



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Interested Persons  
**FROM:** Betty Balli Torres, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** 2012-2013 Funding Requests  
**DATE:** December 28, 2011

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We appreciate your interest in learning of funding opportunities from the Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF). TAJF administers three primary funds; Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA), Basic Civil Legal Services (BCLS) and Crime Victims Civil Legal Services (CVCLS). You can find information on each fund's criteria on our website ([www.tajf.org](http://www.tajf.org)). The next grant year for all three funds begins September 1, 2012 and ends August 31, 2013. TAJF also periodically awards funds from other sources for the support of civil legal aid to the poor in Texas.

The TAJF Board decided at its most recent meeting of December 13, 2011 that the Foundation will not be able to consider new requests for funding from the above three funds for the 2012-2013 grant year because of continuing dismal interest rates, substantial reductions in federal funding for Legal Services Corporation funded grantees, and uncertainty related to crime victims' civil legal services funding. Since many TAJF funded grantees are experiencing and projecting significant cuts in revenue, TAJF grants, which fund day to day operations, are more crucial than ever.

As a result:

- TAJF will not be able to accept new applications from new applicants for Foundation IOLTA, BCLS and CVCLS funds for the 2012 - 2013 grant year.
- TAJF will entertain grant applications only from current grantees of IOLTA, BCLS & CVCLS in good standing as of February 29, 2012 (not including special one time grants such as veterans & disability projects) for continued support. There are no assurances that all current grantees will be funded at any level. Applications from current grantees must be submitted after February 29, 2012 with a due date for GY 2012-2013 applications of March 30, 2012.
- TAJF expects that there will be a new funding opportunity for legal services to low-income veterans for GY 12-13 and requests for proposals will be posted on the web site on March 26<sup>th</sup> with a due date for May 31, 2012.

Please check on our website for future announcements or find us on Facebook. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jonathan Vickery, Associate Director at 1-800-252-3401 ext. 110 or at [jvickery@tajf.org](mailto:jvickery@tajf.org).