



**GOVERNMENT LAW LIBRARIES
SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION**



REPORT OF THE GLL-SIS GRANTS COMMITTEE 2023-2024

Chair:

Christine Morton

Members:

Pauline Afuso

James Durham- Silent Auction Co-Chair

Sandra Marz

Jason Zarin

Gail Warren-Silent Auction Co-Chair

Sara Pixon, 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.

2023-2024 Grants Budget

In 2023-2024, the Executive Board provided the Grants Committee with funds to award eight grants for a total of \$10,790. The grant allotments were as follows:

- AALL Leadership Academy – 1, \$1,500 grant.
- ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference – 1, \$1,500 grant.



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- AALL Annual Meeting - 4, \$1,500 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.
- AALL Annual Meeting – 2, \$895 registration fee or Annual Meeting pre-conference workshop/CONNELL grants. 1 grant is for GLL members with less than five years of library experience. One grant is for GLL members with more than five years of library experience.

For a second year in a row, there were no grant applicants for the Equal Justice Conference. In March 2024, the Executive Board approved the Grant Committee’s request to roll over the unused Equal Justice Conference \$1,500 grant to establish a new grant for the Self-Represented Litigation Network (SRLN) Conference. Also, there were less applicants than grants for the Annual Meeting. The Committee has awarded 3 \$1500 Annual Meeting grants out of total of 6 Annual Meeting grants.

In 2024, the following grants were awarded:

AALL Leadership Academy

Kristin K. Neri, Law Librarian, 5th Judicial District,
Onondaga County Supreme Court Law Library
Syracuse, New York

AALL Annual Meeting

Taylor Berkoski, Reference Librarian
Jenkins Law Library
Philadelphia, PA

Eric J.H. Chapman, Assistant Librarian
U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit Library
Pasadena, CA

Alicia Friedman, Librarian, Reference & Collections
Los Angeles County Law Library
Palmdale, CA

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



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Proposed Grants to be offered in 2024-2025:

The Grants Committee will discuss and propose possible grants for 2024-2025 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. This year's Fundraising Campaign is being organized by Gail Warren and James Durham.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the members of the 2023-2024 Grants Committee for their dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Morton, Chair 2023-2024 Grants Committee Chair