

Administrative Office of the Courts
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
NOFA#: N160002251



Department of Family Administration

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GRANT TITLE & DESCRIPTION

Special Projects Grant

The Maryland Judiciary receives state funds each year to support programs that offer services to increase access to justice and enhance the experience of families and children involved with Maryland's legal system. These funds are awarded as Special Project Grants and managed by the Department of Family Administration.

Grant Purpose

These grants are being offered to enhance the Judiciary's ability to support a fair and efficient process for resolving domestic and juvenile matters. The DFA's Special Projects grant category funds a broad range of program types including, but not limited to: Domestic Violence, Juvenile Justice, Foster Care, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Adult Guardianship and other Domestic.

Eligible Applicants

- State and Local Governments *within the state of Maryland*
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education

Applicants who were not previously funded by the DFA in this grant category must be invited to apply.

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 2016. Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice in early June of 2015.

Funding Cycle: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

**Special Requirements
for NEW Applicants**

For applicants who were not funded in this grant category in FY15, a Letter of Intent must be submitted by 4:30pm on **February 20, 2015** to DFAGrants@mdcourts.gov. The letters will be reviewed and applicants whose projects are consistent with the priorities of the DFA will be invited to submit a full application.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

NOFA Issued: January 30, 2015
Application Link: [Grant Narrative Application](#)
[Proposed Budget with Justification](#)

Applications Due: March 20, 2015

Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only
Email: Subject Line: "SPGFY16 Organization Name"

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

Delivery Address: DFAGrants@mdcourts.gov

Grant Submission Checklist

- Signed Cover Sheet
- Grant Narrative Application
- Proposed Budget with Justification
- Support Letters *(if not previously submitted)*

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Online Guidance

- [General Conditions](#)
- [Special Conditions for Special Projects](#)

Successful Applicant Tools & Tips

- Read the NOFA, Grant General and Special Conditions and application instructions in their entirety.
- If needed, seek guidance with DFA 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.
- Proofread the material, changes may not be submitted once the deadline has passed.

Questions: DFAGrants@mdcourts.gov
Kelly Franks: 410-260-1722

Web Meeting: February 12, 2015 @ 10am
(Email DFAGrants@mdcourts.gov to RSVP & obtain web link)

(This meeting is NOT mandatory.)