



Department Juvenile and Family Services

FY2025 Foster Care Court Improvement Program Child Welfare Grant

Funds have been appropriated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, to provide financial assistance to state and local units of government, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and local courts in Maryland to assist with improving safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes **for abused and neglected children in the child welfare system**. The Administrative Office of the Courts, Juvenile and Family Services, administers the grant.

Grant Purpose

The Foster Care Court Improvement Program (FCCIP) continues to pursue efforts at improving how the courts handle child welfare cases, with attention to national best practices, state and federal guidelines, and practices implemented locally in jurisdictions throughout the state.

Eligible Applicants

- Local courts *within the state of Maryland*
- 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 2024.

Match Requirements

No match required.

Funding Cycle: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Special Requirements

Grant-funded Program staff will collaborate with Judiciary staff who manage the FCCIP Child Welfare Grants. All grantees must adhere to all state and federal regulations, grant terms and conditions, and reporting and auditing requirements.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Application Due: August 23, 2024 by 5:00pm
Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only
Email - Subject Line: "NOFO, 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. Non-court applicants are required to upload (2) support letters. At least one support letter must come from a court partner in the project. Support letters may be sent to DJFS.Childwelfare@mdcourts.gov directly from the author.

Additional Terms & Requirements

- General Grant Conditions and Child Welfare Special Conditions under the Foster Care Court Improvement Program (FCCIP) Funds effective October 1, 2021.
- Applicant needs to be a legal entity registered in SAM.gov. Throughout the entire period of the grant, the Subrecipient must maintain a valid

Administrative Office of the Courts
NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
NOFO #: FO-2025-JFSCIP-017
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Unique Entity Identifier and current registration
in SAM.gov.

Questions: Email
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