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State Funding for Community-based Dispute Resolution Centers

States in **red** have updated information
States in **yellow** - updated information is still being sought

State funding for court/state agency-referred ADR *and* prevention services (provided in communities and outside of courthouses/state agencies) is available in the following states:

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| California (2015) The Dispute Resolution Programs Act of 1986 provides for the local establishment and funding of informal dispute resolution programs. The goal of the Act is the creation of a state-wide system of locally-funded programs which will provide dispute resolution services (primarily conciliation and mediation) to county residents. These services assist in resolving problems informally and function as alternatives to more formal court proceedings. | <p>\$7,064,862 went to 41 counties in 2015.</p> <p>The Act's statutory provisions (codified at California Business and Professions Code " 465-471.5), and its Regulations (contained at California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Chapter 36) now operate in tandem to govern the implementation activities by counties and the services provided by local dispute resolution programs.</p> <p>Money doesn't go into general fund.</p> <p>Law libraries, judicial pensions, etc. have occasionally been</p> | Dispute Resolution Office Department of Consumer Affairs 1625 North Market Blvd., Suite S 309 Sacramento, CA 95834 (916) 574-8220 | <p>Dispute Resolution Program Act receives a portion of funding from civil filing fees (DRPA).</p> <p>Counties which choose to offer these services to their residents are authorized to allocate up to \$8 from filing fees in superior, municipal, and justice court actions to generate new revenues for these local programs.</p> | Competitive grant process conducted by county entities. | <p>Programs that meet the following criteria are eligible for consideration for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public entity or nonpartisan, nonprofit corporation• Program's primary purpose is alternative dispute resolution• Provision of neutral persons trained in compliance with statutory requirements• Provision of dispute resolution services on a sliding scale basis, including without cost to indigents• Provision of, upon consent of parties, written agreement• Provision of neutral procedures applied equally to all participants without special benefit or consideration to funders• Provision of services in which participation is voluntary, without coercion <p>Used mostly for small claims cases.</p> | General oversight provided by Dept. of Consumer Affairs and each participating county provides local oversight. Decisions about award amounts are made by the county's Board of Supervisors or its designee | <p>58 programs are listed across the state</p> <p>All programs operate independently.</p> | Yes | Can be used for training, mediation, conciliation and arbitration |



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| | funded with some of the funds. | | | | | | | | |
| Hawaii (2017) | July 1, 2015-June 30, 2017 \$413,000 | Tracey S. Wiltgen, Contract Administrator Mediation Centers of Hawaii 245 N. Kukui Street Suite 206 Honolulu, HI 96817 Tel: (808) 521-6767 tracey@mediatehawaii.org www.mediatehawaii.org | Contract with the Hawaii State Judiciary | \$371,283 in program expense annually allocated by the Mediation Center of Hawaii (MCH) proportionately to 5 centers located throughout the State \$10,000 to support the Administration of a Volunteer Settlement Master Program for Family Court in the First Circuit \$12,750 to support an on-site paternity mediation program at Family Court in the First Circuit \$18,967 in contract administration expense annually allocated by MCH to 1 center | Center in good standing, which includes submittal of quarterly and annual reports, semi-annual audits, and annual MCH board approval. | Mediation Centers of Hawai'i (MCH), an umbrella 501(c)(3) formed by the centers to manage the judiciary contract | 5 non-profit community mediation centers in the state | Yes | Judiciary contract specifies that MCH is expected to provide mediation services for approximately 3,100 cases, with approximately 75% of those pending in Hawai'i's state courts |
| Illinois (2017) | Up to \$200,000 per year per center, depending on the filing fees in the circuit. The Illinois Equal Justice Foundation provides more funding to centers (between | Ashlee Patterson Resource Center Director apatterson@aboutrsi.org | Civil filing fees (up to \$1) Legislative appropriations | The Illinois Not-for-Profit Dispute Resolution Center Act, http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1870&ChapterID=51 , allows judicial circuits to increase filing fees by one dollar. Mandatory in Cook County (Chicago area) and optional in other jurisdictions. Limited to \$200,000 per year. | Program must be a 501c3 not-for-profit. Must report the number of cases resolved in each of the 3 preceding years, provide at least 30 hours of mediator training, and conduct a peer review program. Mediators must be volunteers. | Administered by Chief Judge in any judicial circuit that elects to have a program. | 501(c)3 not-for-profits using volunteer mediators | Yes | Looking at both the IL Not-For-Profit Dispute Resolution Center Act and the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation grant, neither indicate how exactly the funding can be used. However, the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation grant does set limitations on what |



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| | \$65,000 - \$80,000 per year). | | | Two types of grants: start up and continuing programs. | Same criteria as Illinois Not-for-Profit Dispute Resolution Center Act. | Illinois Equal Justice Foundation, http://iejf.org/funding-categories/mediation-services/ | | | the funds can be used for, but it does not state that they cannot be used for non-court related mediation (http://iejf.org/grants/guidelines/#limitations). |
| Maryland (2017) | \$1 million annually | Lorig Charkoudian, Community Mediation Maryland 310 Tulip Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912 Office: 301-270-9700 | legislative appropriations for the judicial system (Funding to community mediation centers comes from a sub-line item) | Types of grants: <u>Performance Grants</u> \$23,000 for agencies meeting first performance level up to \$125,000 for agencies meeting sixth performance level <u>Conflict Resolution and Community Mediation Grants</u> Mini-grants (up to \$5,000) Regular grants (over \$5,000) Needs-based line item budget | <u>Performance Grants</u> Funding is based on how well centers are meeting the 10-point model (see below), the number of conflict resolution intakes and sessions a center provides, and the amount of matching funds raised. 10-pt model: 1. Training volunteers who reflect the diversity of the community 2. Providing free or sliding-scale mediation and other conflict resolution services 3. Conducting mediations in the neighborhood where disputes occur 4. Scheduling mediations at a time and place convenient to participants 5. Mediating any stage of a dispute 6. Mediating disputes from diverse referral sources 7. Educating the community about mediation and conflict resolution 8. Maintaining high quality mediation via mediator training 9. Engaging in collaborative problem-solving with the community regarding community mediation center governance | MACRO (the Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office), with the assistance of the state organization of community mediation centers (Community Mediation Maryland) | <u>Performance Grants</u> non-profit organizations or government entities in Maryland that provide community mediation services that <i>meet MACRO's Ten-Point Model of Community Mediation</i> <u>Conflict Resolution Grants</u> Courts, non-profit organizations and government agencies in MD | Yes | neighborhood, family, business and community mediation, large group facilitation, school-based conflicts, prisoner re-entry mediation, etc. |



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| | | | | | 10. Providing services to users who reflect the community's diversity <u>Conflict Resolution and Community Mediation Grants</u> ADR programs or projects which support and further MACRO's mission. They are particularly interested in projects which will benefit the courts and citizens of Maryland, as well as projects which will expand access to justice and prevent conflicts from escalating into violence or litigation. | | | | |
| Massachusetts (2017) | Currently general operational funding for the grant program of \$750,000 annually currently between 12 centers and MOPC. | Massachusetts Office of Public Collaboration University of Massachusetts Boston 100 Morrissey Boulevard McCormack Hall, 1st floor, Room 627 Boston, MA 02125-3393 www.mopc.umb.edu Rosalind.cresswell@umb.edu (program manager) Phone: 617.287.4048 Fax: 617.287.4049 mopc@umb.edu | Legislative appropriation | Program administration; baseline and performance grants for center operations; community project mini grants for program development. For FY 17 range of funding \$30,000-55,000. Additional small grant available in area of youth work available \$10,000-15,000. | Compliance with 12-point model for community mediation provided in neighborhoods, courts and communities; volume of mediations; progress on center goals tied to the 12-point model | Massachusetts office of Public Collaboration (MOPC) at UMass Boston State office of Dispute resolution (MOPC) at University of Massachusetts became responsible under MA general laws G.L.Ch.75, s.47 for funding community mediation centers through a performance based grant program effective in 2012. | Community mediation centers compliant with eligibility criteria established by the office | Yes | Cases can be mediated from any source depending on local needs but most commonly family, consumer, housing, workplace, youth, elder, veterans, prisoner re-entry – currently under development and restorative justice practices. Conciliation services specifically excluded from funding. |
| Michigan (2016) | \$1.5 million to 18 centers | Doug Van Epps Office of Dispute Resolution PO Box 30048 Lansing, MI 48909 Phone : (517) 373-4839 Fax: (517) 373-5748 vaneppsd@courts.mi.gov | civil filing fees | Two-thirds is returned to the counties in which the fees were generated; one-third is distributed on the basis of performance measures. Centers are to have 65% cash or in-kind match | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · active board · diversified referral base · local support · trained volunteer mediators provisions for community participation and needs without cost to the indigent | Office of Dispute Resolution | government entities non-profit organizations that provide ADR services | Yes | Cases can be mediated from any source, e.g., self-referral, schools, prosecutors' offices, local agencies, etc. |



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| | | http://courts.mi.gov/administration/scao/officesprograms/odr/pages/community-dispute-resolution-program.aspx | | | | | | | |
| Minnesota (2017) | <p>\$260,000 each year is available from the general fund for the Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution under Minnesota Statutes, section 179.90. Of this amount, \$160,000 is for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 179.91. The Office of the State Court Administrator also provides the other \$100,000 through a similar competitive grant program for “general operating purposes” (there are some service requirements).</p> <p>This \$260k is part of all of the total funds raised through fundraisers, grants, contracts, etc. (the total annual budgets of the six community organizations in MN is</p> | <p>Dave Bartholomay, Program Coordinator Office for Collaboration & Dispute Resolution State of Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services Dave.Bartholomay@state.mn.us</p> <p>www.mn.gov/bms/ocdr/ office: 651-539-1402</p> | state general fund | | <p>Demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> community support the need for community dispute resolution services performance success | <p>Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution (newly created)The office must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) promote the broad use of community mediation in the state, ensuring that all areas of the state have access to services by providing grants to private nonprofit entities certified by the state court administrator under chapter 494 that assist in resolution of disputes; 2) assist state agencies, offices of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, and units of local government in improving collaboration and dispute resolution; 3) support collaboration and dispute resolution in the public and private sector by providing technical assistance and information on best practices and new developments in dispute resolution options; 4) educate the public and governmental entities on dispute resolution options; and | Approved Section 494 non-profit programs (6 currently). | Yes. non-courts ADR services are funded and provided as a big part of what the funds go to for the Community Dispute Resolution Programs (CDRP) | (this is just a partial list – our six different centers each provide a unique and long mix of offerings): Neighbors, landlord-tenant, community issues, family (but statutorily we can’t do ‘divorce, child support, etc. in MN), a wide range of school programs and services, an even wider range of training and education services in the community, services with and through police departments and cities, business/consumers, etc. |



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| | approximately \$1.3 million.) | | | | | 5) promote and utilize collaborative dispute resolution models and processes based on documented best practices. | | | |
| Nebraska (2016) | <p>Amount varies per program. Combination of state appropriations with civil filing fees</p> <p>(See NRS Section 25-2901 et seq. for establishment.)</p> <p>See "Distribution" column.</p> | <p>Debora Denny Director, Dispute Resolution and Special Court Programs, State Court Administrator's Office debora.denny@nebraska.gov</p> | <p>Dispute Resolution Fund: \$0.75 per civil case filing fee. Distributed quarterly.</p> <p>Parenting Act Fund (2007): a \$50 docket fee on dissolution and modification cases. We are working this legislative session to also specify that fee is on unmarried parents seeking custody and parenting time determinations.</p> <p>Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Conferencing Funds from the State of Nebraska General Funds (new in 2014)</p> <p>Contracts and grants outside of the Nebraska court system, including:</p> <p>Special Education mediation funds;</p> <p>Access & Visitation funds</p> | <p>\$280,000 annually allocated equally to 6 centers (\$45,000 per center per year.)</p> <p>\$500,000 annually, distribution based on a formula of \$20,000 per center plus one conciliation court office as program funds (\$140,000) with the balance of \$360,000 distributed among the 7 entities on a per capita dissolution/custody filing in each region. Grants range from \$40,000 per center to \$115,000.</p> <p>\$450,000 annually distributed on a payment-for-service rate-based schedule.</p> | <p>Center in good standing, which includes submittal of quarterly and annual reports, audit and ODR Council annual approval.</p> <p>ODR-approved mediation centers in good standing plus the Douglas County District Court (Omaha) Mediation / Conciliation Office.</p> <p>ODR-approved mediation centers in good standing.</p> | <p>Centers report to the Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR) every quarter how they allocate the \$45,000 per year infrastructure funding. Mostly it's for base salaries, rent, etc., so effectively supports whatever community mediation initiatives they do, including training.</p> <p>NE Dept. of Education</p> <p>NE Health & Human Services</p> <p>Commission on Public Advocacy.</p> | <p>The 6 ODR-approved mediation centers The 6 ODR-approved mediation centers plus Douglas County District Court Conciliation/Mediation Office</p> <p>The 6 ODR-approved mediation centers</p> | Yes | Various |



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| | | | Public Advocacy funds | | | | | | |
| New York (2015-16) | \$5.5 million | Dan Kos Assistant ADR Coordinator dkos@nycourts.gov NYS Unified Court System Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs 2500 Pond View, Ste. 104 Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033 phone: 518-238-4354 dkos@nycourts.gov | state general fund | Competitively bid funding, with at least \$10K per county. For any county with an award of greater than \$40K, each dollar above \$40K must be matched. http://www.nycourts.gov/ip/adr/cdrc.shtml | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 yr. plan to serve the community with a range of dispute resolution services • diverse referral sources and volunteer mediators • strength of leadership, support system and governing board • Compliance with statewide mediator and training requirements. • Program must be a not-for-profit organization. • Center must submit electronic case information for each case without name identification. Center must submit quarterly fiscal reports and bi-annual program reports. | Grants administered by court's Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs | 21 non-profit mediation centers and three other community-based programs in 62 counties. | Yes | |
| Oklahoma www.oscn.net/static/adr/Documents/ADR_S_Directory06.pdf In 1986 the Supreme Court of Oklahoma adopted Rules and Procedures for the Dispute Resolution Act, O.S. 12§ 1801 et seq., providing guidelines for the establishment of dispute resolution centers. The purpose of the Dispute | | Administrative Office of the Courts Sue Tate, ATR System Director 1915 N. Stiles, Ste 305 Oklahoma City, OK 73105 Hotline (877) 521-6677 (405) 522-7876 FAX: (405) 521-6815 Email: sue.tate@oscn.net | \$2 surcharge for civil filing fee and \$5 from each party seeking mediation directly, supplemented by legislative appropriation To initiate mediation, each party must pay a \$5 processing charge as required by Oklahoma Statute, except in cases ordered through the court. | | The Centers provide low-cost mediation services to all who wish to negotiate interpersonal matters. | Early Settlement Centers operate under the authority of the Oklahoma Dispute Resolution Act. | | Almost any issue can benefit from the Early Settlement program and its services. Cases resolved by mediation may involve services to individuals with disabilities (including school services to children with disabilities under IDEA), money, | |



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| Resolution Act is “to provide all citizens of this state convenient access to dispute resolution proceedings which are fair, effective, inexpensive, and expeditious.” | | | | | | | | property and business transactions. | |
| Oregon (2017) | 2015-2017 (biennium) \$2,494,183 shared between University of Oregon’s Community Dispute Resolution Program (65%) and Portland State University’s Oregon Consensus Program (35%). | https://law.uoregon.edu/expl ore/OOCDR Mark Quinlan, Administrator (541) 346-1623 mquinlan@uoregon.edu Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution U. of Oregon School of Law 1515 Agate Street, Room 330C 1221 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1221 cheltzel@uoregon.edu 541-346-1623 | The State of Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Council receives appropriations from the general fund of the state budget to support the dispute resolution programs at the University of Oregon and Portland State University. | OOCDR Base grants: Biennial grants range from \$27,000 to \$180,000 based on negotiated agreements arising from administrative rulemaking. OOCDR Capacity building grants: Grants are awarded biannually to community dispute resolution centers that provide education in conflict resolution skills and community mediation services using volunteer mediators. In addition, the centers may also provide restorative justice services, arbitration, and methods for addressing the interests of crime victims when those cases could be handled more effectively outside of the courts. | Minimum eligibility requirements must be met regarding services, use of volunteers, affordability, outreach, evaluation, fiscal controls and reporting. | Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution (OOCDR) at U Oregon’s School of Law provides grant-making, training, technical assistance, etc. to community dispute resolution centers. Services for public policy disputes are under the purview of Oregon Consensus, a program at Portland State. The Oregon Department of Justice provides support to the facilitation of settlements through the Oregon Foreclosure Avoidance Program. The Oregon Housing and Community Service Department provides resources to allow mediation of manufactured home community disputes. | Non-court government entities and non-profits that provide community dispute resolution | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbor to Neighbor Disputes • Small Claims Mediations with Courts • Oregon Foreclosure Avoidance Program Facilitations • Landlord/Tenant Disputes • Youth and Family Disputes • Workplace Disputes • Victim/Offender Dialogue with Juvenile Departments • Consumer/Business Disputes • Peer Courts • Restorative Justice Work in Schools • Manufactured Home Park Disputes • Elder Mediation • Racial Dialogues • Foster Home Placement Facilitations • Probate Mediations with Courts |



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| | | | | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Policy Disputes• Code Enforcement Issues• Agricultural Mediation for USDA• Homeowner Association Mediations |
| Tennessee | (2016) \$112,000 Victim Offender Mediation Center Act of 1993 TCA 16-20-101 et seq. Divorcing Parent Education and Mediation Fund TCA 6-6-413 | Claudia Lewis Administrative Office of the Courts grants@tncourts.gov | \$1-\$5 litigation tax per case as approved by local governments | To each of 10 centers | Contracts are awarded to grantees Parties must be indigent for state to pay fees. | Administrative Office of the Courts Administrative Office of the Courts | Victim-offender mediation centers Qualified mediation and parent education providers | ? | |
| Texas | In 1983, the Texas legislature passed the Alternative Dispute Resolution Systems and Financing Act which authorizes the commissioner's court of each county to "establish an alternative dispute resolution system for the peaceable and expeditious resolution of citizen disputes." The ADR Act (1987) proclaims that "It is the policy of this state to encourage | (One of the centers) Dispute Resolution Center 5407 N. IH-35, Suite 410 Austin, Texas 78723 Phone: 512-371-0033 Fax: 512-371-7411 (C.P. sent site-generated email to this center 12/16) | county filing fees In order to establish and maintain such programs, the act authorizes each county's commissioner's court to tax an additional cost, not to exceed ten dollars, on the filing fee in certain civil cases. | | Performance and need | County Commissioner's Court manages the grant process | | ? | |



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| the peaceable resolution of disputes, with special consideration given to disputes involving the parent-child relationship, including mediation of issues involving conservatorship, possession, and support of children, and the early settlement of pending litigation through voluntary settlement procedures.” | | | | | | | | | |
| Vermont | \$100,000 | | Vermont Dept. of Corrections | 20 justice centers - part of the work the centers do includes community mediation. | | | | ? | |
| Washington | (2016) \$500,000 each year | LaDessa Croucher Senior Director, Dispute Resolution Center Everett: 425-212-3989 Skagit: 360-899-5734 lcroucher@voaww.org www.voaww.org/drc (Statewide association web site is www.resolutionwa.org with links to all centers in state.) | state general fund (through Department of Commerce) Also funds from District Court filing fees (a little over \$1,000,000 comes in via these filing fees to DRCS around the state annually). Maximum allowed is \$15 on Small Claims filing and \$10 on other civil filings. | Community dispute resolution centers that are members of Resolution Washington, Each center receives approximately \$21,000 per year from the state general fund dollars. The District Court Civil filing fee amounts vary from hundreds of thousands of dollars for populous counties to \$10,000 or less in small population counties. | Local legislative authority, county commissioners or county council approve filing fees and at what rate per case. Fees are collected at that rate until rate is changed or authorization withdrawn. | A member of Resolution Washington applies to serve as the fiscal agent. | Community dispute resolution centers that are members of Resolution Washington | Yes. State statute (Revised Code of Washington 7.75) says DRCS to provide ADR services to communities including for court cases. | State funds are capacity funds and can be used for any programming the DRC needs. Some small centers need it just to stay open. Larger centers may use it to explore a new area of service or other to have some flexibility that grants do not allow. It can pay admin, rent, overhead. |

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| Florida (2017) ADR has been utilized by the Florida Court System to resolve disputes for over 30 years, starting with the creation of the first citizen dispute settlement (CDS) center in Dade County in 1975. ADR processes offer litigants court-connected opportunities to resolve their disputes without judicial intervention. In Florida, this has resulted in one of the most comprehensive court-connected mediation programs in the country. | Statute to fund court-ordered mediation (family law court pays mediators (income based - participants pay fee of \$60 each unless indigent...\$100 if earn more; small claims \$5,000 and less (court pays coordinator) and county cases (\$5,000 to \$15,000) court pays \$60 to mediators Most courts have ADR director who mediates. May have several staff mediators. Contractors get paid \$200 per case for 2-3 hour case. Small claims cases are handled by volunteers. | Susan Marvin The Dispute Resolution Center at 850-921-2910 or at DRCMail@flcourts.org . Kimberly Koch (sp?) The Florida Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) was created during the mid 1980's to provide assistance to the courts in developing ADR programs and to conduct education and research on ADR in general. | \$1 civil filing fees? Other? | Court programs get state funding and some get county funding. Some communities have citizen dispute settlement centers but these get no funding. | | | | No | N/A |
| North Carolina (2017) | Enabling legislation allows state agencies to contract with centers to provide dispute resolution services (e.g. Health | Jody Minor Director, Mediation Network of NC j.minor@earthlink.net | \$60 dismissal fee pass-through from criminal district courts; | | | Office of Administrative Hearings contracts with Mediation Network of NC, an umbrella organization of some non-profit ADR | Mediation Network of NC affiliate members | No | N/A |



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| | & Human Services/DSS) Medicaid cases paid up to \$175 per case. | | Contract to handle Medicaid appeals (\$1 mil. from state and \$1 mil. from federal government) | | | providers, to allocate Medicaid work and payment. | | | |
| Virginia (2015-16) | \$2,094,453 | | J&DR custody, visitation & support mediation payments | \$177,570 | Court Criminal Fund | Dispute Resolution Services (DRS), Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of VA | All mediators certified by the VA Supreme Court. | No | N/A |
| | | | Mediation payments(GDC, non-custody, visitation and support ("non-cvs"), truancy, RJ) | \$180,970 | Judicial Branch budget | DRS | All mediators certified by the VA Supreme Court. | No | N/A |
| | | | Mediation coordination payments | \$419,433 | Judicial Branch budget and Department of Social Services | DRS | Competitive grant process | No | N/A |
| | | | Judicial settlement conference payments | \$281,250 | Judicial Branch budget | DRS | | No | N/A |



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Community dispute resolution centers in some states receive funding from the following federal sources:

Access and Visitation grant (often administered through the state’s Dept. of Social Services)

Byrne grants (restorative justice/community policing)

State funding for community mediation for other states:

- Arkansas ?
- Colorado NO
- Indiana NO
- Iowa ?
- Maine NO
- Missouri NO
- Ohio NO
- Pennsylvania NO
- Rhode Island LITTLE
- Utah NO
- Wisconsin NO, but some municipalities do
- Wyoming ?