

## Rules Access to Justice

### Which projects or activities are eligible?

Projects or activities related to access to law (in a broad sense) for everyone are eligible, regardless of origin, position or legal question.

Individuals or smaller entrepreneurs may, for many reasons, find it difficult to determine their legal position and/or take legal action, despite the existing legal system enabling them to do so. This may be because they do not have sufficient access to objectively reliable information about their legal position, because they do not experience sufficient capacity to act, lack access to advice and/or support, lack financial resources, time or energy, experience feelings of discomfort, fear or shame, or lack confidence in the existing legal system. This may be experienced or addressed differently by specific groups, such as young people or less self-reliant or otherwise vulnerable individuals.

Access to Justice aims to promote projects or activities that facilitate individuals or small entrepreneurs in determining their legal position and/or to obtain justice, whether for a specific group or not. For example, these may be projects or activities that provide alternative avenues for handling objections or contribute to obtaining more objectively reliable information about the legal position in order to make good use of the existing system. Of course, other projects or activities are also conceivable.

They must be ongoing projects that contribute to access to justice or projects the implementation of which will begin no later than January 1 of the year following the award.

### Who may participate?

All South Holland-based companies, institutions (not-for-profit or for-profit) and individuals may participate if they contribute to access to justice. Companies, institutions and individuals not located in South Holland may also participate if they contribute to access to justice in South Holland.

An alliance of companies and institutions may also be eligible for the award if at least one of those companies or institutions is located in South Holland and contributes to access to justice or none of the participants in the alliance is located in South Holland and the alliance contributes to access to justice in The Hague.

### What is the amount from the fund?

The Access to Justice Fund is in principle € 20,000. Pels Rijcken reserves the right to designate two winners, in which case each will receive € 10,000.

### The jury

The selection of the winner(s) of the fund is made by a jury of three persons, composed by Pels Rijcken, which may also include external jury members. In case of a large number of entries, Pels Rijcken may choose to have a pre-selection take place and only the candidates that emerged from the pre-selection (the nominees) will be presented to the jury.

### Timeframe

Registration is open as of 1 June 2024 until 7 October 2024. Applicants shall submit a plan describing eligible projects or activities. An application form enables them to explain how and why the project or activity contributes to access to justice.

If preselection has taken place, the nominees will be announced on Oct. 14.

Presentation of the Access to Justice Fund will take place at ImpactFest on Nov. 7, 2024.