

FY 2024 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM – COMPETITIVE

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
JUNE 24, 2024

JUSTGRANTS:
JULY 1, 2024

Who May Apply:

- State governments through State Administering Agencies (SAAs)
- City or township, and county governments

Why Apply:

Receive funding to improve forensic science and medical examiner/coroner services—including services provided by forensic science laboratories operated by states and units of local government—and improve timeliness of services, and reduce forensic analysis backlogs.

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:

- Improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science or medical examiner/coroner services.
- Eliminate any backlog in the analysis of forensic science evidence.
- Train, assist, and employ forensic laboratory personnel and medicolegal death investigators.
- Address emerging forensic science issues and technology.
- Educate and train forensic pathologists.
- Facilitate accreditation.
- Address the specific challenges related to the proliferation of opioids and synthetic drugs.

Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/coverdell/overview> for more information about the program and <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172111> 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: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172111.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-newsfrombja.
- 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 June 24, 2024.
- (2) Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by July 1, 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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