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The Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) has announced the 2009 opportunity to apply for Special Improvement Project (SIP) Grants to fund projects which further the national child support mission. The basic procedures for submitting conceptual proposals and grant applications will remain the same as in previous years. LCSAs must submit a concept proposal (see attachment) to their Regional Administrator by Monday, March 16, 2009. DCSS will review the concept proposals and then provide support letters for proposals as necessary.

The due date for submitting completed proposals to OCSE is April 20, 2009. More information on this grant opportunity is available at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/grants/>.

If you have general questions about this grant opportunity, please contact your Regional Administrator.

Sincerely,

/s/ by Bill Otterbeck

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2009 Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement Special Improvement Program (SIP) Grants Fact Sheet (From the OCSE announcements *Improving CSE and Court Collaboration* and *Using New Methods to Improve Collection Rate* available here: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open.html>)

- Applicants should note that in prior years the SIP announcement covered multiple priority areas. In FY09 there are two announcements, *Improving CSE and Court Collaboration* and *Using New Methods to Improve Collection Rate*.
  - For *Improving CSE and Court Collaborations* priority, projects should address one or more of the following strategies for IV-D cases to foster collaboration impacting CSE and court outcomes. Only court costs funded under the regular IV-D program are allowable under this grant. Strategies include: improving service of process (i.e., the formal delivery of legal documents); avoiding inappropriate orders; using problem-solving techniques in the courts for child support cases (e.g., to address underlying causes for nonpayment such as unemployment); implementing electronic data exchange or technology in the courtroom for greater efficiency in meeting client needs; improving health care coverage for children; reengineering business processes (in areas such as customer service, expedited processing, increased automation, etc.) affecting both child support and the courts; and partnering to educate parents within the court process about their child support responsibilities.
  - For *Using New Methods to Improve Collection Rate* priority, OCSE is seeking applications for projects that develop new technology tools and enforcement methods to help State/local jurisdictions and Tribes improve child support collection rates.
- All applicants must have a D&B Data Universal Numbering System (D-U-N-S) number. A D-U-N-S number is required whether an applicant is submitting a paper application or using the government-wide electronic portal, Grants.gov. A D-U-N-S number is required for every application for a new award or renewal/continuation of an award, including applications or plans under formula, entitlement, and block grant programs. A D-U-N-S number may be acquired at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free D-U-N-S number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or you may request a number online at <http://www.dnb.com>.
- Applicants are required to submit one original and two copies of all application materials if applying in hard-copy. The original signature of the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) is required only on the original.

# DCSS Grant Proposal Review Format

LCSA:

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LCSA contact person:

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Phone number:

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Email address:

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Date:

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Name of granting entity and type of grant(s):

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Date grant proposal due:

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Amount of grant sought:

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Is a match required? If so, amount of match: \$

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Target population:

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Grant conceptual proposal (add additional pages if necessary):

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