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## **Colorado Judicial Branch opens application process for Family Violence Justice Fund Grants *\$1.1 million in grants available in Fiscal Year 2015***

DENVER – The Colorado Judicial Branch announced today it has opened the application process for Fiscal Year 2015 grants from the Family Violence Justice Fund, which funds programs that provide civil legal services to indigent Coloradans who are victims of domestic violence.

Application forms will be available beginning Friday, April 25, at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm?Unit=fvjf>; completed forms will be accepted only via e-mail.

The program was established by the General Assembly in 1999 to help indigent victims of family violence obtain legal services at no cost to them.

Grants will be awarded based on a formula which considers factors including past participation in the program. For Fiscal Year 2015, \$1.1 million is available for grants (additional funds may become available).

Applications must be received by the State Court Administrator's Office by 5 p.m. Friday, May 30, 2014, to be considered for a grant. To be eligible, organizations must be non-profit and currently serving the legal needs of indigent victims of family violence.

Successful organizations must be prepared to provide full legal services, including but not limited to assistance with divorce, child custody, child support and other related civil matters. Additional information regarding the fund and qualifications for organizations receiving grants may be found in section 14-4-107(5)(e) of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Applications will be accepted only via email at [carol.rigato@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:carol.rigato@judicial.state.co.us). The deadline to submit an application is **5:00 p.m., Friday, May 30, 2014**. Questions may be directed to Carol Rigato at the e-mail address above or by calling 720-625-5000.