



SUMMARY OF GRANTS PROGRAM CRITERIA

In order to be eligible to receive a VCLF grant, a program or organization must be (i) law-related and (ii) primarily serve the San Fernando Valley. In addition, VCLF gives priority to programs/organizations that satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- **Apply innovative approaches or new ideas;**
- **Have potential for independent continuity;**
- **Demonstrate community support;**
- **Avoid duplication of existing services;**
- **Address under-served needs or populations;**
- **Achieve broad geographic and demographic benefits within the San Fernando Valley; and**
- **Demonstrate an ability to secure other funding to augment VCLF grant money.**

Please note that the VCLF will not make grants to: (i) political campaigns or entities designed principally for political purposes, (ii) organizations that support religious activities, (iii) organizations that could jeopardize the VCLF's tax exempt status, (iv) organizations that fail to show fiscal responsibility and integrity, and (v) individuals.

HISTORY OF GRANTS PROGRAM

One of the primary functions of the Valley Community Legal Foundation (the "VCLF") is to fund and support law-related educational and charitable programs that serve the San Fernando Valley. For the last several years, VCLF has financially supported a variety of legal programs through the award of both grants and scholarships. VCLF particularly seeks to aid law-related programs that assist children, families, domestic violence victims and others in need. Grants are made to traditional, well-established programs, as well as new start-up community based organizations that apply innovative approaches.