



# FY21 GRANT PROGRAMS

***FY21 Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) will be posted on January 10, 2020.***

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## ACCESS TO JUSTICE

### **Access to Justice Project Grants**

Grant funds support programs that enhance courts' ability to provide meaningful access to justice.

#### ***Who's Eligible?***

- State and Local Governments *within the state of Maryland*
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education

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## JUVENILE & FAMILY SERVICES

### **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Grants**

CASA grants support programs that train and supervise volunteer advocates assigned to children found to be in need of assistance.

#### ***Who's Eligible?***

Any government entity, non-profit organization or institution of higher education administering a CASA program.

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### **Child Welfare Special Project Grants**

Special Project grant funds support one-time projects that assist state courts in improving safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for abused and neglected children in the child welfare system.

#### ***Who's Eligible?***

- State and Local Governments *within the state of Maryland*
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education

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### **Special Project Grants**

Special Project grant funds support programs that offer services to increase access to justice and enhance the experience of families and children involved with Maryland's judicial system.

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- Non-Profit Organizations

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<p><b>Jurisdictional Family Services Grants</b></p> <p>Jurisdictional grant funds support family divisions and family services programs in each jurisdiction.</p> <p><b>Who's Eligible?</b> Circuit Courts or any governments administering Circuit Court Family Divisions or Family Services Programs in the state of Maryland.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b> Kelly Franks, Senior Program Manager 410-260-1722</p> <p>Pen Whewell, Grants Specialist 410-260-1262</p> <p><a href="mailto:DJFSGrants@mdcourts.gov">DJFSGrants@mdcourts.gov</a></p>

## MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

<p><b>Conflict Resolution Project Grants</b></p> <p>Grants in this category fund programs and projects that will benefit the courts and people of Maryland by promoting the availability, use, and quality of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) throughout Maryland.</p> <p><b>Who's Eligible?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State and Local Governments <i>within the state of Maryland</i></li> <li>Non-Profit Organizations</li> <li>Institutions of Higher Education</li> </ul>	<p><b>Contact:</b> Alecia Parker, Senior Program Manager 410-260-3544</p> <p><a href="mailto:MACROGrants@mdcourts.gov">MACROGrants@mdcourts.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Community Mediation Performance Grants</b></p> <p>Grants in this category support community mediation services that meet MACRO's Ten-Point Model of Community Mediation.</p> <p><b>Who's Eligible?</b> Funding in this category is open by invitation-only. Applicants must contact MACRO first. Community mediation center start-up grants are available to help create new programs in areas not currently served by existing programs.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b> Alecia Parker, Senior Program Manager 410-260-3544</p> <p><a href="mailto:MACROGrants@mdcourts.gov">MACROGrants@mdcourts.gov</a></p>

## PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS

<p><b>Discretionary Grants</b></p> <p>This grant is designed to enhance operational problem-solving courts in Maryland by supporting Judiciary staff assigned to problem-solving courts and enhancing the problem-solving courts and any other services that are utilized by and for the betterment of the community members served by this court program.</p> <p><b>Who's Eligible?</b> Circuit Courts that are currently approved or are in the process of developing a problem-solving court in Maryland are eligible to apply.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b> Gray Barton, Director 410-260-3617</p> <p>Brenda Stansbury, Program Manager 410-260-3559</p> <p><a href="mailto:OPSC.Grants@mdcourts.gov">OPSC.Grants@mdcourts.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Budget Requests District Court</b></p>	<p><b>Contact:</b></p>

The District Court partners with the Problem-Solving Courts program and uses its grant process to vet budget requests designed to enhance operational problem-solving court programs. Funding supports problem-solving court teams and other services that are utilized by and for the betterment of the community members served by this court program.

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## RESEARCH & ANALYSIS

### **Research & Analysis *Targeted Special Projects Grants***

Grant funds are offered to enhance the courts' ability to provide services to litigants, enhance the court's decision-making process, and increase court efficiency and effectiveness.

***Who's Eligible?***

Circuit Courts, by invitation

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