

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS #DCRL-2014-U-0009

FY 2014 Family Preservation through Legal Aid

Pursuant to the *Child and Family Services Grant-Making Amendment Act of 2008*, D.C. Law 17-199, effective July 18, 2008 (D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.03(a-1), the District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency (“CFSA”) invites qualified applicants to submit applications for grant funding to develop and implement a program that provides legal advocacy for wards of CFSA, the “Family Preservation Project.” The Family Preservation Project (FPP) will provide critical legal advocacy and, if possible, social work services to low-income families at risk of entering the abuse and neglect system and potentially having a child removed from the home. The FPP aims to prevent unnecessary removals and foster care placements, to minimize the emotional trauma caused by removal, to keep more children with their families when those families are capable of caring for them, and to allow the District’s foster care system to focus its resources on children who truly need its protection.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted only from legal clinics or law firms which meet established criteria, demonstrate ability to meet the needs identified in this RFA, and who are able to commit to implementing the grant requirements over the specified timeframes. Organizations may partner together to offer separate but coordinated components of the program, but must identify a Lead Applicant.

Announcement Date: **Wednesday, August 14, 2013**

Request for Applications Release Date: **Thursday, August 15, 2013**

Deadline: **Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 2p.m.**

Funds: Up to \$250,000 is available to fund up to one (1) award.

Information: Go to www.opgs.dc.gov. Select the “District Grants Clearinghouse” link under the “Information” header.

Inquiries regarding this RFA should be sent via email to Shamika.Place@dc.gov, CFSA Contracts and Procurement Administration. Please reference **DCRL-2014-U-0009** in the subject line. Inquiries must be submitted on or before **September 3, 2013**. **Questions submitted after the deadline will not receive responses.** Responses to all inquiries will be posted on the OPGS website (<http://www.opgs.dc.gov>) on or before **Thursday, September 5, 2013**.