

Administrative Office of the Courts
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
NOFA #: N21-0010-26N



Access to Justice Department

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE GRANTS

As part of its mission to provide fair, efficient, and effective justice for all, the Maryland Judiciary receives state funds each year to support programs that enhance access to justice. Access to Justice Grant funds are available for non-profit legal service providers to support programs that enhance access to legal representation in civil case types, and for Maryland state courts for certain court initiatives.

Grant Purpose

These grants are being offered to enhance the courts' ability to provide meaningful access to justice. The following types of projects will be considered for funding:

1. *Access to Justice.* Programs that enhance access to justice in civil legal matters. Successful programs will partner with a local court to enhance access to the courts or to facilitate the ability of persons without counsel to handle legal matters on their own.
2. *Volunteer Lawyer of the Day Programs.* Programs that provide access to a pro bono lawyer on the day of court for case types where such representation is appropriate including consumer and rent or other housing cases.
3. *Language Access Initiatives.* Programs that enhance access to justice for persons whose primary language is not English.

Eligible Applicants

- Maryland Circuit Courts
- 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 2020.

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

Match Requirements

No Match Requirement.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Application Due: March 20, 2020
Documents: Scanned PDF submitted by email only
Email: *(Please submit emails with the Subject as described.)*
Subject Line: "Access to Justice NOFA, Applicant Name"
Delivery Address: atjgrants@mdcourts.gov

Grant Submission Checklist

- Signed Grant Application
- Proposed Budget with Justification
- Support Letter Signed by Admin. Judge

Additional Terms & Requirements

- General Grant Conditions
- Special Conditions for FY2021 Maryland Access to Justice Grants

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Conference Call

Phone: February 26, 2020, 2:00 p.m. To join the call:
DIAL: 1-203-955-0181
Enter code: 79627471
(This call is NOT mandatory.)

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.
- Provide a justification for every budgeted line item and review your application packet before submission.

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