The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has made updates to the FY23 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program solicitation to align with 34 USC 40701: The Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program. BJA is committed to continuing the goals of the CEBR Program to provide funding to states and units of local government with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis to increase the capacity of publicly funded forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories to process more DNA samples for entry into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), thereby helping to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis and/or prevent a backlog of forensic and database DNA samples.

In aligning CEBR with The Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, there will be additional requirements for program eligibility. For more information, please see FY23 Program Updates and Changes. One of the requirements is that applicants must certify the portion of funding (40% minimum) used to carry out DNA analyses of samples from crime scenes for inclusion in CODIS. BJA developed guidance for grantees to evaluate uses of FY23 award funds in preparation for this eligibility certification. The following chart is intended to be a guide and may not capture every scenario an applicant may encounter with respect to allowable funded activities. If you have any further questions, please reach out to the DNA CEBR Team at forensic.dnacapacity@ojp.usdoj.gov.

ABOUT BJA

BJA helps America’s state, local, and tribal jurisdictions reduce and prevent crime, lower recidivism, and promote a fair and safe criminal justice system. BJA provides a wide range of resources—including grants, funding, and training and technical assistance—to law enforcement, courts and corrections agencies, treatment providers, reentry practitioners, justice information sharing professionals, and community-based partners to address chronic and emerging criminal justice challenges nationwide. To learn more about BJA, visit bja.ojp.gov or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DOJBJA) and Twitter (@DOJBJA). BJA is a component of the Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs.
## Analysis of Crime Scene Samples for CODIS

Personnel conducting DNA analysis/analyses. May also include DNA-related QA activities (e.g., technical leader activities), QC activities (e.g., technician activities) that must occur in a laboratory to facilitate routine analysis of CODIS-eligible crime scene samples.

### Supplies (e.g., lab coats, gloves, amplification kits, lab wipes)

To facilitate analysis/analyses of CODIS-eligible crime scene samples and may also include DNA-related QA activities (e.g., proficiency testing) and QC activities (e.g., technician activities) that must occur in a laboratory to facilitate routine analysis of CODIS-eligible crime scene samples.

### Outsourcing/Contracts

Testing (or review) of CODIS-eligible crime scene samples.

### Accreditation Activities

Activities to maintain current accreditation.

### Direct Administrative Expenses

Up to 3% of the award.

### Renovations

N/A

*NOTE – Funds for grant-funded personnel whose primary responsibility is the DNA analysis of crime scene samples that are dedicating less than 50% of their time to training or validation activities for a new procedure may be considered as “Analysis of Crime Scene Samples for CODIS”*