

FAQs about the Bank of America Settlement Surplus Distribution (BOASSD) Grants

Q. Will the Connecticut Bar Foundation (CBF) make BOASSD grant awards by using the percent that was used to calculate the IOLTA/IOTA/CFGIA/JBGIA (IICJ) grants or are the grant awards not necessarily guided by those calculations?

A: No. The CBF will not use the IICJ grant percentages when determining the distribution of the BOASSD grant awards.

Q. What are the priorities the CBF is considering in making BOASSD grants?

A: The BOASSD guidelines in the grant application set forth the factors the CBF will consider in making BOASSD grants.

Q: May BOASSD grants be used to fund existing services or projects or to expand existing services or projects?

A: The only use restrictions for BOASSD grants are that they be made for the sole purpose of providing funds to legal aid organizations in the State of Connecticut for foreclosure prevention legal assistance and community redevelopment assistance.

Q. May BOASSD grants be used to fund litigation?

A: See answer above.

Q. May BOASSD grants be used to fund systemic advocacy?

A: See answer above.

Q. May BOASSD grants be used to fund public policy advocacy?

A: See answer above.

Q. What criteria will the CBF use to evaluate whether an application is within or beyond the use restrictions of the BOASSD grants?

A: The CBF will consider on a case-by-case basis whether an application meets the use restrictions for making BOASSD grants. It intends to give the broadest definition it deems appropriate to the term “community redevelopment assistance.”

Q. Will the CBF consider making grants to more than one organization for work in the same geographic area if the work targets different populations?

A: Yes, but applicants should carefully review the BOASSD guidelines for further guidance.

Q. Can applicants apply for different projects in different geographic areas? If yes, should more than one application be submitted or should the different projects be included in one application?

A: Yes. Applicants may include different projects in one application or may make multiple applications for each project.