

Court Improvement Program (CIP) Mediation Grant Application

Ohio Common Pleas Courts, Juvenile Division are eligible to submit one application for funding consideration. The application must be filled out in its entirety and submitted via email by August 5, 2026 at 5:00 PM. Late applications will not be accepted.

A copy of the vendor quote (if applicable) must be included with the application at the time of submission.

Contact Linda Topping, CIP Analyst, at Linda.Topping@sc.ohio.gov or 614-387-9389 with any questions.

Section 1: Applicant Information

Name of Court

County

Judge

Court Address

Project Coordinator Name

Project Coordinator Title

Project Coordinator Phone

Project Coordinator Email

Tax Identification Number (TIN)

Unique Entity Identification (UEI)

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Section 2: Project Description

Project Title:

Project Summary (200 words max):

Section 3: Project Details

1. Which mediation track(s) will this project support? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency (A/N/D) Mediation
- ☐ Emancipation Mediation
- ☐ School Attendance Mediation

2. Describe the need or challenge this project addresses:

3. Explain how the mediation program will be sustained beyond the grant period:

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4. How will this project support any of the following grant goals:

- ☐ Establish or expand court-based or court-referred mediation programs in A/N/D cases.
- ☐ Establish or expand school attendance mediation programs designed to address chronic absenteeism and improve educational engagement.
- ☐ Support specialized emancipation mediation services for youth, caregivers, agencies, schools, and legal representatives.
- ☐ Strengthen collaboration among families, youth, schools, courts, agencies, and community partners.
- ☐ Provide training, consultation, and program development to ensure high-quality mediation practices.
- ☐ Strengthen data collection, outcome measurement, and evaluation of mediation services.
- ☐ Improve family engagement, communication, and collaborative problem-solving to support positive outcomes for children and youth.
- ☐ Improved outcomes for youth transitioning to adulthood.
- ☐ Increase access to mediation services through innovative practices, including virtual and hybrid mediation options.

Explanation:

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Section 4: Implementation Plan

Briefly describe major tasks, responsible persons, and timeline:

Section 5: Budget & Vendor Information

Total Grant Amount Requested (max \$80,000):

Provide explanation of costs and any in-kind contributions if applicable (use attached budget form to breakdown costs):

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Section 6: Outcome Measures

What impact do you anticipate this project will have?

- ☐ Increased family participation in case planning and decision-making.
- ☐ Reduction in contested hearings, truancy filings, or continuances.
- ☐ Shorter timeframes to permanency and case resolution.
- ☐ Increased school attendance and educational engagement.
- ☐ Higher satisfaction among families, youth, schools, and system partners.
- ☐ Improved collaboration among families, schools, courts, agencies, and community partners.
- ☐ Reduced barriers to school attendance and reduced need for formal court involvement.
- ☐ Improved communication and collaboration during emancipation and transition planning.

Please describe both the short-term and long-term impacts you anticipate from this project.

Section 7: Signature & Acknowledgement

By signing below, the applicant court certifies the statement below and agrees that if awarded, the awarded entity will comply with all applicable regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations and all other Terms and Conditions outlined in the Grant Award Agreement.

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812.

Judge

Signature

Date

Supreme Court of Ohio

CIP Mediation Grant Proposed Budget

Applicant Name: _____

Budget Period: _____

		Grant Request
1	Personnel	\$
2	Fringe Benefits	\$
3	Travel	\$
4	Equipment/Technology	\$
5	Supplies	\$
6	Contractual	\$
7	Training	\$
8	Other (Please Specify)	\$
9	Other (Please Specify)	\$
10	Other (Please Specify)	\$
11	Indirect Rate, if applicable	\$
Proposed Budget Total		\$

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