

Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO)

GRANT TITLE & DESCRIPTION

Conflict Resolution Project Grants

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

These grants 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.

Categories for funding consideration:

- Starting or Expanding an ADR Program
- Mediator/ADR Practitioner Quality
- Public Conflict Resolution Education
- Conflict Resolution Services
- ADR-related Research

Activities MACRO will not fund:

MACRO will not fund projects that have religious, political or lobbying purposes.

Eligible Applicants

Must be within the State of Maryland

- Courts
- State and Local Governments
- 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 Maryland General Assembly for Fiscal Year 2016. Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice in early June of 2015.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

NOFA Issued: January 29, 2015 Application Links:

> Application Form – Short [\$5,000 or less] Application Form – Standard [over \$5,000] Goals and Evaluation Plan Proposed Budget Request

Application Due: March 18, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.

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

- Signed Grant Application
- Proposed Budget with Justification
- See application for additional documents and requirements

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Online Guidance

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

Successful Applicant Tools & Tips

- Read the NOFA, General Conditions, Special Conditions and application instructions 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!

Questions: MACROgrants@mdcourts.gov 410-260-3544