### FY 2023 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program—Competitive and Formula

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<th>Who May Apply:</th>
<th>City or township, county, or state governments; public and state-controlled institutions of higher education</th>
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<td>Why Apply:</td>
<td>If your jurisdiction has existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis of samples for entry into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), receive funding—based on a formula and/or competitively—to conduct, and increase capacity to conduct, analyses of crime scene samples for entry into CODIS in order to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis and/or prevent a backlog of forensic and database DNA samples.</td>
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<td>Maximum per Award:</td>
<td>• Up to $3,500,000 based on a formula, plus up to $1,000,000 per award for those that apply under the competitive/discretionary program</td>
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<td>BJA encourages the following entities to apply:</td>
<td>• Agencies that have not received BJA funding before. • Convoking or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.</td>
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<td>Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded:</td>
<td>• Increase laboratory capacity and efficiency to process CODIS eligible crime scene samples. • Purchase/implement new and more efficient instruments/robotics to automate routine laboratory processing steps. • Evaluate, validate, and implement improved workflows. • Salaries, benefits, overtime, and limited training and travel for laboratory staff. • Purchase and upgrade software to more efficiently manage DNA laboratory operations.</td>
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<td>Where to get more information about this opportunity:</td>
<td>Visit bja.ojp.gov/program/dna-cebr/overview for more information about the CEBR Program and bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171623 for full funding information.</td>
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**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](http://sam.gov/content/home).

- For **questions** about the program’s requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation’s cover page at: [bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/O-BJA-2023-171623.pdf](http://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/O-BJA-2023-171623.pdf) for the competitive program and [bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/O-BJA-2023-171625.pdf](http://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/O-BJA-2023-171625.pdf) for the formula.

- Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: [bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars](http://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-newsfrombja](http://bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombja).

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**How to apply and when:**

Submit a two-step application.

1. Register in [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by April 19, 2023.

2. Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](http://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by April 26, 2023. 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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