

**Administrative Office of the Courts**  
**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**  
**NOFO #: FO-2027-ATJ-003**  
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**Access to Justice Department**

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## **JUDICARE GRANT**

As part of its mission to provide fair, efficient, and effective justice for all, the Maryland Judiciary receives state funds each year to support the Judicare program. This funding opportunity is non-competitive and is by invitation only.

### **GRANT PURPOSE**

This grant is being offered to enhance the courts' ability to provide meaningful access to justice. A single grant will be awarded to fund the Judicare program with the aim of expanding access to full representation for low-income persons in family law cases. Priority will be given to individuals with contested custody cases, but funds can be used for other family law matters where full representation is warranted. The grantee shall subaward funds to eligible civil legal service providers to operate the program.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- Maryland Legal Services Corporation

### **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**

The grantee must match up to a minimum of \$350,000 per year.

## **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:** "Judicare Grant – FO-2027-ATJ-003, Applicant Name"

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

### **Grant Submission Checklist**

- ☐ Signed Grant Application
- ☐ Proposed Budget with Justification
- ☐ Audit Certification Form

### **Additional Terms & Requirements**

- ☐ General Grant Conditions
- ☐ Special Conditions for FY2027 Maryland Judicare Grants

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

### **Conference Call**

- N/A

### **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**