



## Request for Builders Legal Action and Research (BLAR) Fund

*Note: It is highly recommended that the lead attorney in this case fill out this application*

### **WBA Member Information**

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Name of Member:

Member Address:

Member telephone number:

Fax:

Applicant E-mail:

### **Attorney Information**

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Attorney and Firm Name:

Attorney Address:

Attorney State Bar of Wisconsin number:

Attorney telephone number:

Fax:

Attorney E-mail:

### **BLAR FUND Assistance**

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Specify the type of assistance that you are seeking (e.g. amicus curiae brief, research, assistance in paying legal fees in a court case, a join coalition effort on a lawsuit.)

Specify all relevant case deadlines:

### **Case Information**

Name of Case:

Court/Administrative Agency:

Case Number:

The Applicant is: Plaintiff/Complainant or Defendant/Respondent (please circle one)

Other Parties Involved (specify if plaintiff, defendant, amicus, etc.):

Facts and summary of the case (please attach additional pages if necessary)

Case issues related to keeping the cost of housing affordable in Wisconsin:

What legal theory is being challenged in this case?

What is the procedural status of this case?

### **Research Information**

What topic are you researching?

Who will do this research (name of individual or firm)?

Are you partnering with another group on the project?

Will this research help with a public policy goal of the WBA? If yes, which one?

Please note, if a research project is funded by the WBA BLAR Fund it is understood that the WBA can also use this research to promote the public policy goals of the WBA. Also, that any grant for research approved from the WBA BLAR Fund will be paid directly to the firm or individual doing the research.

## **Summary of financial commitment and request of BLAR Funds**

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- How much has the individual member committed to spending on this request?
- How much has the local HBA committed to spending on this request (please submit minutes from local HBA meeting which committed local matching funds)?
- How much is the applicant asking to be approved from the BLAR Fund (request can be up to \$5000 per each calendar year from each local HBA)?

## **Application Submission**

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Please submit the enclosed application, any additional documentation, with a cover letter for to the WBA Executive Director for consideration by the WBA Executive Committee.

The cover letter should address the following issues:

- Does the request have matching funds made available by the member applicant and the local HBA?
- Does the request address a specific WBA policy priority?
- Does this request involve a legal issue(s) or policy that will adversely impact the cost of housing in Wisconsin?
- Is there a likelihood that this request may establish an important legal precedent that effects the cost of housing in Wisconsin?
- Would WBA's participation in the request help or harm the outcome?
- Is there is a good likelihood of success?

Regarding legal expenditures, funding will mainly be provided for cases at the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court level because that is the level at which decisions become legal precedents for other courts.

**Information can be mailed to: Wisconsin Builders Association BLAR Fund, Attn: Brad Boycks, 660 John Nolen Drive, #320, Madison WI 53713.**