



Lois M. Bewley Intellectual Freedom, Education and Defense Fund

Terms of Reference

Approved by the BCLA Board: February 5, 2021

PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND

1. The Lois Bewley Fund assists with reasonable costs of educational programs, activities and services that promote understanding of intellectual freedom and freedom to read.
2. The Fund may assist in the defense of colleagues or other workers in the writing, publishing, distribution, or retail sectors who suffer from censorship attacks in the workplace. The fund is not intended to pay lawyers' fees.

CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS OF THE FUND

1. BCLA shall maintain a separate budget line, the Lois M. Bewley Intellectual Freedom, Education and Defense Fund. The Fund will not be charged for expenses incurred in maintaining its account.
2. The Executive of the BCLA Board shall review all requests for funds and recommend disbursements to the BCLA Board for approval. The Executive may consult the Intellectual Freedom Committee in making recommendations.
3. Ideally, a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the fund shall be retained as a base from which to grow the fund.
4. The Intellectual Freedom Committee ensures that the Fund is maintained and remains transparent to members.
5. Membership in BCLA shall not be a requirement for consideration of an application for assistance from the Fund, but membership shall be a determining factor should funds limit consideration of more than one application.



6. The IFC shall periodically (at least once annually) raise awareness of the Fund's purpose and application process via BCLA's website, social media, and at intellectual freedom initiatives.

PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND

Please [apply using the online application form](#).

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