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## **REPORT OF THE GLL-SIS GRANTS COMMITTEE 2022-2023**

Chair:

Christine Morton

Members:

Sandra Marz

Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong

Jason Zarin

Gail Warren-Silent Auction Chair

Sara Pic, Board Liaison

### **Charge:**

- Recommend to the Executive Board how many grants should be offered this year (which conferences, number of grants, and monetary amount of each grant).
- Solicit member applications for approved travel/conference grants. Utilize Newsletter, website, and listserv to communicate information. Recognize all awardees.
- Solicit member contributions to the GLL-SIS Grant Fund. Utilize Newsletter, website, and listserv to communicate information. Recognize all donors.
- Conduct an annual fundraising campaign to raise funds for travel/conference grants. The event may be promoted virtually, in-person during the AALL Annual Meeting, or a hybrid of both formats.
- Maintain a manual of procedures and/or timeline for the Committee.
- Update and revise the grant application.

I am pleased to report that the Grants Committee has met each of these charges.

### **2022-2023 Grants Budget**

In 2022-2023, the Executive Board provided the Grants Committee with funds to award six grants for a total of \$11,000. The grant allotments were as follows:

- AALL Executive Leadership Institute – 1, \$1,500 grant. (The Leadership Institute was scheduled to be held in March 2023 in Chicago, IL.)
- ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference – 1, \$1,500 grant.



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- AALL Annual Meeting - 4, \$2,000 grants. Two grants designated for librarians with less than five years of experience, and two grants designated for librarians with more than five years of experience.

Unfortunately, the Leadership Institute was not held and as a result, the grant was not awarded. As in past years, the Grants Committee would like these funds to carry over to next year's Grants Committee budget.

There were no applicants for the Equal Justice Conference. In April 2023, the Executive Board approved the Grant Committee's request to roll over the unused Equal Justice Conference \$1,500 grant to the Annual Meeting grant funds. In doing so, the Grants Committee is able to award a total of \$9,500 to 6 grant applicants. Some of the Annual Meeting applicants requested less than the full grant amount and as a result, the Committee was able to split some of the monetary awards.

**In 2023, the following grants were awarded:**

*AALL Annual Meeting*

Geraldine Cepeda, Complier of Laws and Law Library Executive Director/Librarian  
Guam Law Library  
Hagatna, Guam  
(\$2,000 grant)

Tara Cunningham, Head of Collection Services  
Law Library of Louisiana  
New Orleans, Louisiana.  
(\$1,500 grant)

Sophia Kingsley, Law Library Fellow  
University of Arizona, Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library  
Tucson, Arizona.  
(\$1,505 grant)

Gail Mathapo, Assistant Law Librarian  
Homer M. Stark Law Library, Gwinnett County Justice and Administrative Center  
Lawrenceville, Georgia.



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(\$2,000 grant)

Marlena Okechukwu, Outreach Coordinator  
Hennepin County Law Library  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

(\$1,700 grant)

Heather Snodgrass Reference Librarian  
San Diego Law Library  
San Diego, California.

(\$795 grant)

The Committee publicized the grants via the My Communities listserv, on the Grants Committee webpage, and in the GLL Newsletter.

**Proposed Grants to be offered in 2023-2024:**

The Grants Committee will discuss and propose possible grants for 2023-2024 during the late summer/early fall. Proposed grants will be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

**Fundraising Campaign**

One of the many responsibilities of the GLL-SIS Grants Committee is to conduct an annual fundraising event to support travel/conference grants for GLL members. For many years, funds were raised by holding the GLL Silent Auction. In recent years, in lieu of holding a silent auction, the Committee has conducted a fundraising campaign seeking donations from members. The Fundraising Campaign is organized by Gail and GLL members are encouraged to make a monetary donation to the Fundraising Campaign.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the members of the 2022-2023 Grants Committee for their dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Morton, Chair 2022-2023 Grants Committee Chair