

Administrative Office of the Courts

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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Department of Juvenile and Family Services

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DJFS Child Welfare Special Projects Grant

The Maryland Judiciary, Administrative office of the Courts, Department of Juvenile and Family Services 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 well-being 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. Projects could include the following:

- Data, Monitoring & Quality Assurance
- Educational Stability
- Family Engagement/ Kinship Care
- LGBTQ Foster Youth
- Preventing Sex Trafficking
- Quality Representation
- Transitional Youth

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 2020. Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice in early June of 2019.

Funding Cycle: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

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 29, 2019 by 5:00pm.

Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only

Email: Subject Line: "DJFS Child Welfare Special Projects Grant, Applicant Name, Grant Program"

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

Delivery Address: DJFS.Childwelfare@mdcourts.gov

Grant Submission Checklist

- Signed Grant Application
- Proposed Budget with Justification
- Support Letter Required

Additional Terms & Requirements

General Grant Conditions

Special Conditions for DJFS Child Welfare-

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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: DJFS.Childwelfare@mdcourts.gov / 410-260-1427

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