

FY25 PROSECUTING COLD CASES USING DNA PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



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NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Who may apply:

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

Why Apply:

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

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 of unresolved violent cold case crimes that have suspect DNA profiles developed.
- Promote the integration of advanced forensic technologies to re-examine evidence from violent cold case crimes where a suspect DNA profile has already been developed.
- Conduct investigative activities as they relate to the prosecution of a case.
- Enter applicable cases into NamUs, and ViCAP as applicable.
- Prosecute and/or violent cold case crimes where suspects have been identified through DNA evidence.
- Foster partnership between law enforcement, prosecutorial agencies, forensic experts, and victim response agencies to leverage resources, conduct case reviews, and promote comprehensive engagement and support for victims and their families in pursuit of justice.

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-2025-172467 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 Notice of Funding Opportunity at www.ojp.gov/funding/docs/bja-2025-172467.pdf.
- Visit the **BJA Funding Webinars** page at bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars for applicant and grantee trainings.
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- To be in the know about funding opportunities across the Office of Justice Programs, sign up to receive **Justice Programs News & Funding** at www.ojp.gov/news/justice-programs-news-funding 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 the SF-424 form by October 27, 2025.
2. Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by November 3, 2025. 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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