



Department of
Job and Family Services

Ted Strickland, Governor
Douglas E. Lumpkin, Director

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Dear Vendor:

This letter is to announce the release of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' (ODJFS) Request for Grant Application (RFGA) Number R-1011-21-8029, Together Ohio Community Engagement Partnership Grant Program. The purpose of this RFGA is to obtain qualified vendors in a regional effort to strengthen families and communities. The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GOFBCI) will combine effective capacity building efforts with innovative community organizing initiatives. Through a new Together Ohio Community Engagement Partnership Grant Program, GOFBCI will partner with six (6) non-profit providers to deliver high quality capacity building training and technical assistance and lead a regional community organizing effort to engage faith-based and community organizations around mentoring youth, foster care & adoptive parenting, financial literacy, the Ohio Benefit Bank, summer food & learning programs, prison & reentry volunteerism, and more across Ohio.

The Together Ohio Community Engagement Partnership Grant will create sustainable capacity and meaningful partnerships aimed at reducing poverty and strengthening families and communities across Ohio. Successful applicants will have previous experience in grant management, delivering high quality capacity building training, technical assistance, and leading innovative community organizing efforts around issues of poverty and community development. The selected vendor will be responsible for hosting quarterly capacity building trainings, offering one-on-one technical assistance, and leading a regional community organizing effort around GOFBCI's *Call to Action* initiative.

If you are interested in submitting a bid for this important project, please obtain the RFP through the ODJFS web site at <http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/rfp/>. If you do not have Internet access to this document or experience problems opening the above referenced ODJFS URL, please contact the RFP/RLB Unit at the following telephone number:

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Responses must be prepared and submitted in strict accordance with the requirements and time frames given in the RFGA. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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