



Funding Opportunities for Legal Aid



Funding Opportunities for Legal Aid (FOLA) is a secure, interactive group web site that serves as a clearinghouse for posting information about funding opportunities for legal aid.

- ◆ Search, comment and post news, reports best practices and funding resources around funding opportunities for legal aid.
- ◆ Receive email notifications about funding news as it comes available.
- ◆ FOLA categorizes funding resources by state and federal agency program as well as by type including stimulus, federal funding opportunities and other funding opportunities, such as private grants through foundations.
- ◆ Add and browse relevant news and reports related to funding opportunities for legal aid.
- ◆ FOLA is open to civil members of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) and any stakeholders or partners to legal aid.

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About Us

Welcome to the Funding Opportunities for Legal Aid (FOLA) Group!

[Click here to view an introduction video for this group site.](#) [And click here to view more detailed written instructions on how to use this site.](#)

This interactive group website will serve as a clearinghouse for posting information about funding opportunities for legal aid. Group users may post comments by topic as well as add pages or documents as they feel necessary. Users also have the option to receive emails about funding news as it comes available.

NLADA has been tracking opportunities for civil legal aid advocacy for many years. We are particularly excited about the ability of legal aid programs to find advocacy funding opportunities within the Obama administration. This website will chronicle the most promising of these advocacy funding sources. It will also serve as a resource to document and address administrative inefficiencies in how these funds are administered through the legal aid community.

The recently passed stimulus bill, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, has opened new opportunities for potential funding streams for legal aid providers. NLADA created this group communication vehicle after receiving an overwhelming response from the legal aid community about how the new stimulus funding might be used to support the huge growing need for civil legal assistance. This group is intended to serve as a portal for posting new and existing federal and state resources and is open to NLADA members and other stakeholders interested in funding opportunities for legal aid. The success of this group depends on users' posting content. To this end, we encourage everyone to share relevant funding news, best practices, resources and opportunities to make this a valuable resource for everyone!

NLADA wishes to thank [PS Technologies, Inc.](#) and [Network Ninja](#) for their technical support and partnership in helping to build this group website.

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FOLA launched April 19, 2009 and remains a work in progress. The site will continue to develop in content and in use over time.

Background

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INSTRUCTIONS ON CREATING A USER ACCOUNT & ACCESSING FOLA

The National Legal Aid and Defender Association is excited about its newly launched interactive group web site, **Funding Opportunities for Legal Aid (FOLA)**. If you have not already become a member of the FOLA group site, now is the time to join! We have created a secure web site accessible through www.mynlada.org. In order to access FOLA, you must first register and create an account on mynlada.org. Please follow the instructions below on creating a user account.

Creating a User Account:

1. Go to <http://www.mynlada.org/user/register>
2. Select “Create an account”.
3. **IMPORTANT:** Enter the special group registration key: **fola2009**.
4. Follow other registration instructions.
5. Shortly after creating an account, you should receive an email verification notice requiring confirmation. Be sure to check your SPAM/Junk email folder as these notices often end up there.
6. Once you have verified your account by clicking the link in the verification email, you should be able to login to www.mynlada.org and access the FOLA group under “GROUPS”.
7. Please email folahelp@nlada.org should you need further assistance.

If you have already created an account on mynlada.org but have not yet joined the FOLA group, then login to mynlada.org and under “GROUPS” select “Funding Opportunities for Legal Aid”. The system should then prompt you to “join the group”. Once approved, you will have access to FOLA.

We sincerely appreciate your interest and hope that you will become a member of FOLA soon. Do not miss this opportunity to take advantage of and contribute to this interactive web-based tool on funding opportunities for legal aid!