# Administrative Office of the Courts NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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# **Foster Care Court Improvement Program**

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#### **FCCIP Special Projects Grant**

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 2018. Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice in early June of 2017.

Funding Cycle: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

#### **Special Requirements**

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

#### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Application Due: March 20, 2017

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

(Please submit emails with the Subject Title as described.)

Delivery Address: fccip@mdcourts.gov

#### **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 FY18 Special Conditions for 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**