

Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO)

GRANT TITLE & DESCRIPTION

Small Conflict Resolution Project Grants for Courts MACRO's Conflict Resolution Projects Grant Program provides funding for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) programs or projects which support and further its mission to develop, improve, and expand high quality alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services in Maryland's courts, communities, criminal and juvenile justice programs, state and local government agencies, as well as schools and universities for the benefit of the general public.

Grant Purpose

Grants of up to \$5,000 are being offered to benefit the courts and citizens of Maryland with the goal of increasing efficiency in the courts, expanding access to justice and preventing conflicts from escalating into violence or litigation.

Possible Projects for Consideration:

- Advanced ADR training for staff or roster mediators
- Sending ADR court staff to ADR conferences to learn about current trends in the field
- Printing ADR-related materials
- Getting ADR-related materials translated into other languages

Eligible Applicants

Circuit Courts in Maryland are eligible to apply.

Availability and Awards of Funds

Funds are available from the Maryland Judiciary's FY2015 budget. All funds must be spent between the award date and June 30, 2015. Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice as quickly as possible to allow courts time to complete their projects.

Funding Cycle: February 9, 2015 – June 30, 2015

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

NOFA Issued: February 9, 2015 Application Documents:

<u>Application Form – Short</u> [\$5,000 or less] <u>Proposed Budget Request</u>

Application Due: March 13, 2015

Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only Email: Subject Line: "NOFA#, Applicant Name, Grant Program"

(Please submit emails with the Subject Title as described.) Delivery Address: MACROgrants@mdcourts.gov

Grant Submission Checklist

- O Signed Grant Application
- O Proposed Budget with Justification

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Online Guidance

- O Judiciary General Grant Conditions
- Special Conditions for Conflict Resolution <u>Project Grants</u>

Successful Applicant Tools & Tips

- Read the NOFA, General Conditions and Special Conditions in their entirety.
- If needed, seek guidance with MACRO 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.
- Proofread your application!

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