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## **FOUNDATION ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM LAW-RELATED CHARITIES IN NY**

With a banner year expected for fundraising and grant-making, the New York Bar Foundation has opened its 2019 grant application system with a new feature that will make the process more accessible to law-related charities in New York State.

Applications may now be filed online until September 15, 2018 at <http://tnybf.org/ApplyforGrant/>.

In recognition of the significant need to improve access to justice all across the state, this new online grant management system will streamline the application, grant-making and grant fulfillment processes, allowing for more efficient delivery of funding for legal services to those in need.

The Foundation, the New York State Bar Association's non-profit charitable arm, has significantly stepped up its fundraising efforts and expects to award close to \$750,000 to a record number of organizations in January 2019.

"The Foundation has set a strategic plan focusing on the rule of law, and in particular, equal access to justice," said Foundation President Lesley Rosenthal. "Building on the strengths of our past leadership and the enduring importance of our mission, we aim to cultivate broad-based support, making even more of a difference in the lives of our neighbors in New York."

In recent weeks, the Foundation has raised over \$20,000 in emergency funding to provide pro bono legal representation for immigrant children separated from their parents, in a special appeal called #NYLawyers4Children. To give to this initiative, visit <https://nylawyers4children.swell.gives>. Also this summer, inspired by New York State Chief Judge Janet DiFiore, the Foundation has granted Catalyst public interest fellowships totaling more than \$100,000 to 54 students from 14 law schools across the state.

Rosenthal recently kicked off her new term with a "President's Challenge," inviting Board members and prior NYSBA leaders to move into the next Circle of Giving and increase the amount of funds available for the grant program. This initiative generated more than \$115,000 in pledged money that will assist the Foundation in 2019 and beyond.

**About the New York Bar Foundation**

The New York Bar Foundation is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization that is the charitable arm of the New York State Bar Association. It is governed by a Board of Directors that includes distinguished lawyers from across the State of New York. Through its grant program, the Foundation supports the law-related programs of local legal services agencies, nonprofits, bar associations and other organizations throughout New York State. To make a donation, visit <https://tnybf.org/donation/>.

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