

FY 2023 STRENGTHENING THE MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER SYSTEM PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
APRIL 11, 2023

JUSTGRANTS:
APRIL 18, 2023

Who May Apply:

City or township governments; County governments; For-profit organizations other than small businesses; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments); Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Special district governments; State governments

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 1 fellowship position; Up to \$300,000 for 2 fellowship positions
- Purpose Area 2 (Accreditation): Up to \$100,000 per award

BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- All agencies that meet the eligible applicant list under "Who May Apply."
- Agencies that have not received BJA funding before under this program.
- 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 bja.ojp.gov/doc/fact-sheet-strengthening-mec.pdf to learn more about the program and <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2023-171570.pdf> for the full solicitation.

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's cover page at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2023-171570.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.
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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 two forms by April 11, 2023.
 - (2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://justgrants.usdoj.gov) by April 18, 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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