



Department of
Job and Family Services

Ted Strickland, Governor
Douglas E. Lumpkin, Director

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Dear Potential Grant Applicant:

This letter is to announce the release of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Request for Grant Applications (RFGA)#: R-1011-06-8023, Ohio Fatherhood Initiative (OFI) in order to award nine grants to any political subdivision, County Government or qualified non-profit faith based or community organizations to implement partnership-based, innovative and effective regional fatherhood-specific programs on topics such as emotional accessibility, family support and responsibility.

Through this RFGA, ODJFS intends to award funding to qualified organizations to provide fatherhood specific programs. The programs selected through this competitive process must demonstrate innovative and effective approaches to 1.) building the parenting skills of fathers, 2.) providing employment related services to low income, non-custodial fathers, 3.) prevent premature fatherhood, 4.) provide services to fathers who are inmates in or have just been released from imprisonment in a state correctional or in any other detention facility, so that they are able to, maintain or reestablish their relationships with their families 5.) reconcile fathers with their families or 6.) increase awareness of the critical role that fathers play. ODJFS is seeking non-profit applicants with a minimum of two years experience serving families and children, with a preferred emphasis on fatherhood-specific programming. All non-profits submitting proposals must include a copy of the applicant organization's current non-profits (501(c)3) tax status with the Ohio Secretary of State in order to receive any consideration for funding under this project.

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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Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414
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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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