



2014 Baltimore Direct Services Grants Program

The Annie E. Casey Foundation creates a brighter future for the nation's children by developing solutions to strengthen families, build paths to economic opportunity and transform struggling communities into safer and healthier places to live, work and grow. Begun in 1995, the Casey Foundation's Baltimore Direct Services Grants (BDSG) program funds community-based or community-serving nonprofits that offer summer activities and programs for disadvantaged children and youth in Baltimore City.

The BDSG program awards up to \$20,000 to organizations to support such summer activities and programs. While all organizations with summer programs are encouraged to apply, the Foundation gives priority consideration to nonprofits aiming to serve the most vulnerable children, such as those who are homeless or academically at risk, with strategies to promote attendance and reading success. Programs may include, but are not limited to, ones that promote social development, academic advancement, cultural enrichment or recreational activities.

Program Guidelines

To apply, organizations must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) status;
- Be an operating nonprofit for a minimum of three years;
- Maintain an organizational annual budget of no more than \$2 million;
- Provide services to Baltimore City youth;
- Be in good standing in the state of Maryland, as evidenced by a certificate of standing from the Department of Assessments and Taxation; and
- Not currently be a recipient of any other Casey Foundation grant awards.

How to Apply

Organizations must submit a cover letter, together with a completed application in the form described below, a budget and supporting attachments. The [application and instructions](#) are available online.

All applications are due 12 p.m., March 14, 2014, and should be sent electronically to BDSG@aecf.org. If you do not have access to email, you can mail or hand-deliver them to:

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Key Dates

Please note the following timeline and deadlines for the 2014 BDSG program:

- **Feb. 24:** Call for BDSG applications and related information posted on the Foundation website, www.aecf.org
- **March 7 (12-2 p.m.):** Q&A session at the Foundation (701 St. Paul Street) for interested applicants
- **March 24 (12 p.m.):** Deadline to submit applications
- **May 5:** Notification of awardees
- **May 7 OR 9 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.):** Mandatory grantee portal training/on-site technical assistance session at the Foundation (choose one of the two dates to attend)
- **June 1:** Awards effective