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

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

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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/

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DHR’s REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Current Solicitations

Request for Proposals (RFPs)
Click on the links to the left to go to the RFP that you are interested in.

Statements of Need
- Maryland Register (July 2014)
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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