The Intellectual Freedom Fund

Background
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Motion to receive restricted charitable funds from CLA due to the dissolution and to be
disbursed in accordance with CRA rules and regulations.

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Association. The criteria for disbursement to eligible recipients was reviewed in
consultation with the Canadian Federation of Library Associations.

This fund provides financial assistance in cases involving intellectual freedom.
Funding will be disbursed up to $5,000. Some exceptions will be considered at the
discretion of the review committee.

Eligibility/Criteria
The fund is available to public libraries serving populations under 29,999, or libraries
(for example, an academic library in a small college or university) that would encounter
undue financial hardship when defending intellectual freedom.

Application Procedure
• The application form can be completed at
https://awards.accessola.com/intellectual-freedom-fund/ and must include:
  o Individual or organization name and contact
  o Population served
  o Description of defense of intellectual freedom
  o Demonstrated need for funding
  o Amount of funding requested
• Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

Selection Procedure
• Eligible proposals will be assessed according to the set criteria.
• An OLA committee with representation from CFLA-FCAB Intellectual Freedom
  Committee will review applications to this fund and determine disbursement.

Award Procedure
• Upon approval, the funding proposal will be awarded.
• The recipient will provide a report on the use of the funds at the culmination of
  the defense.

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