

Louisiana Bar Foundation
Community Partnership Panel Grants Initiative

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors in July, 2006 approved the creation of Community Partnership Panels to serve as liaisons to community grantees, ensure networking with local constituents, observe grantee performance and identify arising community needs;

WHEREAS, the Community Partnership Panels allow us to energize our Fellows, engage new partners, coordinate collaborative efforts, localize the LBF and build our support base;

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in IOLTA Program revenue in 2006 and continuing in the 2007 calendar year thereby increasing the funds available for 2008 grant awards;

NOW THEREFORE, the Executive Committee hereby submits the following new grant program initiative to be funded as a new category of the Grants Committee:

Community Partnership Panel Grants. To foster collaboration, respond to arising community needs, especially outside of the normal grants application period, and to encourage local involvement in the designation of grant funds, the LBF shall award grants up to \$15,000 per established Community Partnership Panel. All applications for this funding shall be received and reviewed initially by each respective local Panel. Applications must meet one of three funding criteria: direct legal services to the poor, law related education or administration of justice. Following review, each Panel shall submit an application(s) for funding totaling \$15,000 to the Grants Committee. These applications will be evaluated by a new subcommittee of the Grants Committee, the CPP Subcommittee chaired by the Secretary-Treasurer. Other members shall include the chairs of the other existing grants subcommittees. All funding recommendations will be submitted by the Grants Committee to the LBF Board of Directors for final approval.

Additionally, private sources of funding may be sought to supplement the available funding for these grants.

As adopted by the Board of Directors this 20 day of April 2007.