

Administrative Office of the Courts
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
NOFA #: N17-0013-26P



Foster Care Court Improvement Program

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 innovative projects, particularly in areas of new and emerging child welfare issues. Such projects could include the following:

- Preventing Sex Trafficking
- Improving Continuing Education Outcomes for Older Youth
- Family Engagement
- Kinship Care
- Quality Representation and Child Welfare
- Program Evaluation or Data Analysis Projects for Existing Programs

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 2016.

Funding cycle: October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017

Special Requirements

Training projects require a commitment to a longer, more sustainable initiative (i.e. train the trainer, training curriculum, task force development, etc.), beyond the training event. A template of the pre – post training knowledge assessment tool, measuring skills gained by

participants, must be developed and accompany application.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

NOFA Issued: August 3, 2016
Application Links: [Grant Narrative Application](#)
[Proposed Budget with Justification](#)
Application Due: September 16, 2016
Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only
Email: Subject Line: "CIPCW17, Organization, Project Name"

(Please submit emails with the Subject Title as described.)
Delivery Address: 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 FFY2017 Child Welfare Program Grants](#)
- [Instructions for Completing 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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APPLICATION FORMS

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