

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET

DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT FOR BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM

Formula Program Summary

The overarching goal of the DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Formula Program is to increase the capacity of publicly funded forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories to process more DNA samples, thereby helping to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis.

Funding under this program supports the following purposes:

1. To carry out, for inclusion in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), DNA analyses of database samples collected under applicable legal authority.
2. To carry out, for inclusion in CODIS, DNA analyses of forensic case (e.g., "crime scene") samples.
3. To increase the capacity of publicly funded forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories.



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Formula Program Funding and Awards

Fiscal Year	Number of Awards	Total Funding
2011	116	\$88,707,086
2012	117	\$74,347,305
2013	125	\$74,495,175
2014	122	\$71,578,465
2015	122	\$65,777,030
2016	132	\$63,399,849
2017	131	\$61,127,904
2018	127	\$67,826,527
2019	131	\$78,557,480
2020	136	\$80,749,275
2021	131	\$89,609,209
2022	129	\$100,030,623
2023	128	\$103,688,911

Program Accomplishments



1,621,683
Cases Completed



3,889,098
Database Samples Completed



676,816
Forensic (Crime Scene) Profiles Uploaded to CODIS



3,703,340
Databasing Profiles Uploaded to CODIS



328,254
CEBR-funded CODIS hits



Competitive Program Summary

This program furthers the Department's mission/AG's priorities by funding states and units of local government with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis to solve crimes and protect public safety by maximizing the effective utilization of DNA technology to process DNA samples for entry into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

Funding under this program supports the following purposes:

1. Increase the capacity of laboratories to process CODIS eligible crime scene samples in accredited, publicly funded forensic DNA laboratories through the use of DNA technology.
2. Increase laboratory efficiency for processing CODIS eligible crime scene samples analyzed in accredited, publicly funded forensic DNA laboratories through the use of DNA technology.

Competitive Program Funding and Awards

Fiscal Year	Number of Awards	Total Funding
2023	12	\$5,000,000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- BJA Program Web Page: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/dna-cebr/overview>
- Contact Us: <https://bja.ojp.gov/contact-us>

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