

## **Criteria for Awarding Grants to the State Trucking Associations**

1. State Associations draft a formal request on their letterhead to include answers to the following questions:
  - a. Area of tort reform to be pursued.
  - b. How the ITF funds will be utilized and will there be funds from other sources.
  - c. Partners in the tort reform campaign (Chamber of Commerce, ATRA state affiliate, others in the business community, etc.).
  - d. Likelihood of success in the State Legislature (political makeup of the House and Senate, willingness of the Chair of the Committees of Jurisdiction to move tort reform legislative, willingness of the House/Senate Leadership to move tort reform legislation, likely opponents, etc.). Also, if the issue has been defeated in the past, what dynamics have changed to ensure success this time?
  - e. What other issues are on your legislative agenda for the upcoming Legislative Session and where will tort reform rank as a priority on that agenda.
  - f. Likelihood that the Governor will sign tort reform legislation.
2. Formal written request presented to the ITF (either at a meeting of the ITF, when one is scheduled, or through an electronic polling of the ITF members).
3. The Chair or a combination of any three Members of the ITF may ask that the request be deferred to a Meeting of the ITF or that more information be provided from the requesting State Association.

Once a grant has been made, the State Association will be required to report its progress on tort reform at the Winter Leadership Meeting and the MC&E Meeting of the ITF.