PQV since January 1, 2009; will have received a final PQV report by July 1, 2011; and are the only Applicant for the service area

Schedule A

For Applicants that have not had an LSC program quality visit (PQV) since January 1, 2009
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Competitive Grant Applicants

	Activity	Date
1	LSC publishes the list of service areas in competition for 2012 grant awards at www.grants.lsc.gov and in the Federal Register	April 4, 2011
2	LSC publishes the NIC application form at www.grants.lsc.gov	April 11, 2011
3	LSC publishes the RFP (Request for Proposals) at www.grants.lsc.gov (<i>For Applicants that have not had an LSC program quality visit (PQV) since January 1, 2009 – New Applicants should also use Schedule A</i>)	April 11, 2011
4	Deadline for all competitive grant Applicants to file the NIC	May 13, 2011
5	LSC publishes the listing of Applicants that filed a NIC at www.grants.lsc.gov	May 16, 2011
6	LSC conducts the free <i>Applicant Informational Session</i> online conference to assist Applicants in preparing the grant application	May 18, 2011
7	Deadline for filing competitive grant applications	June 6, 2011
8	LSC publishes the listing of Applicants that filed a qualified grant application at www.grants.lsc.gov	October 2011
9	LSC publishes grant decisions at www.grants.lsc.gov	December 2011

Grant Renewal Applicants

	Activity	Date
1	LSC notifies recipients by e-mail about preparing and submitting the grant renewal application	April 1, 2011
2	LSC publishes the grant renewal application at www.grants.lsc.gov (<i>for renewal Applicants that have not had a program quality visit (PQV) since January 1, 2009</i>)	April 11, 2011
3	Applicant deadline for filing grant renewal applications	June 6, 2011
4	LSC publishes grant renewal funding decisions at www.grants.lsc.gov	December 2011

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Email competition@lsc.gov with any questions.

Schedule B

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3	Deadline for all competitive grant Applicants to file the NIC	May 13, 2011
4	LSC publishes the listing of Applicants that filed a NIC at www.grants.lsc.gov	May 16, 2011
5	LSC notifies Applicants by e-mail that they are the only Applicant for the service area and are eligible to file the Post PQV grant application	May 16, 2011
6	LSC conducts the free <i>Post PQV Applicant Informational Session</i> online conference to assist Applicants in preparing the grant application	May 19, 2011
7	LSC publishes the Post PQV RFP (<i>for current LSC recipients that have had a PQV since January 1, 2009; will have received a final PQV report by April 30, 2011; and are the only Applicant for the service area</i>)	May 20, 2011
8	Deadline for filing the Post PQV grant application	June 20, 2011
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8	Deadline for filing the Post PQV grant application	Aug. 15, 2011
9	LSC publishes the listing of Applicants that filed a qualified grant application at www.grants.lsc.gov	October 2011
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