

## **Prospective Grant Applicants' Requests for Information and JALBCA's Responses (updated 8/8/18)**

Two prospective applicants for grants for 2018-2019 submitted written requests for information, pursuant to the JALBCA Grant Application Process and Requirements, and one of them submitted two follow-up questions after reviewing JALBCA's response to its initial inquiry. All of those requests, from which JALBCA has removed identifying information, and JALBCA's responses, are below.

Request: Geographic Focus: Will JALBCA consider/support nationwide projects, or would it prefer projects/programs focused on the State of New York or New York City?

Response: JALBCA's focus is on New York and, therefore, it would prefer projects focused within the State of New York. However, as JALBCA has done in the past, it will consider funding nationwide projects that are consistent with and promote its mission, which "focuses on the intersection of the law and breast cancer to leverage the legal community's strength, passion, resources and expertise to promote awareness, early detection, treatment and support for all those affected by breast cancer; to provide programs that educate members of the profession about critical medical, legal and personal issues around breast cancer; to support the breast cancer community at large by supporting and funding major, well-integrated legal and legally-related counseling support programs, as well as state-of-the-art early detection initiatives."

Request: Services/Areas of Interest: Our organization provides funding for free and low-cost breast cancer screenings as well as financial assistance to low-income individuals with breast cancer, and we were wondering if we should focus our proposal just on the screenings (early detection) program or if basic support for those in the breast cancer community would also be of interest/allowable by JALBCA.

Response: As noted in the "Selection Criteria" section of the Grant Application Process and Requirements, a key criterion for JALBCA's consideration of a grant application is "Connection of the proposed grant to the mission of JALBCA." Providing free and low-cost breast cancer screenings (if they are state-of-the-art and provide sufficient support and follow-up) appears to support the portion of JALBCA's mission related to funding "state-of-the-art early detection initiatives." The portion of JALBCA's mission that involves supporting the breast cancer community at large focuses on "supporting and funding major, well-integrated legal and legally-related counseling support programs." Therefore, a program that provides financial assistance directly to low-income individuals with breast cancer, although laudable, would not appear to be directly connected to the mission of JALBCA and would not fulfill that criterion for consideration of a grant application.

Request: Please clarify in Section IX what kind of organization references JALBCA is looking for – that is, are references from funders, community-based organizations, government agencies, Board members or clients acceptable?

Response: JALBCA is seeking references from professionals who have worked with or observed either the organization or, if the organization is new or will use the grant to provide a new area of service, the staff who will be providing services under the grant, not references from clients or members of the organization's board.

Follow-up Requests: We understand from your response to our initial inquiry that we are not able to list a member of our organization's Board of Directors as a reference. But, is it okay to list a current or

former member of JALBCA's Board as a reference? Secondly, is it okay to list an organization as a reference or does it have to be an individual?

Response: Please do not list a current member of JALBCA's Board of Directors as a reference for your organization, because JALBCA's Board votes on grant applications and awards, which might cause that person to have a conflict of interest. You may list an organization as a reference as long as you provide the name and contact information for an individual at that organization whom JALBCA can contact concerning your organization.