

Dear Member,

Further to recent correspondence about the Scottish Government's package of assistance to legal aid practitioners, we are now writing to confirm that the resilience fund is now open to applications on the following link -

<http://lss.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT05ODUzODkzJnA9MSZ1PTEwMjQxNDY4NTYmbGk9ODQxNTYxMDA/index.html>

The deadline for submission of an application is midnight on 31st March 2021.

We understand that the Law Society of Scotland will now approach the Scottish Government and the Scottish Legal Aid Board to address the final part of the process wherein it is currently stated -

"The grant offer letter sets out conditions set by Scottish Ministers, and as part of these conditions you will be required to send the Scottish Legal Aid Board the following evidence within three months of receiving your grant:

- most recent set of financial statements
- recent set of management accounts that covers the period being claimed for and signed by an independent auditor or accountant, showing other coronavirus Government support received."

We would therefore invite you to refrain from submitting the documentation referred to above being financial statements and management accounts until we correspond further with you.

If you have any feedback about the application process, success or otherwise, the Joint Legal Aid Negotiating Team at the Law Society of Scotland would be pleased to receive your feedback, by email - [legalaid@lawscot.org.uk](mailto:legalaid@lawscot.org.uk). If there are issues about SLAB processing the applications or concerns about the decisions made, please contact Joint LANT as detailed to allow national level representations to be made. We would be pleased to be copied into any such communications, by email - [info@glasgowbarassociation.co.uk](mailto:info@glasgowbarassociation.co.uk).

We would encourage all practitioners affected to make an application.

Kind regards,

The Executive Committee of the Glasgow Bar Association