## **The Corporate Counsel Section**

The Corporate Counsel Section is a voluntary member group of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA). Our members include in-house legal counsel, attorneys in private practice who spend a substantial portion of their time working with in-house counsel, and other attorneys who provide legal counsel to businesses or non-profit enterprises. Governed by officers and an executive committee, the Section has over 1,000 members. Members participate in the frequent exchange of ideas through the Section's quarterly dinners and continuing legal education offerings.

### **Purpose of Grant Program**

The Section supports public service and pro bono volunteering in alignment with WSBA's commitment to civil legal aid services and access to justice, including social and racial equity initiatives. Section funds may be used to make charitable contributions to qualified nonprofit and qualified legal services provider organizations in furtherance of this commitment and WSBA's mission to champion justice, as set forth in these Procedures.

# **Eligible Grant Recipients**

Any Washington state 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or other non-profit organization operating a program, or which offers services or products, that are consistent with the public service goals of WSBA are encouraged to apply. Because we are a WSBA section comprised of legal professionals, applicants must have a tie to the legal community.

### **Amount and Number of Grant Awards**

An award amount may vary from \$2,500 or less, depending on the type of program and number of individuals served. The number of award recipients varies based on the type of programs, number of applicants, and grant budget approved by the Section Executive Committee. Grant funds must be applied to the program's general operating costs or other programs as otherwise agreed to by the parties. The Executive Committee of the Section retains full discretion in determining the amount of each grant and the total aggregate of all grants.

### **Disbursement of Grant Awards**

The Executive Committee will accept applications August 16 – September 16, and the Section will announce grant awards by September 30. Recipients will be confirmed by vote during the Executive Committee's quarterly meetings or as otherwise permitted by Section bylaws.

# **To Submit Grant Application**

**Address completed application to**: Section Grants Committee; wsbacorporatecounsel@gmail.com.