

# 2023 Bar Success Intervention Grant Program

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## *AccessLex Grants*

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

## *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 about 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 students'/graduates' chances of passing the bar exam
  - 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 may transcend the program interventions (e.g., the receipt of bar exam results)
  - 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
  - The LOI should include descriptions of the different treatment groups; how participants will be assigned; and how the framework would aid evaluation.
- Relevant long-term support for participants
- Collaboration with other institutions, organizations, etc.

## *Scope of LOI Form*

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The LOI form is designed to elicit brief information about your program and your proposal. You may find the character limits restrictive. These limits may require you to make strategic decisions about what information to include and what to exclude. 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 the LOI form require a response. Given the competitive nature of the process, not every LOI applicant will be invited to submit a full grant proposal. Proposals featuring all the required elements above and at least some of the optional elements are most likely to be invited.

To view and print the full list of the questions and prompts on this form, 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 – LOI," 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).

### **Grant Number LOI**

Assign the LOI number using the following format: Grant program's initials; calendar year during which the application was received; "APP;" and number by order in which the application was marked complete.

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## *Mandatory Elements Questions*

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In order for your proposal to be fundable, you must respond "Yes" to each of the questions in this section. If you respond "No" to any of the following questions, your proposal is not eligible for

funding and will not be considered.

### Does your proposal seek funding for a duration of 12-24 months?

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Proposed Funding Duration

Please enter the duration in months:

*Character Limit: 2*

### Does your proposal seek funding in the amount of \$150,000-\$300,000?

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Program Funding

Please enter the amount being sought:

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

*Character Limit: 10*

### Are you seeking funding for a program that focuses on law students and graduates most at risk of not passing the bar exam or institutions with first-time bar examination passage rates that fall below 70%?

#### 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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### Previous Funding

Is this a request to continue a project previously funded by the AccessLex Institute?

### Choices

Yes  
No

If "yes", please enter the grant number and/or project title under which it was previously funded.

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## Existing Programs

Is this proposal seeking funds for an existing program or intervention?

### Choices

Yes  
No

If yes, please share background information about the program, including how long it has been in existence, the population(s) it serves, and any relevant recent outcomes data.

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## Proposed Funding Start Date

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## Proposed Funding End Date

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## Program Overview

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### Program Description

Describe the most important elements of your program. Focus your description on how the program would be structured if grant funding were awarded. Be sure to provide information about relevant characteristics of target participants; the number of participants that would be served; and the scope and timing of program components.

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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? Please include any 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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### **Program Evaluation Questions**

List questions that the program evaluation will seek to answer. The questions should relate to the extent to which program goals and objectives are being met.

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### **Theoretical or Conceptual Framework**

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

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### **Participant or Institutional “At-Risk” Status**

Describe how the “at risk” status of the program participants or the institution at which the intervention will be implemented is framed. Provide relevant data supporting that framing.

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### **Evaluation Plan**

Describe the data that will be used to evaluate program outcomes; how the data will be obtained; the methods used to analyze the data; and the timeline for conducting the evaluation.

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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 qualifications for this project.

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### **Budget**

Provide a brief description of how the requested funds will be spent, including major budget line

items for which grant funding is being sought (e.g., personnel, curriculum, materials etc.)

- 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: <https://www.helixbarreview.org/>. Please direct any specific questions regarding this to [grants@accesslex.org](mailto:grants@accesslex.org).

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## **How did you hear about the Bar Success Intervention Grant Program?**

Please choose all that apply:

### **Choices**

Direct Mail

Email

Online Ad

Print Ad

Social Media

Word of Mouth

Other (please specify below)

If you selected "other," please specify.

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## **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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