



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the Immigration Litigation Fund and when did it start?**

The Immigration Litigation Fund (ILF) is a funder collaborative at Borealis Philanthropy that began making grants in 2017. The ILF supports impact litigation challenging discriminatory, unlawful, and punitive immigration enforcement policies and practices including **but not limited to** those addressing issues of: identification and apprehension; detention; entry bans; criminal bars; immigration court; adjustment of status; **and** other enforcement-related actions.

### **Who are the foundations that support the ILF?**

Currently the ILF is supported by six foundations: Ford Foundation, JPB Foundation, Open Society Foundations, NoVo Foundation, Reis Foundation, and anonymous donors.

### **What type of grant support does the ILF provide:**

Historically, the ILF has provided time-limited project support to impact litigation specific projects. Due to the current economic and health crisis related to COVID-19, ILF grants awarded will be general operating support rather than project grants. Borealis asks that applicants to the ILF continue to request support for specific impact litigation projects focused on immigration enforcement issues but will provide grant dollars in the form of general operating support to allow organizations maximum flexibility to respond to changing and unforeseen needs and circumstances, that arise during the grant period.

### **What type of activities does the ILF fund?**

The ILF is currently providing support for funding needs related to:

- Impact litigation focused on immigration enforcement issues;
- Convenings meant to advance coordination and strategy on an issue related to impact litigation efforts;
- Organizing and communications efforts that are related to impact litigation efforts.

**If my organization has received ILF funding in the past or is a current ILF grantee, can we apply for funding again?**

Former ILF grant recipients can apply to the fund again. However, in order to be eligible to apply, former grantees must have submitted their required final report for the previously funded project.

Current ILF grantees can **only** apply if their current grant ends before or on June 1, 2020 and they submit their final grant report by June 1, 2020.

If you have questions about your eligibility to apply to the ILF, please contact Borealis staff at [ilf@borealisphilanthropy.org](mailto:ilf@borealisphilanthropy.org).

### **My organization applied for ILF funding in the past but was not awarded a grant. Can we apply for funding again?**

Organizations that have submitted applications to the ILF in the past but were not awarded ILF grants can apply to the fund again.

### **How much funding can I request from the ILF?**

ILF applicants can request a maximum of \$75,000 to support their impact litigation projects.

### **How and when can organizations apply to the ILF?**

The next ILF application deadline is June 1, 2020. To be considered for funding, applicants must **first** speak with a Borealis staff person to discuss their project. Applicants must set up a call with Borealis staff between April 15 and May 22, 2020. Based on the call, applicants will be invited to submit a proposal online via the grant portal by the June 1, 2020 application deadline (see grant portal information below). To schedule a call with Borealis staff, please send an email to [ilf@borealisphilanthropy.org](mailto:ilf@borealisphilanthropy.org) with days and times you are available for a call. **Applications submitted to the website, without first scheduling a call, will not be considered for funding.**

### **After talking with a Borealis staff person, how do I submit my application through the Borealis grant portal?**

In January 2020, Borealis Philanthropy transitioned grants management systems, and as such is using a new process and website ([borealisphilanthropy.force.com](https://borealisphilanthropy.force.com)) to collect grant applications.

The registration process will involve providing information about your organization (including but not limited to executive and finance contacts, your org's strategy and mission, fiscal sponsor information if applicable), and your organization's payment preferences. Currently, we offer ACH/direct deposit payment and paper check payment. ACH/direct deposit payment is faster than paper check payment. The bank account information you enter to set this up will be stored securely and is visible only to our Finance Team.

**If you have previously applied for or received a Borealis grant** please contact our Grants Management Team at [grants@borealisphilanthropy.org](mailto:grants@borealisphilanthropy.org). A member of the Borealis Grants Management Team will assist you with creating a portal account in our new system. Please include “ILF applicant” in the subject line of your email.

**If you are new to Borealis and have never previously applied for a grant**, you will need to self-register for an account on our new portal. Please follow the instructions in [this guide \(https://sites.google.com/borealisphilanthropy.org/forgrantees/borealis-grantee-training-manual#h.p\\_7JdKzv3Vihh3\)](https://sites.google.com/borealisphilanthropy.org/forgrantees/borealis-grantee-training-manual#h.p_7JdKzv3Vihh3) to self-register. If you have any questions about self-registration or encounter issues during the registration process, please contact our Grants Management Team at [grants@borealisphilanthropy.org](mailto:grants@borealisphilanthropy.org). Please include “ILF NEW applicant” in the subject line of your email.

### **Where can the application be accessed?**

Log in to our grants portal at [borealisphilanthropy.force.com](https://borealisphilanthropy.force.com). Once you are logged in, you will be taken to the “Grantee Dashboard” section. At the top of the page, click the “Explore Grant Opportunities” tab. You will see a list of available open application opportunities. Click on the “ILF Year 5” link to begin your application.

### **When will funding decisions be made on applications submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>?**

Applicants who submit proposals by the June 1, 2020 deadline will be notified about whether or not their project will be funded by July 1, 2020. Projects that are approved for funding will receive their grant awards by July 30, 2020.