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MEMORANDUM

Date

July 21, 2014

Action Requested

Please Respond to RFP and Grant Application

To

Presiding Judges of the Superior Court
Court Executive Officers of the Superior Courts
Family Court Services Directors, Managers, and Supervisors
Access to Visitation Grantees and Program Directors

Deadlines

- July 30 and August 7, 2014—Grant Applicants' Teleconference Workshop
- August 22, 2014—Letter of Intent
- September 12, 2014—Submission of Grant Application Proposal

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Subject

California's Access to Visitation Grant Program: Request for Proposals (RFP) and Grant Application for Federal Fiscal Years 2015–2016 through 2017–2018

Subject to the availability of federal funds, the Judicial Council of California, Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC), is pleased to announce the availability of grant funds for California's Access to Visitation Grant Program. You are invited to review and respond to the attached request for proposals and grant application for a three-year period, from federal fiscal years 2015–2016 through 2017–2018. Subject to the availability of federal funds, approximately \$755,000 to \$770,000 will be awarded statewide. Please review the materials and consider submitting a proposal.

The Judicial Council, at its meeting on April 25, 2014, approved the following new funding allocation methodology under California's Access to Visitation Grant Program: The superior courts selected by the Judicial Council for grant funding will receive continuation grant funding for three years (from federal fiscal years 2015–2016 through 2017–2018). The RFP process will

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open up again in federal fiscal year 2018–2019 for another three-year period, with a permanent open RFP process repeating every three years and grant funding provided to the selected courts for a three-year period. Courts should carefully assess whether to submit a proposal under this RFP because courts will be unable to apply again for funding under the grant program until fiscal year 2018–2019. A request-for-proposals process is required by statute.

Attached are four documents regarding California's Access to Visitation Grant Program RFP for fiscal years 2015–2016 through 2017–2018:

1. RFP memorandum;
2. RFP grant application (including instructions for applying);
3. RFP appendixes; and
4. Attachment 1 (List of superior courts and grant amount eligibility).

A nonbinding Letter of Intent should be submitted by e-mail to CFCC by **5 p.m., Friday, August 22, 2014** and a complete set of the grant application proposal materials needs to be received by CFCC via e-mail by **5 p.m., Friday, September 12, 2014**. The Access to Visitation Grant Program RFP documents and information will also be posted early next week on the California Courts website at *www.courts.ca.gov/cfcc-accesstovisitation.htm*.

Please note that two workshops by teleconference will be offered for potential applicants (see the RFP application for details). All courts planning to submit a proposal will have an opportunity to ask questions regarding this RFP and the grant program requirements.

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Shelly La Botte, Access to Visitation Grant Program Manager, at shelly.labotte@jud.ca.gov or 415-865-7565.

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Attachments