



**Statement of Purpose - LSC Grant Assurances**  
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**The purpose of the LSC Grant Assurances is to delineate the rights and responsibilities of LSC and the recipient pursuant to the provisions of the grant.<sup>1</sup>**

As a grant making agency created by Congress, LSC has Grant Assurances that are intended to reiterate and/or clarify the responsibilities and obligations already applicable through existing law and regulations and/or obligate the recipient to comply with specific additional requirements in order to effectuate the purposes of the LSC Act and other applicable law.

**LSC Grant Assurances must serve one or more of the following objectives:**

- 1) Ensure or support compliance with applicable law
- 2) Protect the legal and financial interests of LSC as grantor
- 3) Enable LSC to administer its grants effectively and efficiently
- 4) Promote the effective delivery of high quality legal services to eligible clients in an efficient manner
- 5) Prevent disputes and promote the expeditious resolution of any disputes that do occur

**In addition, if a potential Grant Assurance serves one or more of the objectives stated above, in order for it to be included, it must meet the following requirements:**

- 1) It is reasonably related to the purpose of the grant
- 2) It is appropriate for uniform application to all recipients
- 3) It is not duplicative of another existing Grant Assurance

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<sup>1</sup>There are substantive distinctions between Grant Assurances and special grant conditions. Grant assurances apply to all grantees. Special grant conditions are specific in application to an individual grantee.

**ATTACHMENT – 1 (continued)**

**Further, a potential Grant Assurance which appears appropriate for inclusion because it fulfills the criteria set forth above should also:**

- 4) be drafted in simple and straightforward terms, to the extent possible, and
- 5) the value of its objectives should outweigh any additional burden that the Grant Assurance imposes on grantees (does not apply to reiteration of statutory or regulatory requirements)

**If a Grant Assurance reiterates a statutory or regulatory requirement, one or more of the following applies:**

- 1) It clarifies the requirement in order to provide additional guidance
- 2) It provides specific notice of the requirement which might not be otherwise readily known to the grantee
- 3) LSC is required by statute or regulation to include the requirement in the Grant Assurances