



## **REAL ESTATE, PROBATE AND TRUST LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS 2016 – 2017 GRANT CRITERIA**

The Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas considers applications for grants to fund projects that comply with the following funding criteria.

1. The project for which funding is requested must have a stated goal.
2. The project's goal must be one calculated to improve the civil justice system or provide access to the civil justice system or fundamental legal services for Texans typically underserved by the legal system.
3. Priority will be given to grant requests focused on improving legal services or providing access to the civil justice system in the following areas: real estate law, landlord/tenant law, estate planning, elder law, disability law, foreclosure matters, guardianship matters and legal issues surrounding veterans.
4. REPTL will consider funding a continuing legal education project that may be experimental in nature if the project would be of interest to REPTL's membership or the justice system.
5. REPTL will not fund any personal projects, entrepreneurial projects, propaganda, lobbying activities, elections, fund-raising, endowments or litigation.
6. REPTL will not fund operating expenses (e.g., utilities, administrative costs, employee salaries, etc.) unless the expenses directly support a proposed project.
7. REPTL will not respond to mass appeal solicitations. Grant requests must be submitted on REPTL's promulgated form.
8. REPTL will not commit to fund a project for more than one year at a time, although a new application may be submitted for each project year. As a general rule, no project will be funded for more than two consecutive years. However, REPTL retains discretion to deviate from this general rule in exceptional circumstances.
9. The project must have a written plan of action or implementation, a detailed budget, and a timeline that will facilitate the accomplishment of the project's goals.
10. Applicants must complete a Grant Application to the satisfaction of REPTL's Public Service Committee. The Public Service Committee reserves the right to request supplemental information.
11. All grant recipients must submit a report and accounting to REPTL within one year of receiving a grant that identifies the specific use of awarded funds, any written or published materials created with the funds, and the overall results of the project.

12. Grant recipients agree to give recognition to REPTL on any printed or visual materials used in conjunction with the project. Example: "This project was made possible through a grant from the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas."
13. Grant recipients must utilize grant funds strictly in accordance with the proposal and budget submitted to REPTL. Any unexpended grant funds must be returned to REPTL.