

FY 2024 PROSECUTING COLD CASES USING DNA PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
APRIL 25, 2024

JUSTGRANTS:
MAY 2, 2024

Who May Apply:

State, county, city, or township governments; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized) and tribal organizations; special district governments; state and local prosecuting agencies; law enforcement agencies; state agencies

Why Apply:

Receive funding to support prosecution of violent cold case crimes where a DNA profile from a suspect has been identified, investigative activities, and crime and forensic analysis that can lead to prosecution.

Maximum per Award:

- Up to \$500,000 per award

BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Agencies that have not previously received BJA funding.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:

- Inventory a jurisdiction's unresolved violent cold case crimes that have suspect DNA profiles.
- Submit cases into the ViCAP database, a unit of the FBI responsible for analysis of serial violent and sexual crimes.
- Conduct investigative activities as they relate to the prosecution of a case.
- Enter applicable cases into NamUs, a resource center for missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases.
- Prosecute violent cold case crimes where suspects have been identified through DNA evidence.

Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit bja.ojp.gov/program/prosecuting-cold-cases-using-dna/overview for more information about the program and bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172005 for full funding information.



Tips for Success:

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: sam.gov/content/home.
- For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation at: bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/O-BJA-2024-172005.pdf for information on who to contact.
- Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars and review the "Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations."
- **Subscribe** for email notifications from BJA about funding opportunities and other news at: bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombjaj.
- To be in the know about funding opportunities across the Office of Justice Programs, sign up to receive **JUSTINFO** at: www.ojp.gov/news/justinfo and/or the weekly **Funding News** at: public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_COMMS_25.

How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

- (1) Register in [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by April 25, 2024.
- (2) Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by May 2, 2024. The application's major elements are:
 - (a) The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).
 - (b) The **proposal narrative** that describes your project's strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.
 - (c) The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.

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