

Administrative Office of the Courts

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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Access to Justice Department

ACCESS TO JUSTICE GRANTS

The Maryland Judiciary receives state funds each year to support programs that enhance access to justice. This year funds are available for non-profit legal service providers to support programs that enhance access to legal representation in civil case types in both District and Circuit Courts, and for Maryland Circuit Courts for certain court initiatives.

Grant Purpose

These grants are being offered to enhance the courts' ability to provide meaningful access to justice. The following types of projects will be considered for funding:

1. *Limited Scope Representation.* Programs that provide access to a lawyer for a limited scope as defined by the Maryland Rules. Funded programs will successfully engage members of the private bar either through pro bono service or on a reduced fee basis.
2. *Volunteer Lawyer of the Day Programs.* Programs that provide access to a pro bono lawyer on the day of court for case types where such representation is appropriate including consumer and rent or other housing cases.
3. *Court Concierge Initiatives.* [Circuit Court applicants only]. Programs that provide staffing, signage and/or technology to assist court visitors, manage the flow of people in court buildings, and aid individuals to quickly and efficiently accomplish court business.

Eligible Applicants

- Non-Profit Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Maryland Circuit Courts

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 2019. Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice in early June of 2018.

Funding Cycle: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Match Requirements

No Match Requirement.

Special Requirements

Conditions. In accepting grant funds, grantees agree to abide by the Judiciary's General Grant Conditions as well as any Special Conditions.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Application Reissue Date: January 22, 2018

Application Due: March 15, 2018

Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only

Email: *(Please submit emails with the Subject as described.)*

Subject Line: "Access to Justice NOFA, Applicant Name"

Delivery Address: atjgrants@mdcourts.gov

Grant Submission Checklist

- Signed Grant Application
- Proposed Budget with Justification
- Support Letter Signed by Admin. Judge

Additional Terms & Requirements

- General Grant Conditions
- Special Conditions for FY2019 Maryland Access to Justice Grants

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Conference Call

Phone: February 15, 2018, 2:00 p.m. To join the call:

DIAL: 1-866-247-6034

Enter code: 8528008595

(This call is NOT mandatory.)

Successful Applicant Tools & Tips

- Before submitting your application, read the NOFA, General Conditions, Special Conditions and application instructions in their entirety.
- If needed, seek guidance with department staff prior to the application deadline.
- Provide a justification for every budgeted line item and review your application packet before submission.

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APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE