

# 2022 Bar Success Intervention Grant Program

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## *AccessLex Institute*

Thank you for your interest in AccessLex Institute grant programs. You are beginning an application for the Bar Success Intervention Grant Program. Before submitting an application for consideration, please read carefully the grant program's frequently asked questions (FAQs) by clicking [here](#).

## *Scope of Grant Program*

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The Bar Success Intervention Grant Program provides funding to programs and interventions aimed at helping increase bar exam passage rates among populations most at-risk of not passing on the first or subsequent attempts. The central goal of the Bar Success Intervention Grant Program is to increase the knowledge base around effective bar exam success programming that is scalable and replicable.

To be fundable, programs must:

- Have a duration of 12-24 months and seek funding in the amount of \$150,000-\$300,000
- Focus on law students and graduates most at risk of not passing the bar exam and/or institutions with ultimate bar examination passage rates that fall below 70%
- Include clear statements of program goals and tangible and measurable objectives
  - Should be premised on increasing chances of bar exam among target students and/or graduates
  - Program components must be aligned with goals and objectives
- Include an evaluation plan
  - Must be tied directly to goals, objectives, and expected outcomes
  - Must be designed using valid data collection and analytical techniques
  - Must include methods for tracking participants up to some endpoint that transcends the program itself (e.g., bar exam administration)
  - Must include methods for documenting relevant outcomes (e.g., bar exam results)

Programs that also encompass the following optional elements will be given preference in the selection process:

- Differential treatment of participants (treatment/control group methodology) for purposes of program evaluation

- o The proposal should include description of the different treatment groups; how participants will be assigned; and how this framework would aid evaluation.
- Relevant long-term support for participants
- Collaboration with other institutions, organizations, etc.

## *Scope of Grant Application*

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The grant application form is designed to elicit detailed information about your project and your proposal. The information should build and expand on the entries placed on the LOI form. Character limits have been increased to allow for such expansion. Responses, however, should be only as long as necessary. Do not feel compelled to exhaust the character limits.

The information provided should focus on components of the program for which grant funds are being sought, though contextual information about other components should be provided to the extent necessary and possible.

All fields on this form require a response. If a prompt is not applicable to your project, mark "N/A". Given the competitive nature of the process, not every grant applicant will be awarded funding. Proposals featuring all the required elements above and at least some of the optional elements are most likely to be awarded funding.

To view and print the full list of questions in the Full Proposal application, click the "Question List" button above. If you have questions about this grant application process, please direct them to [Grants@accesslex.org](mailto:Grants@accesslex.org) with the phrase, "Question – Full Proposal," in the subject line.

To ensure that you receive emails sent from Foundant, our grant interface program, please add [administrator@grantinterface.com](mailto:administrator@grantinterface.com) to your email safe senders list, address book or contacts. Please note, all questions should be directed to [Grants@accesslex.org](mailto:Grants@accesslex.org).

## *Mandatory Elements Questions*

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In your LOI you certified that this proposal and the underlying program include each of the mandatory elements listed above. Please affirm that this is still case. **If your program does not comprise each of the mandatory elements, it cannot be funded** and you should not complete this proposal.

### **Mandatory Elements**

Does your proposal and the underlying program still include each of the mandatory elements?

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

## Optional Elements Questions

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Programs that encompass the following optional elements will be given preference in the selection process:

### Differential Treatment

Does your program feature differential treatment of participants (treatment/control group methodology) for purposes of program evaluation?

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Long-Term Support

Does your program feature relevant long term support for participants?

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Collaboration

Is your program a collaboration of more than one institution, organization, or entity?

#### Choices

Yes

No

## Program Information

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### Program Name

Please enter the name of the program for which you are seeking funding.

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### Program Summary

Please enter a brief statement of the program purpose.

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### Amount Sought

Please enter the amount being sought.

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### Total Program Cost

Please enter the **total cost** of the program during grant timeframe

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### Proposed Funding Duration

Please enter the proposed duration in months.

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### Proposed Funding Start Date

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### Proposed Funding End Date

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## Project Overview

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### Problem/Issue Statement

Describe the problem or issue that the program seeks to address. What aspects of the problem or issue necessitate intervention? If this is a problem or issue of heightened relevance or importance, please explain why. Please include relevant data. You may be seeking to address more than one problem or issue.

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### Program Goals

List program goals. These are broad statements of program aims that are relevant to the problem(s) or issue(s) described earlier.

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### Program Objectives

List program objectives. These statements should describe what participants will learn and be able to do (or demonstrate) by the end of the grant period. They should be tangible, measurable, and tied to the program goals.

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### Expected Program Outcomes

List expected program outcomes. Most expected outcomes will be quantitative in nature. They should be specific, realistic, and tied to program goals and objectives.

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### Theoretical or Conceptual Framework

Describe the theory or concept that underlies your program. Focus on actual and perceived relationships between the program goals/objectives and program methods/components.

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### Program Participants

Provide a detailed description of your target participants; the length of their participation; and, the process for selecting participants during the grant period. The description must include:

- Number of participants in each cohort enrolled during the grant period
- Participant eligibility criteria
- Duration of participation for each cohort
- Overview of recruitment process
- Overview of selection process

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### Program Components

Provide a detailed description of the components of your program, as it would be structured if grant funding were awarded. At minimum, you should provide the following information:

- Descriptions of program components, with information about scope and timing
- Descriptions of program materials and instructional aids, identifying the components to which they relate
- Time allotted to each component
- Explanations of how each component and its associated materials relate to program goals, objectives, and expected outcomes
- Explanation of any treatment/control group methodology being used

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## Program Evaluation

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All applicants invited to submit a full proposal will be required to work with an independent evaluation consultant to develop evaluation questions and plans for data collection and analysis. The consultant has no role in the selection process.

Waivers may be granted upon a showing by the grant applicant that sufficient project evaluation expertise already exists on the research team. You may request a waiver by emailing [Grants@accesslex.org](mailto:Grants@accesslex.org). Requests must be made at least 21 days before the proposal submission deadline.

### Evaluation Questions

List questions that your program evaluation activities will seek to answer. The questions should relate to progress towards program goals, objectives, and expected outcomes. For each question, provide the following information:

- Descriptions of the data that will be used to answer the question
- Explanations of how specific data will be collected or obtained
- Descriptions of the methods used to analyze each type of data

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## Program Activities and Assessment Timeline

Complete and upload the Program Activities and Assessment Timeline template. Click here to access the template.

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## Prior Year Outcomes

If you have conducted evaluations of your program in the past, feel free to share relevant findings here. We are particularly interested in findings that suggest the program has impacted participant outcomes. Otherwise, mark "N/A".

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## Program Budget

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### Program Budget

Please upload a clear and detailed budget for the proposed project using the AccessLex Institute budget template. Click here to access the budget template.

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- Please note that in light of the launch of Helix Bar Review, Inc. ("Helix") a non-profit affiliate of AccessLex Institute, applicants may not utilize AccessLex grant funds to pay for competitor commercial bar preparation programs or materials. To the extent applicants include non-Helix programs and materials as part of research design, applicants are advised to (1) utilize comparable Helix offerings – which will be provided on an in-kind (non-cash) basis, or (2) seek alternate funding for research components requiring use of non-Helix programs or materials.
- More information about Helix is available here: [HelixBarReview.org](https://www.helixbarreview.org). Please direct any specific questions regarding this to [Grants@accesslex.org](mailto:Grants@accesslex.org).

### Budget Narrative

Please provide a budget justification/narrative to support your application. The budget narrative should explain how each line-item expense is justified in the context of attaining the program goals, objectives, and expected outcomes.

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## Project Management

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### Organization and Qualifications of Key Staff

Please describe the primary organization(s) in which the research activities will take place. Please also list key staff and describe their roles and qualifications for this project. Attach all key staff resumes and/or curricula vitae. **Please limit each resume/CV to a two-page maximum focusing only on information that is relevant to qualifications for this project.**

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### Collaborations and Partnerships

Describe any formal collaborations or partnerships with other organizations. Describe how these collaborations or partnerships will contribute to the quality of the proposed project. Please include only collaborations and partnerships for which formal commitments have already been secured. If no formal collaborations or partnerships, mark "N/A".

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### Dissemination Plan

Describe any plans to announce receipt of the grant and/or any plans to disseminate information about program activities and participant outcomes experienced during the period of grant funding and thereafter. If no such plans, mark "N/A".

Please note that any grant publicity is subject to Section 6 of the standard grant agreement.

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### Potential Program Obstacles and Challenges

Describe any potential obstacles or challenges that could impact the project's overall success and how you plan to respond to these obstacles or challenges. If no such plans, mark "N/A".

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### Sustainability

Please describe any plans or strategies for funding and continuing the program beyond the expiration of any grant funds from AccessLex. If no such plans, mark "N/A".

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## Supplemental Information

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Please provide any other relevant information not addressed by the previous questions that may help the AccessLex Institute evaluate your application. You may also upload items that are directly related to your program, such as letter(s) of support and collaboration, and publication(s). If no such information will be added, mark "N/A".

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## *Award Conditions and Information for AccessLex Grants*

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Successful execution of the grant agreement is required before the decision to award a grant is considered final. Please review the standard grant agreement and share with your legal team to confirm that your organization does not foresee any issues with this standard agreement.

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Applicants will have 90 days from the date they receive a funding invitation to fully execute the grant agreement before the award offer expires.

Have you reviewed the standard grant agreement?

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

## *Contact Information*

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### **Principal Investigator Name**

Please enter the name of the principal investigator. If there are multiple PIs, designate one to identify here.

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### **Principal Investigator Email**

Please enter the principal investigator's email address.

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