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Foster Care Court Improvement Program

FY2017 FCCIP Special Project Grants

The Maryland Judiciary, Foster Care Court Improvement Program administers this grant. Funds appropriated by the state to 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 wellbeing outcomes for abused and neglected children in the child welfare system.

Grant Purpose

These grants are being offered to support projects in areas of child welfare. 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.

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 Maryland General Assembly for Fiscal Year 2017. Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice in mid-June of 2016.

Funding Cycle: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Match Requirement

No matching funds required.

Special Requirements

Training projects require a template of the pre / post training knowledge assessment tool, which measures skills gained by participants. The tool must be developed and accompany the application.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION Application Due: May 31, 2016 by 5:00pm

Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only Email: Subject Line: "FY2017 FCCIP Special Projects Grant, Applicant Name, Grant Program"

(Please submit emails with the Subject Title as described.) Delivery Address: <u>fccip@mdcourts.gov</u>

Grant Submission Checklist

- Signed Grant Cover Sheet with Grant Application
- O Proposed Budget with Justification
- O Support Letter Required

Additional Terms & Requirements

General Grant Conditions

Special Conditions for FY2017 FCCIP Special Project Grants

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.
- Whenever possible, provide timely data in your responses that demonstrates the effectiveness of your program.
- Provide a justification for every budgeted line item.
- Review your application packet before submission.

Questions: fccip@mdcourts.gov/410-260-1427

APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE

(beginning May 9, 2016)