

**Administrative Office of the Courts**  
**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**  
**NOFA #: N15000426P**



**Foster Care Court Improvement Program**

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**GRANT TITLE & DESCRIPTION**

**Mid-Year Child Welfare Program Grant**

The Maryland Judiciary, Foster Care Court Improvement Program administers this grant. Funds appropriated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, 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.

**Grant Purpose**

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. These grants are being offered to support the following initiatives:

- LGBTQ Foster Youth
- Kinship Care
- Educational Stability
- Family Engagement

**Eligible Applicants**

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

**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 for Fiscal Year 2015. Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice in late April of 2015.

**Mid-year funding: May 1, 2015 – October 30, 2015**

**Special Requirements**

This grant will be ideal for one time cost or short-term projects, training, etc.

Applicants may not use grant funding for new positions.

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

NOFA Issued: Monday, March 23, 2015

**Application Due: FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015**

Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only  
Email: Subject Line: "CIPCW15, Organization, Project Name"  
*(Please submit emails with the Subject Title as described.)*

Delivery Address: [fccip@mdcourts.gov](mailto:fccip@mdcourts.gov)

**Grant Submission Checklist**

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

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

**Online Guidance**

- [Judiciary General Grant Conditions](#)
- [Special Conditions for Child Welfare Program Grants](#)
- [Instructions \(included with Grant Application\)](#)

**Successful Applicant Tools & Tips**

- Read the NOFA, General Grant and Special Conditions and application instructions in their entirety.
- If needed, seek guidance with department staff prior to the application deadline.
- Provide timely data in your responses that demonstrates the effectiveness of your program.
- Provide a justification for every budgeted line item.
- Proofread your application, changes may not be submitted once the deadline has passed.

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