

Administrative Office of the Courts
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
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**Department of Juvenile and
Family Services**

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DJFS Child Welfare Program Grant

Funds have been appropriated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families to provide financial assistance to State and local units of government, non-profit organizations and institutions of higher education within the State of Maryland to assist state courts in improving safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes **for abused and neglected children in the child welfare system**. The Maryland Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts, Department of Juvenile and Family Services administers the grant.

Grant Purpose

These grants are being offered to support innovative projects, particularly in areas of new and emerging child welfare issues. For best consideration, applicants should clearly identify the outcomes they seek to achieve with specified grant activities and develop measurable objectives to determine progress in achieving these outcomes.

Eligible Applicants

- State and Local Governments *within the state of Maryland*
- Non-Profit Organizations *within the state of Maryland*
- Institutions of Higher Education *within the state of Maryland*

Availability and Awards of Funds

The availability of funds is contingent upon the provision of funds in the Maryland Judiciary budget by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice in October 2018.

Match Requirements

There is no match requirement.

Funding Cycle: October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019

APPLICATION FORMS

Special Requirements

Training projects require a template of the pre – post training knowledge assessment tool, measuring skills gained by participants, must be developed and accompany application. **Applicants may not use grant funding for new positions.** All grantees must adhere to all state and federal regulations, terms, and conditions and reporting and auditing requirements.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Application Due: Friday, September 28, 2018

Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only

Email - Subject Line: "DJFS Child Welfare Grant, Applicant Name, Grant Program"

(Please submit emails with the Subject Title as described.)

Delivery Address: DJFS.Childwelfare@mdcourts.gov

Grant Submission Checklist

- Signed Grant Cover Sheet with Grant Application
- Proposed Budget with Justification
- Support Letter Required from the Court

Additional Terms & Requirements

General Grant Conditions

Special Conditions for DJFS Child Welfare Program Grants under the (CIP) Funds for (FYs) 2017-2021; Funding Cycle: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19

Successful Applicant Tools & Tips

- Before submitting your application, read the NOFA, General Conditions, Special Grant Conditions and application instructions in their entirety.
- If needed, seek guidance with department staff prior to the application deadline.
- Whenever possible, provide timely data in your responses that demonstrates the effectiveness of your program.
- Provide a justification for every budgeted line item.
- Review your application packet before submission.

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