

Administrative Office of the Courts
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
NOFA #: [N21-0015-26P](#)



Juvenile and Family Services

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**FY 2021 Court Improvement Program-
Child Welfare Grant**

Funds have been appropriated by the U.S. DHHS, Administration for Children and Families 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**. The Maryland Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts, Juvenile and Family Services administers the grant.

Grant Purpose

These grants are being offered to support innovative projects, particularly in areas of new and emerging child welfare issues. 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 *within the state of Maryland*
- Institutions of Higher Education *within the state of Maryland*

Availability and Awards of Funds

The availability of funds is contingent upon the provision of funds in the Maryland Judiciary budget by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Applicants who are awarded funding will receive notice in September 2020.

Funding Cycle: October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

Match Requirements

No match required.

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. **Applicants may not use grant funding for new positions.** All grantees must adhere to all state and federal regulations, terms, and conditions and reporting and auditing requirements.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Application Due: September 17, 2020 @5:00pm

Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only

Email - Subject Line: “NOFA, 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 Workbook
- Support Letter Required from the Court

Additional Terms & Requirements

- General Grant Conditions
- Special Conditions for Court Improvement Program-Child Welfare Grant under the Court Improvement Program (CIP) Funds for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2017-2021

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Questions: Email DJFS.Childwelfare@mdcourts.gov or call 410-260-1259

[Application Forms Here](#)