

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Brazil 2019

The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) is pleased to invite applications from local partners in Brazil for a sub-grant of up to US\$20,000 for activities related to on-going and emerging legal challenges affecting civil society organizations (CSOs) in the country. The sub-grant will support the efforts of local partners to:

- Assess Brazil's changing legal landscape to identify new and potential legal challenges to civil society in the context of established Brazilian, international, and comparative law;
- Raise the awareness of Brazilians across sectors regarding the legal issues assessed; and
- Advance collective action to promote or defend civic space.

ICNL is particularly interested in:

- Proposals to identify and help address legal challenges faced by communities such as associations dedicated to LGBT, indigenous, and environmental rights;
- Proposals that consider not just national laws and practice, but also state and/or local laws from one or more jurisdictions; and
- Proposals that seek to identify Brazilian jurisdictions with good laws or practices that could serve as models for other jurisdictions.

While these priorities are not mandatory, proposals that include one or more of these elements will receive additional evaluation points. Applications should be submitted directly to ICNL as specified below.

Background

ICNL is an international not-for-profit organization that promotes an enabling legal environment for civil society, freedom of association, and public participation around the world. ICNL has provided technical and research assistance to support the reform of laws affecting CSOs in over 100 countries. We draw upon a worldwide network of partners and experts to produce innovative research and analysis on legal topics affecting civil society. For more information about ICNL's global programs, please visit



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ICNL has supported research and multi-sector dialogue in Brazil related to the legal environment for CSOs in general, and particularly related to the Framework Law for Civil Society Organizations (Law 13.019/14). See, for example, Mendonça, *Parcerias entre Estado e OSCs – desafios na construção de colaborações para implementação da Lei 13.019/2014* (<http://www.icnl.org/programs/lac/MendoncaMROSCimplementacao%20Final.pdf>), Szazi and Storto, *Investigación sobre el marco legal de las organizaciones de la sociedad civil en Latinoamérica: Informe del equipo de Brasil* (<http://www.icnl.org/programs/lac/PDF/BRAZIL/INFORME%20FINAL%20BRASIL.pdf>); and Scardone, *Towards a new relation of partnership between civil society organisations and the State: The legal framework for civil society organisations and Law 13.019 in Brazil* (http://www.icnl.org/research/library/files/queue/Scardone_ICNL_FINAL.pdf). ICNL has also supported plain language materials to help civil society identify and address restrictions on fundamental freedoms. See, for example, Trindade, *Guia de Direitos sobre Reunião Pacífica de Paradas do Orgulho LGBT no Brasil* (<http://www.guiagaybrasil.com.br/noticias/cidadania/lancado-guia-de-orientacao-juridica-a-paradas-lgbt-no-brasil>).

Themes Eligible for Sub-Grant Support:

The legal environment for civil society in Brazil is shaped by a broad range of laws; project proposals related to diverse relevant laws are eligible for support through this competition. A few illustrative examples of project themes that may be considered are challenges related to laws and practices that govern the rights of civil society to:

- Organize and participate in peaceful assemblies and protests;
- Engage in anti-corruption activities;
- Operate without undue restrictions grounded in anti-money laundering and counter-terror financing laws;
- Organize, formally or informally, to promote and defend indigenous or environmental rights; or
- Express opinions, including through digital media.

ICNL has previously supported research on implementation of Law 13.019/14; for this reason, proposals related to that law will not be considered. *Please note that all proposals must relate to the legal environment in which CSOs form or operate.* Proposals related to broader themes, for example, indigenous land rights or workers' rights, are ineligible.

Application Instructions:

To apply for this grant, applicants *must* submit the following items:

- Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), or other statement of relevant work history and education (*no more than 3 pages each for up to 3 key personnel*);
- Line item budget (*not more than 1 page*); and
- Proposal (*not more than 4 pages*).

Please note that ICNL will accept proposals in Portuguese, English, or Spanish. Sub-grant awardees may submit narrative reports on project activities in Portuguese, English, or Spanish, but written products supported by sub-grants must be produced and submitted in Portuguese.

Content of Proposal:

The following required elements *must* be addressed in the proposal:

- The legal issue(s) to be addressed, methodology, planned activities, and outcomes;
- The sectors, groups, and/or key individuals who will contribute to and benefit from the proposed activities;
- A timeline for completing the proposed activities;
- The jurisdictions (national, state and/or local) whose laws, policies, and practices will be explored;
- The applicant's specific experience and expertise related to the civil society legal issues covered in your proposal; and
- The applicant's commitment to continuing to engage with civil society and other sectors on the themes covered in the proposal beyond the conclusion of the proposed activities.

Eligibility Requirements:

This research call is open to individuals or organizations, including CSOs and academic institutions.

Selection Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated based on the following factors:

- Compliance with eligibility requirements and application procedures (incomplete applications will not be considered);
- Demonstrated experience and expertise related to the issue proposed;

- Quality of proposal, including innovation, methodology, feasibility, and likelihood that it will contribute to improving the legal environment for civil society;
- Inclusion of priority interests as identified above;
- Timeline;
- Proposed budget and apparent value for cost; and
- Commitment to continued engagement following conclusion of proposed activities.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants may apply by submitting all required documents to Anna Santiago, at asantiago@icnl.org. E-mails must state "Brazil Sub-grant Application" in the subject line.

Terms of Reference:

All grant recipients must submit a final report on the use of funds, activities conducted, and outcomes of their projects prior to receiving their final grant disbursements.

All sub-grant recipients must finalize their projects by November 28, 2019.

Deadline:

The deadline for applications is **FEBRUARY 18, 2019**.