

Administrative Office of the Courts

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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Access to Justice Department

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE GRANTS

The Maryland Judiciary receives state funds each year to support programs that enhance access to justice. This year funds are available for non-profit legal service providers to support programs that enhance access to legal representation in civil case types, and for Maryland state courts for certain court initiatives.

Grant Purpose

These grants are being offered to enhance the courts' ability to provide meaningful access to justice. The following types of projects will be considered for funding:

1. *Limited Scope Representation.* Programs that provide access to a lawyer for a limited scope as defined by the Maryland Rules. Funded programs will successfully connect low- or moderate-income individuals with members of the private bar on a reduced fee basis.
2. *Volunteer Lawyer of the Day Programs.* Programs that provide access to a pro bono lawyer on the day of court for case types where such representation is appropriate including consumer and rent or other housing cases.
3. *Court Concierge Initiatives.* [Circuit Court applicants only]. Programs that provide staffing and/or technology to assist court visitors, manage the flow of people in court buildings, and aid individuals to quickly and efficiently accomplish court business.
4. *Technical Assistance.* [Circuit Court applicants only]. Engaging a consultant or securing technical assistance to develop an initiative to simplify court processes and procedures, or to develop other initiatives that enhance access to the courts.

Eligible Applicants

- Non-Profit Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Maryland Circuit Courts

Availability and Awards of Funds

The availability of funds is contingent upon the provision of funds in the Maryland Judiciary budget by the Maryland General Assembly for Fiscal Year 2020. Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice in early June of 2019.

Funding Cycle: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Match Requirements

No Match Requirement.

Special Requirements

Conditions. In accepting grant funds, grantees agree to abide by the Judiciary's General Grant Conditions as well as any Special Conditions.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Application Due: March 15, 2019

Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only

Email: *(Please submit emails with the Subject as described.)*

Subject Line: "Access to Justice NOFA, Applicant Name"

Delivery Address: atjgrants@mdcourts.gov

Grant Submission Checklist

- Signed Grant Application
- Proposed Budget with Justification
- Support Letter Signed by Admin. Judge

Additional Terms & Requirements

- General Grant Conditions
- Special Conditions for FY2020 Maryland Access to Justice Grants

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Conference Call

Phone: February 20, 2019, 2:00 p.m. To join the call:

~~**DIAL: 1-866-247-6034**~~

~~**Enter code: 8528008595**~~

(This call is NOT mandatory.)

Successful Applicant Tools & Tips

- Before submitting your application, read the NOFA, General Conditions, Special Conditions and application instructions in their entirety.
- If needed, seek guidance with department staff prior to the application deadline.
- Provide a justification for every budgeted line item and review your application packet before submission.

Questions: pamela.ortiz@mdcourts.gov / 410-260-1258.

NEW CALL INFORMATION:

CONFERENCE CALL INFO:

Toll-free dial-in number (U.S. and Canada):
(866) 848-2216

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