

The Intellectual Freedom Fund

Background

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Motion to receive restricted charitable funds from CLA due to the dissolution and to be disbursed in accordance with CRA rules and regulations.

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This fund provides financial assistance in cases involving intellectual freedom. Funding will be disbursed up to \$5,000. Some exceptions will be considered at the discretion of the review committee.

Eligibility/Criteria

The fund is available to public libraries serving populations under 29,999, or libraries (for example, an academic library in a small college or university) that would encounter undue financial hardship when defending intellectual freedom.

Application Procedure

- The application form can be completed at <https://awards.accessola.com/intellectual-freedom-fund/> and must include:
 - Individual or organization name and contact
 - Population served
 - Description of defense of intellectual freedom
 - Demonstrated need for funding
 - Amount of funding requested
- Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

Selection Procedure

- Eligible proposals will be assessed according to the set criteria.
- An OLA committee with representation from CFLA-FCAB Intellectual Freedom Committee will review applications to this fund and determine disbursement.

Award Procedure

- Upon approval, the funding proposal will be awarded.
- The recipient will provide a report on the use of the funds at the culmination of the defense.

History of this fund

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