



# Maryland Department of Human Resources & Grants

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# Who We Are



## *Maryland's Human Services Agency*

- 6,580+ employees
- 24 Local Departments of Social Services
  - 39 locations statewide
- \$2.6 billion budget
- More than 1 million Marylanders receive services or have some contact with DHR – nearly 20% of population

# What We Do



- **Social Services Administration (SSA)**
  - Child Welfare & Protective Services
  - Adult Protective Services
- **Family Investment Administration (FIA)**
  - SNAP (food stamps)
  - Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)
  - Energy Assistance
  - Homelessness Services
  - Refugee & Asylee Services
- **Child Support Enforcement Administration (CSEA)**
- **Other Activities**
  - Emergency Response
  - Licensing & Regulation
  - Maryland Legal Services Program

# How We Deliver Services



## Local Departments of Social Services

- Every County and Baltimore City
- Front line of service delivery to our clients
- Integral part of our team and your community

# TYPE OF GRANTS



Federal Block  
Grants



Traditional  
Grants

# Federal Block Grants



- Primary mechanism for federal funding of human services programs (including DHR's)
- Much of the funding is formula driven – we award or distribute based on established criteria (little or no discretion)
- Funding may also be designated to allow or require a pass-through to sub-grantees on a competitive basis
- Federal government also provides some direct competitive grant opportunities (non-block)

# FEDERAL GRANTS : OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Administration for Children & Families



<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/ssbg/about>

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### OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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#### About SSBG


**Social Services Block Grants (SSBG)** enables each state or territory to meet the needs of its residents through locally relevant social services. SSBGs support programs that allow communities to achieve or maintain economic self-sufficiency to prevent, reduce or eliminate dependency on social services.

SSBGs fund a variety of initiatives for children and adults including:

- Daycare
- Protective services
- Special services to persons with disabilities
- Adoption
- Case management
- Health related services
- Transportation
- Foster care
- Substance abuse
- Housing
- Home-delivered meals
- Independent/transitional living
- Employment services

Each state determines which services to provide and who is eligible to receive these services. SSBG funds are allocated to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Contact:**  
Federal Contact: Division of State Assistance  
Office of Community Services  
370 L'Enfant Plaza Promenade, SW.



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# Major Federal Grants to DHR



- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - \$1.2 billion
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - \$239 million
- Foster Care (Title IV-E) - \$68 million
- Adoption Assistance - \$35 million
- Child Welfare Services (Title IV-B) - \$5 million
- Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid/MCHIP) - \$81 million
- Promoting Safe & Stable Families (PSSF) - \$5 million
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - \$69 million
- Refugee & Entrant Assistance - \$14 million
- Guardianship Assistance - \$1.8 million
- **Social Services Block Grants (SSBG) - \$30 million**



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SSBG funds are allocated to each state. Within certain broad guidelines, the state determines which services to provide and who is eligible to receive these services.

# Competitive Grants



- “Traditional Grants”
- Funding may be federal (e.g. SSBG), state, or private
- Awarded targeted to a specific problem or issue – opportunity to innovate or pilot
- Awarded through a competitive process
- Usually limited in time and dollars

# Current Grant Examples



- *Young Fathers Employment Program*
  - Funding available to increase parental involvement through relationship and parental skill development and mediation and promote and increase the payment of child support through job placement and retention assistance.
  - Currently funding programs in Baltimore County DSS, Caroline County, Talbot County, and Washington County
  - *approximately \$500,000*
- *Access Maryland Grants*
  - Funding available to assist in bringing State-owned facilities into compliance with state and federal mandates regarding persons with disabilities.

# Where Do I Start?



<http://www.dhr.maryland.gov/blog/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Maryland Department of Human Resources. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Problem Solver", "Maryland.gov", "Online Services", "State Agencies", "Phone Directory", and "En Español". Below this, the website features a header with the Maryland state seal and the text "MARYLAND Department of Human Resources". On the left, there is a profile for Secretary Sam Malhotra with a "Like" button (3.5k) and a "Share" button. On the right, there is a profile for Governor Larry Hogan and Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, along with a search bar labeled "Search the DHR Website". A main navigation menu includes "HOME", "SERVICES", "LOCAL OFFICES", "DOCUMENTS", "ABOUT DHR", "BUSINESS CENTER", "INITIATIVES", "CAREERS", "LINKS", and "CONTACT US". The central banner features a group of diverse children and the text "August is Child Support Awareness Month" and "Child Support Enforcement Administration". Below the banner are three featured articles: "Adoption & Foster Care", "Weathering Tough Times", and "Child Support Enforcement". A "DISABILITY HELP CENTER" button is visible on the right. The footer contains a "Welcome to the Maryland Department of Human Resources" message and a "Stay Connected" section.

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# DHR's REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



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Secretary Sam Malhotra

Governor Larry Hogan  
Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford

Department of Human Resources

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### RFPs

- Request for Grant Proposals - CSEA Access and Visitation Programs**  
Posted on: Jul 10th, 2015  
Date Issued: July 10, 2015  
Date Due: August 17, 2015 3:00pm
- Invitation for Bids - State Genetic Paternity Testing Services**  
Posted on: Jun 17th, 2015  
Date Issued: June 17, 2015  
Bid Due date: August 3, 2015 at 2:00 PM
- Request for Proposals (RFP) For Legal Services for Cecil County DSS**  
Posted on: May 18th, 2015  
Date Issued: May 18, 2015  
Date Due: July 21, 2015
- Legal Representation Services for Children Involved in Child in Need of Assistance (CINA), Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) and Related Proceedings**  
Posted on: Apr 21st, 2015  
Date Issued: April 20, 2015  
Date Due: June 3, 2015 at 10:00 AM EST
- In-Home Aide Services**  
Posted on: Apr 14th, 2015  
In-Home Aide Services Date Issued: April 13, 2015 Date Due: May 13, 2015 at 12:00PM...
- Summer Youth Employment Program**  
Posted on: Mar 27th, 2015  
Date Issued: March 26, 2015  
Date Due: April 27, 2015 at 1:00PM EST
- Maryland Legal Services Program Request for Information**  
Posted on: Jan 7th, 2015  
Date Issued: January 7, 2015  
Date Due: January 22, 2015 at 10:00AM EST
- Administration of the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) and the Electric**

## Current Solicitations

### Request for Proposals (RFPs)

Click on the links to the left go to the RFP that you are interested in.

### Statements of Need

- [Maryland Register | July 2014](#)

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# How DHR Can Help



- If you are applying for human services-related grant, DHR can help:
  - Information
  - Technical Assistance
  - Coordination

# Recommendations



- Do your research
  - Know your issue
  - Know your community
  - Know your goal
  - Know your limitations
- Build partnerships and coalitions
- Have a plan and a schedule
- Engage early and often in the process
- Develop strong deliverables, milestones and metrics
- Have an endgame

# Contact Information



To learn more about grants currently offered by the department, please visit us at <http://www.dhr.state.md.us>

**THANK YOU!**

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# MARYLAND OPEN FOR BUSINESS



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