



The State Bar *of California*

Legal Services Trust Fund Commission 2020 Work Plan

Charge:

The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) is composed of 24 members (21 voting and three nonvoting judicial members) appointed by the Board of Trustees and Judicial Council of California. The charge of the LSTFC is as follows:

- Administer, in accordance with legal requirements and State Bar Rules, revenue from Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) and other funds remitted to the Legal Services Trust Fund Program of the State Bar including the Equal Access Fund (EAF) from the Judicial Council pursuant to the California state budget.
- The LSTFC determines an applicant's eligibility for grants and notify each grant applicant that its application has been approved or denied.
- The LSTFC monitors and evaluates a recipient's compliance with Trust Fund Requirements and grant terms.
- The LSTFC also reviews denial or termination of funding and complaints from any person or entity when a grant recipient fails to meet Trust Fund Requirements. (Rules of the State Bar, Title 3, Division 5, Chapter 2, Rule 3.661)
- The LSTFC recommends to the Board of Trustees the annual IOLTA distribution and the distribution plan for any grant funding, including discretionary grants.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL & OBJECTIVE	WORK PLAN	DEADLINE	TO BOARD COMMITTEE (Y/N) / DATE
None – Core Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve 2021 IOLTA and EAF Grant awards Review and approve IOLTA and EAF Grant carryover and budget modification requests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/13/20 11/13/20 	No
None – Core Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve 2021 Partnership Grant awards Review and approve Partnership Grant carryover and budget modification requests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 06/26/20 11/13/20 	No
None – Core Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve potential redistribution of unspent EAF Homelessness Prevention Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 08/14/20 	No
None – Core Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve Bank Grant carryover and budget modification requests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/13/20 	No
None – Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review cases in which a grantee’s funding may be terminated because of their failure to comply with relevant legal standards and authorities 	Ongoing	No
None – Core Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend 2021 IOLTA distribution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 06/26/20 	Yes, 07/16/20
<p>Goal 1, objective c: No later than September 30, 2018, determine the appropriate role of, and Board responsibility for, State Bar Standing Committees, Special Committees, Board, and Commissions in the new State Bar.</p> <p>Goal 4, objective b: Study and implement improved programmatic approaches to increasing access to justice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather, codify, and revise, as necessary and appropriate, all of the decision points and considerations that are used as part of the grant administration and determination processes and procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize recommendations for BOT by Summer 2021; codification process complete in 2022 (by the IOLTA/EAF application release date for 2023 funding) 	Yes, Summer 2021

<p>Goal 4, objective a: Support increased funding and enhanced outcome measures for Legal Services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggregate and analyze Bank Grant evaluation data • Draft key findings and outcomes on Bank Grant funds • Participate in Task Force on Justice Gap Funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/31/20 	<p>No</p>
<p>Goal 4, objective e: No later than December 31, 2019, complete a California Justice Gap Study. The Justice Gap Study will be modeled on the 2017 Legal Services Corporation Justice Gap Study but will also include an evaluation of the costs of legal education in California and the impact of those costs on access to justice, as well as possible approaches to addressing the costs of legal education including loan forgiveness programs or other means.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide recommendations based on California Justice Gap Study • Provide input to the Justice Gap Phase II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06/26/20 	<p>No</p>