

**The Access to Justice Foundation**  
**Invitation for small grant applications**

The Access to Justice Foundation aims to deliver available funds in an effective and timely manner to support pro bono legal assistance to those in need. In order to distribute the limited funds to date, the Foundation is currently accepting applications for small grants in the region of £250 to £3,000, although in exceptional cases a grant of up to £5,000 may be considered.

This grant invitation is being distributed via national organisations, Regional Legal Support Trusts (see [www.accesstojusticefoundation.org.uk/regional-trusts](http://www.accesstojusticefoundation.org.uk/regional-trusts)) and the Foundation's website.

Funding is available to organisations providing, or facilitating provision of, free legal advice or assistance in England and Wales to those in need. The Distribution Principles on our website provide full information on what the Foundation funds. Applications for these small grants will not inhibit an organisation applying in future rounds.

On this occasion, local, regional and national organisations may send their applications directly to the Foundation.

Preference will be given to strategic developments or smaller capacity building elements, though all types of funding needs will be considered. Examples (for illustration only) include:

- IT or other equipment that increases an organisation's capacity to undertake casework.
- Help with feasibility or research work on a strategic issue covering a wider than local area.
- Help with staff training or organisational development that increases effectiveness or enhances cooperation.

The application form is available at [www.accesstojusticefoundation.org.uk/funds-out/grants](http://www.accesstojusticefoundation.org.uk/funds-out/grants)  
Completed forms must be sent to [grants@atjf.org.uk](mailto:grants@atjf.org.uk) by 9am on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

**About The Access to Justice Foundation**

The Access to Justice Foundation has been established to receive and distribute additional financial resources that will help to get free of charge (pro bono) legal assistance to those who need it most.

The Foundation will receive monies raised by schemes, of which the scheme under section 194 of the Legal Services Act 2007 is the first. Taking a strategic view, it will distribute those monies to Regional Legal Support Trusts, to the national pro bono organisations, and to projects. This new initiative will help in the overall effort to provide practical "access to justice" to those unable to afford help.

For more information visit [www.accesstojusticefoundation.org.uk](http://www.accesstojusticefoundation.org.uk)

***Pro bono costs orders***

*Section 194 of the Legal Services Act 2007 provides for 'pro bono costs orders'.  
They are broadly equivalent to normal costs orders, and are available when the 'winning' party is represented pro bono. The 'losing' party is ordered to make a payment equivalent to legal costs to The Access to Justice Foundation, a charity which in turn will apply funds strategically to assist with the provision of pro bono services to others in England and Wales.*

For practical guidance visit [www.accesstojusticefoundation.org.uk/funds-in/section-194](http://www.accesstojusticefoundation.org.uk/funds-in/section-194)