

Administrative Office of the Courts
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
NOFA #: N21-0002-25I



Juvenile & Family Services

Special Project Grants

As part of its mission to provide fair, efficient, and effective access to justice, 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 Juvenile & Family Services (J&FS).

Grant Purpose

These grants are being offered to enhance the courts' ability to support a fair, effective, and efficient process for resolving domestic and juvenile matters. The J&FS's Special Projects Grant category funds a broad range of program types, including but not limited to Domestic Violence, Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Adult Guardianship, and other Domestic Law programs.

Eligible Applicants

- State and Local Governments *within 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 2021.

Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice by the end of May 2020.

Funding Cycle: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Special Requirements for New Applicants:

Letter of Intent Required

Applicants who are seeking funding for a new project that was not previously funded by J&FS in this grant category must submit a Letter of Intent to Apply (LOI) and be invited to apply. LOIs should include a brief description of the project, an estimated amount of funding that will be requested, and be no longer than two pages.

CASA grantees applying in this category must review the eligibility limitations contained in the [Special Conditions for FY21 Special Project Grants](#).

Letter of Intent Due: February 21, 2020 (11:59 pm)

Submit to: DJFSGrants@mdcourts.gov

Match Requirements

Matching funds may be required.
See [Special Conditions for FY21 Special Project Grants](#)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Application Due: March 13, 2020 (11:59 pm)

Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only

Email - Subject Line: "SPG, Applicant Name"
(Please submit emails with the Subject Line as described.)

Delivery Address: DJFSGrants@mdcourts.gov

Grant Submission Checklist

- Signed Grant Application
 - * Short Form for renewal of an FY20 project.
 - * Long Form for new projects.
- Proposed Budget with Justification
- Support Letters* (minimum of 2)

If your program works directly with the court, at least one support letter should come from the court.

**Support Letters may be sent directly from the author. If so, they do not need to be included in the application submission.*

Additional Terms & Requirements

[General Grant Conditions](#)

[Special Conditions for FY21 Special Project Grants](#)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Web Meeting: February 5, 2020 @ 1 pm

(RSVP to DJFSGrants@mdcourts.gov to obtain link)

This meeting is NOT mandatory.

Questions: DJFSGrants@mdcourts.gov

410-260-1262

**APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE
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