

**Administrative Office of the Courts**  
**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**  
**NOFO #: FO-2027-ATJ-001**  
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**Access to Justice Department**

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## **ACCESS TO JUSTICE GRANTS**

As part of its mission to provide fair, efficient, and effective justice for all, the Maryland Judiciary receives state funds each year to support programs that enhance access to justice. Access to Justice Grant funds are available for non-profit legal service providers to support programs that enhance access to legal representation in civil case types, and for Maryland state 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. *Access to Justice.* Programs that enhance access to justice in civil legal matters. Successful programs will partner with a local court to enhance access to the courts or to facilitate the ability of persons without counsel to handle legal matters on their own.
2. *Volunteer Lawyer of the Day Programs.* Programs that provide access to a lawyer on the day of court for case types where such representation is appropriate.
3. *Language Access Initiatives.* Programs that enhance access to justice for persons whose primary language is not English.

Funding priority will be given to continue successful existing programs. New grants will be awarded based on funding availability.

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

- Maryland Circuit Courts
- Non-Profit Organizations

## **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 2027. Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice in early June of 2026.

### **Funding Cycle**

- July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

### **Match Requirements**

- No Match Requirement.

## **APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

**Application Due:** March 13, 2026

**Documents:** Scanned PDF submitted by email only

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

**Subject Line:** "Access to Justice Grant – FO-2027-ATJ-001, Applicant Name"

**Delivery Address:** [atjgrants@mdcourts.gov](mailto:atjgrants@mdcourts.gov)

### **Grant Submission Checklist**

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

### **Additional Terms & Requirements**

- ☐ General Grant Conditions
- ☐ Special Conditions for FY2027 Maryland Access to Justice Grants

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

### *Conference Call*

- **Zoom Meeting:** February 26, 2026, 2:00 p.m.  
Registration not required. To join Zoom meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/atigrantsfy27>.

### **SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT TOOLS & TIPS**

- Before submitting your application, read the Funding Opportunity, 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.

### **Questions**

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**APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE**