

Administrative Office of the Courts
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
NOFA #: N16001126P



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. Projects could include the following:

- Preventing Sex Trafficking
- Family Engagement
- Kinship Care (Formal/Informal)
- Quality Representation and Child Welfare

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, 2015 – September 30, 2016

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.

Applicants may not use grant funding for new positions.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

NOFA Issued: August 27, 2015
Application Due: September 25, 2015
Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only
Email: Subject Line: "CIPCW16, Organization, Project Name"
(Please submit emails with the Subject Title as described.)
Delivery Address: fccip@mdcourts.gov

Grant Submission Checklist

- [Signed Grant Application Cover Sheet](#)
- [Grant Application](#)
- [Proposed Budget with Justification Workbook](#)
- [Support Letter Required](#)

Online Guidance

- [Judiciary General Grant Conditions](#)
- [Special Conditions for FCCIP](#)
- [Instruction Sheet for Completing Application](#)

Successful Applicant Tools & Tips

- Read the NOFA, General Grant Conditions and Special Conditions and Application Instruction Sheet 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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