



PLF 2025-2026 Regulatory Reform Partnership Grant Opportunity

Purpose: Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) seeks six to eight SPN affiliate organizations to partner on meaningful state regulatory reform via a comprehensive policy framework intended to restore the separation of powers.

Eligibility: This competitive grant program is open to all affiliate members of SPN. A limited number of organizations will be selected for funding, with grant awards likely ranging from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Previous recipients of the grant are welcome to re-apply for additional funding.

Additional information: PLF has worked with states and allies across the country to roll back the administrative state and restore each branch of government to its constitutional function. Although no single organization has all the answers, PLF has gained significant constitutional and technical expertise through decades of litigation and academic engagement. More recently, PLF developed comprehensive model reform policies and improved messaging strategies. Our Three Pillars of Regulatory Reform framework provides clear policy and communication recommendations for meaningful state-level reforms.

Here's where you come in: PLF believes the most effective way to accelerate the momentum of positive change is to collaborate with our allies who share our commitment to restoring structural limits on government and have superior local knowledge and beneficial relationships in their communities. Combining forces with state policy organizations to best leverage our respective resources and comparative advantages is a recipe for success. The top priorities of this partnership program will be: educating policymakers using the Three Pillars framework, enacting significant policy reforms, and promoting our state-based partners.

In addition to the financial grant, PLF will provide:

- Assistance with messaging the Three Pillars framework and individual policies.
- Assistance in analyzing your state's laws regarding regulations and suggested policies.
- Support with technical review of bills.
- Media support, including assistance with op-ed drafting and placement.
- Committee testimony, as requested.
- Flights, hotel, and meals for one person from your organization and two state legislators (to the extent allowed by state law) to attend a Separation of Powers policy retreat September 22-24 in Austin, Texas.
- Partner groups and policymakers are also invited to attend a policy retreat on Equality & Opportunity or Property Rights at no cost (reasonable travel expenses reimbursed).

- Funding for a co-sponsored event to promote these policy reforms in your state.

Expectations for grantees:

- Participation in a joint plan of action for specific regulatory and separation of power reform, including research and coalition development.
- Promotion of the framework via traditional media, existing organizational communication channels, and legislative outreach.
- Attendance at a PLF-hosted policy retreat September 22-24 in Austin, Texas.
- Securing two reform-minded policymakers to attend PLF's SOP policy retreat (preferably relevant committee chairs or legislators in leadership).
- Develop a plan to promote regulatory reform in your state via events, briefings, or other communication tactics. PLF will provide reasonable funding for these activities.
- Communication with the PLF team regarding any legislative action on regulatory and separation of powers reforms in your state.

Application instructions: As part of the application process, please provide a brief (one-to-two-page) project outline describing:

- Why your organization is particularly well positioned to lead the narrative on regulatory reform in your state.
- The circumstances in your state that will allow you to be successful.
- Lists of regulatory reform policies of interest and any existing contacts with policymakers who can champion such reforms.
- How your organization would meet the expectations for grantees outlined above.
- *If you have previously received a PLF grant for state regulatory reform, please note how you plan to expand on prior reform efforts.

To apply: With questions and to apply, please email Jim Manley at jmanley@pacificlegal.org and Michael Slabinski at mslabinski@pacificlegal.org. PLF will accept applications on a rolling basis through August 22. Please let us know if additional time would be helpful.