

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES**



**GRANTS.GOV:**  
OCTOBER 6, 2025

**JUSTGRANTS:**  
OCTOBER 14, 2025

# FY25 STRENGTHENING THE MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER SYSTEM PROGRAM

**Who may apply:** City, county, state, special district, or township governments; for-profit organizations other than small businesses; federally recognized Native American tribal governments; Native American tribal organizations; nonprofits, other than institutions of higher education; private, public, and state-controlled institutions of higher education.

**Why Apply:** Receive funding under Purpose Area 1 for forensic pathology fellowships (up to two per application) and under Purpose Area 2 for resources necessary for medical examiner/coroner (ME/C) offices to achieve and maintain accreditation.

**Maximum per award:**

- Purpose Area 1 (Fellowships): Up to \$150,000 for one fellowship position and up to \$300,000 for two fellowship positions.
- Purpose Area 2 (Accreditation): Up to \$100,000 per award.

**BJA encourages the following entities to apply:**

- Agencies that have not previously received BJA funding under this program. However, previously awarded agencies are still eligible to apply.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

**Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:**

- Recruiting
- Salary/stipend for the fellow and related costs
- Loan repayments
- Recruitment travel
- Equipment and supplies
- Training
- Medical license reimbursement
- Personnel
- Travel costs (allowable if they are incurred while supporting ME/C office's accreditation)
- New and maintaining accreditation
- Microgrants for ME/C offices (accreditation fees)
- Certification fees

**Where to get more information about this opportunity:** Visit [bjajob.gov/doc/fact-sheet-strengthening-mec.pdf](https://bjajob.gov/doc/fact-sheet-strengthening-mec.pdf) to learn more about the program and [bjajob.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2025-172448](https://bjajob.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2025-172448) 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](https://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-2025-172448pdf](https://www.ojp.gov/funding/docs/bja-2025-172448pdf).
  - Visit the **BJA Funding Webinars** page at [bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars](https://bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars) for applicant and grantee trainings.
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**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 6, 2025.
  2. Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by October 14, 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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