



WORLD JUSTICE CHALLENGE

A SEED GRANT COMPETITION TO STRENGTHEN THE RULE OF LAW

What is the World Justice Challenge?

The World Justice Challenge is an open competition designed to inspire individuals to create initiatives that will strengthen the rule of law where they live and work. It provides an opportunity for individuals to test practical solutions on the ground supported by:

- Modest seed grants—the typical size of a seed grant is \$15,000 to \$25,000
- Connections to others in the WJP's global network
- Increased visibility through media and communications support

The World Justice Challenge is an initiative of the World Justice Project (WJP), an independent, global organization working to advance the rule of law for the development of communities of opportunity and equity worldwide. The WJP believes that everyone is a stakeholder in the rule of law, and that a multidisciplinary approach is essential to creating long-lasting change.

How It Works



Stage 1: Identify an area for improvement. Using the *WJP Rule of Law Index*, individuals can identify areas where the rule of law needs improvement in the country in which they live or work.

Stage 2: Create an initiative to improve the rule of law. Individuals begin to create ideas to address the challenge. This process may be done with individuals from different sectors or countries in order to encourage diverse perspectives, or it may be created independently. A complete proposal is then submitted to the WJP for consideration for incubation support.

Stage 3: WJP selects initiatives to receive support. Once all proposals are received, a selection process begins using established criteria. Grantees are chosen by a Selection Panel which changes each year.

Stage 4: WJP provides support to selected initiatives. Once an initiative is selected, the WJP works with the program implementers to identify where support is most needed to make the initiative successful.

Documenting and Sharing Ideas: WJP's Program Library

Since its founding, the WJP has provided over \$1,000,000 in financial, communications, and network support to initiatives on five continents, from improving food security in Haiti to access to health care in Cameroon to tackling corruption in India. These initiatives—led by artists, engineers, athletes, and business leaders—show the diversity of approaches to strengthen the rule of law around the world. All initiatives are catalogued on the WJP's website in a Program Library, where visitors can learn more about initiatives in their countries, or find inspiration to replicate or adapt an idea. Programs are searchable by country, issue, or rule of law factor at worldjusticeproject.org/program-library.

Applying for the World Justice Challenge

The World Justice Challenge is open to all individuals, organizations, and entities from any country. The competition will launch on November 5 and close January 15. Approximately 10 grantees will be selected by a Selection Panel using the criteria listed in the application. The typical size of a seed grant is \$15,000 – \$25,000.

To learn more about how to apply, or read profiles of previous grantees in our Program Library, visit www.worldjusticeproject.org.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE WJP RULE OF LAW INDEX AND HOW DOES IT RELATE TO MY PROJECT?

The WJP Rule of Law Index® is a quantitative assessment tool offering a detailed picture of the extent to which countries adhere to the rule of law in practice. It provides original data about multiple dimensions of the rule of law, and identifies a nation's strengths and weaknesses, helping to identify areas in need of improvement.

WHAT IS THE RODERICK B. MATHEWS OPPORTUNITY FUND?

The Roderick B. Mathews Opportunity Fund, named in honor of one of the WJP's founding board members, is a dedicated fund to provide seed grants for selected initiatives that advance the rule of law. The amount of the fund fluctuates each year. In 2014, the fund is \$300,000.

CAN I APPLY FOR A PROJECT I AM ALREADY WORKING ON?

The World Justice Challenge is intended to help incubate and support new ideas and initiatives that advance the rule of law. If your project has already been operating for several years, it will not be eligible. However, we welcome applicants who have adapted new models, started new partnerships, expanded successful efforts in new areas, or innovated an existing effort to better address a rule of law issue.