

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION**

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (CAN) LEGAL RESOURCES WEBSITE PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR APPLICATION**

PART I – INFORMATION

A. INTRODUCTION

This Request for Application (RFA) provides all of the information and forms necessary to prepare an application for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) grant funds. The terms and conditions described in this RFA supersede all previous RFAs and any conflicting provisions stated in the *Recipient Handbook*. The *Recipient Handbook* provides helpful information for developing the application and can be accessed at the website www.oes.ca.gov by selecting "Plans and Publications, *Recipient Handbook*".

B. CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions concerning this RFA, the application process, or programmatic issues should be submitted to the below contact person by telephone, fax, or e-mail.

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C. APPLICATION DUE DATE AND SUBMISSION OPTIONS

One original and one copy of the application must be delivered to OES' Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division, Children's Section by the date and time indicated below. Submission options are:

1. Regular mail, **postmarked by MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006**, to:

Governor's Office of Emergency Services
Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division
3650 Schriever Avenue
Mather, CA 95655
Attn: Legal Resources Website Program RFA – Children's Section

2. Overnight mail, **postmarked by MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006**, to:

Governor's Office of Emergency Services
Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division
3650 Schriever Avenue
Mather, CA 95655
Attn: Legal Resources Website Program RFA – Children's Section

D. ELIGIBILITY

For purposes of this RFA, Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts, Center for Families, Children, and the Courts is the only applicant eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

E. FUNDS

The Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Legal Resources Website Program is funded with federal Children's Justice Act (CJA) funds. The total amount available for the program is \$238,000.

This allocation is for the second year of a three-year program. The CJA funds available through this RFA are for the grant period beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007. Continuation funding is contingent upon availability of the federal funds, successful project performance, and compliance with the grant award agreement.

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION

The CAN Legal Resources Website Program is funded with federal Children's Justice Act funds. The Children's Justice Act (CJA) is supported by the Federal Crime Victim's Fund, an amalgamation of fines and fees collected from defendants convicted of federal crimes. The Crime Victim's Fund is administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime (OVC). CJA grants are awarded by the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, United States Department of Health and Human Services, as authorized by Section 107 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended, October 3, 1996. Recipient states must be eligible for the CAPTA Basic State Grant and establish and maintain a multi-disciplinary task force on children's justice issues.

OES is the administering agency for the CJA grant funds. The CJA is a federal program charged with identifying the need for systemic changes in the area of investigating child abuse. The federal funds provide grants to states to improve the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect. Since 1993, CJA funds have supported numerous programs throughout California and propelled much needed change in the system's response to child abuse. The overall goal of the CJA is to reduce systemic trauma to children who are victims of child abuse, sexual abuse and exploitation, and preserve the rights of all parties involved in the investigation of such cases. Child fatality cases involving suspected child abuse or neglect also meet CJA criteria.

Sub-grantees must comply with Public Law 103-227, Part C – Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994, which requires smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, day care, education or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by federal programs either directly or through state or local governments. Federal programs include grants, cooperative agreements, loans or loan guarantees, and contracts.

The CJA Task Force (Task Force) is a requirement for California's eligibility to receive the federal funds. This Task Force is comprised of professionals throughout California who have knowledge and expertise in the areas of criminal justice and child abuse, including investigation of child physical abuse, child neglect, child sexual abuse and exploitation, and child maltreatment-related fatalities. The Task Force is responsible for making policy, program, and training recommendations to the State regarding improvements and reform to the way suspected child abuse cases are handled.

To further the goals of the Children's Justice Act, the Task Force has recommended funding for the CAN Legal Resources Website Program. The primary purpose of the program is to purchase and modify the State of Texas' guardian ad litem website for use by California professionals involved with child abuse and neglect cases. The CAN Legal Resources Website will serve as both a means for disseminating a wide array of legal and technical assistance to attorneys, and as a private forum for them to discuss practice challenges and innovative solutions.

A brief description of each of the program activities is included within this RFA in Part II, Section A: Project Narrative.

G. PREPARING AN APPLICATION

For clarity, the forms in Part III include an Application Cover Sheet. Please complete the Application Cover Sheet and attach it to the front of the application.

The following five components are required for a complete application:

- Application Cover Sheet,
- Grant Award Face Sheet (Form A301),
- The Project Narrative,
- The Budget Narrative and Project Budget (Forms A303a-c), and
- The Application Appendix.