

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Department of Family Administration Administrative Office of the Courts

JURISDICTIONAL FAMILY SERVICES GRANTS - FY 2015

Issue Date: June 19, 2013

Applications Due: July 26, 2013

General Information

The Maryland Judiciary began an important initiative to improve its responsiveness to families and children when it created circuit court family divisions and family services programs in 1998. Since that time, the circuit courts have reoriented their case management practices and developed programs to assist the many families and children that come before the court. The Maryland Judiciary is committed to ensuring that services provided by the courts are accessible to all litigants regardless of their ability to pay for the services and without regard to representational status.

The Maryland Judiciary receives state funding each year to enhance the courts' ability to provide a fair and efficient forum for resolving domestic and juvenile matters. The Department of Family Administration (DFA) at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is requesting applications for Jurisdictional Family Services Grants. These grants are designed to maintain family divisions within Maryland's larger circuit courts and to support family services programs within the smaller circuit courts. They are intended to assist the circuit courts in fulfilling the mandate of Maryland Rule 16-204.

Eligible Grantees

Eligible grantees include Maryland Circuit Courts or any governments administering Circuit Court Family Divisions or Family Services Programs in the state of Maryland.

Funding Period

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Applicable Guidelines

All grant recipients must comply with the terms and conditions for Jurisdictional grantees provided in the DFA's Jurisdictional Grant Guidelines found at:

www.courts.state.md.us/family/grantadmin.html.

Application Information

To apply, submit a completed "Jurisdictional Budget Request Form FY15" and "Jurisdictional Budget Request Narrative FY15" found on the DFA's website:

www.courts.state.md.us/family/grantadmin.html.

Submission: The Budget Request Forms must be submitted electronically (by email) and by regular mail.

Deadline: E-mailed applications must be received at the DFA by:
5:00 pm on Friday, July 26, 2013.
Signed original copies must follow; submitted by regular mail and received by **August 2, 2013.**

Electronic copies should be emailed to:

DFAGrants@mdcourts.gov

The subject line of the email should indicate the grant type, the fiscal year, and county name, example: “*Jurisdictional FY15 Baltimore County*”

Mailed copies should be directed to:

Connie Kratovil-Lavelle, Executive Director
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Technical Assistance

If you need assistance with this application or have questions, please contact Kelly Franks at 410-260-1722 or Jennifer White at 410-260-1739.