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December 21, 2023

BPC #23-236

The Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles, Room 395
c/o City Clerk's Office

Attention: Heleen Ramirez

Dear Honorable Mayor:

RE: TRANSMITTAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD FOR THE 2023 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – FEDERAL

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, December 5, 2023, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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December 1, 2023
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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

REVIEWED BY
Richard M. Tefank
RICHARD M. TEFANK **DATE**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
11/29/23

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD FOR THE 2023 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached grant application and award, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6(a), to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, and to the City Clerk for Committee and City Council consideration.
3. That the Board REQUEST the Mayor and City Council to:
 - A. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police or his designee to retroactively APPLY for and ACCEPT the grant award for the 2023 Paul Coverdell Program in the amount of \$138,270 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026;
 - B. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police or his designee to negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - C. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to spend up to the grant amount of \$138,270 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - D. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts into Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
 - E. AUTHORIZE the Controller to set up a grant receivable and appropriate \$138,270 to an appropriation account to be determined within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2023 Paul Coverdell Program grant funds;
 - F. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and AUTHORIZE and INSTRUCT the Controller to implement the instructions.

DISCUSSION

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has awarded \$138,270 of the 2023 Paul Coverdell Program grant funding to the LAPD. The goal of the program is to implement LAPD's Technical Investigation Improvement Project, which aims to improve the quality and timeliness of latent forensic services in the LAPD for the benefit of investigators, prosecutors and community members affected by the investigation process

Grant funds have been allocated to purchase \$123,100 in equipment and \$15,170 in supplies. The equipment includes a crime-lite laser kit, modules, flexible tools, portable cameras and lasers. The supplies include camera lens, alternate light sources and various accessories to make for a timely and quality digital upload and analysis. There is no match requirement for this grant. There is no match requirement for this grant.

If you have any questions, please contact Stella Larracas, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Section, Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy at (213) 486-0380.

Respectfully,


MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved *December 5, 2023*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments



Department of Justice (DOJ)

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Washington, D.C. 20531

Name and Address of Recipient:	CITY OF LOS ANGELES 200 N MAIN ST
City, State and Zip:	LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
Recipient UEI:	ZRXCMNNSUEJ1
Project Title: LAPD 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program – Competitive	Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-02693-COVE
Solicitation Title: BJA FY 23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program - Competitive	
Federal Award Amount: \$138,270.00	Federal Award Date: 9/25/23
Awarding Agency:	Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Opportunity Category: D	
Assistance Listing: 16.742 - Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program	
Project Period Start Date: 10/1/23	Project Period End Date: 9/30/26
Budget Period Start Date: 10/1/23	Budget Period End Date: 9/30/26
Project Description:	
<p>The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), through the BJA 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program, is proposing to implement the <i>LAPD 2023 Technical Investigation Improvement Project</i>. The goal of the proposed project is to establish improvements to increase the quality and timeliness of latent forensic services in the LAPD for the benefit of investigators, prosecutors and community members affected by the investigation process.</p> <p>The LAPD's Technical Investigation Division (TID) operates a laboratory that provides forensic support to investigative personnel in the disciplines of electronics, latent print, photography, and polygraph. TID's current instrumentation for latent print detection, capture, and enhancement of latent print is not up-to-date and is limiting the quality of latent print forensics for the City of Los Angeles.</p> <p>The proposed program plans to conduct activities to support the following objective: Increased scope and variety of latent print evidence that can be processed.</p>	

Award Letter

September 25, 2023

Dear Michel Moore,

On behalf of Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, it is my pleasure to inform you the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has approved the application submitted by CITY OF LOS ANGELES for an award under the funding opportunity entitled 2023 BJA FY 23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program - Competitive. The approved award amount is \$138,270.

Review the Award Instrument below carefully and familiarize yourself with all conditions and requirements before accepting your award. The Award Instrument includes the Award Offer (Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions) and Award Acceptance. For COPS Office and OVW funding the Award Offer also includes any Other Award Documents.

Please note that award requirements include not only the conditions and limitations set forth in the Award Offer, but also compliance with assurances and certifications that relate to conduct during the period of performance for the award. These requirements encompass financial, administrative, and programmatic matters, as well as other important matters (e.g., specific restrictions on use of funds). Therefore, all key staff should receive the award conditions, the assurances and certifications, and the application as approved by OJP, so that they understand the award requirements. Information on all pertinent award requirements also must be provided to any subrecipient of the award.

Should you accept the award and then fail to comply with an award requirement, DOJ will pursue appropriate remedies for non-compliance, which may include termination of the award and/or a requirement to repay award funds.

Prior to accepting the award, your Entity Administrator must assign a Financial Manager, Grant Award Administrator, and Authorized Representative(s) in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants). The Entity Administrator will need to ensure the assigned Authorized Representative(s) is current and has the legal authority to accept awards and bind the entity to the award terms and conditions. To accept the award, the Authorized Representative(s) must accept all parts of the Award Offer in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants), including by executing the required declaration and certification, within 45 days from the award date.

To access your funds, you will need to enroll in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system, if you haven't already completed the enrollment process in ASAP. The Entity Administrator should have already received an email from ASAP to initiate this process.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Amy Solomon
Assistant Attorney General
Office for Civil Rights Notice for All Recipients

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has been delegated the responsibility for ensuring that recipients of federal financial assistance from the OJP, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) are not engaged in discrimination prohibited by law. Several federal civil rights laws, such as Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, require recipients of federal financial assistance to give assurances that they will comply with those laws. Taken together, these civil rights laws prohibit recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating in services and employment because of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, sex, and, for grants authorized under the Violence Against Women Act, sexual orientation and gender identity. Recipients are also prohibited from discriminating in services because of age. For a complete review of these civil rights laws and nondiscrimination requirements, in connection with DOJ awards, see <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/LegalOverview/CivilRightsRequirements.htm>.

Under the delegation of authority, the OCR investigates allegations of discrimination against recipients from individuals, entities, or groups. In addition, the OCR conducts limited compliance reviews and audits based on regulatory criteria.

These reviews and audits permit the OCR to evaluate whether recipients of financial assistance from the Department are providing services in a nondiscriminatory manner to their service population or have employment practices that meet equal-opportunity standards.

If you are a recipient of grant awards under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act or the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and your agency is part of a criminal justice system, there are two additional obligations that may apply in connection with the awards: (1) complying with the regulation relating to Equal Employment Opportunity Programs (EEOs); and (2) submitting findings of discrimination to OCR. For additional information regarding the EEO requirement, see 28 CFR Part 42, subpart E, and for additional information regarding requirements when there is an adverse finding, see 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.204(c), .205(c)(5).

The OCR is available to help you and your organization meet the civil rights requirements that are associated with DOJ grant funding. If you would like the OCR to assist you in fulfilling your organization's civil rights or nondiscrimination responsibilities as a recipient of federal financial assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the OCR at askOCR@ojp.usdoj.gov.

Memorandum Regarding NEPA

NEPA Letter Type

OJP - Additional Information Required

NEPA Letter

The scope or location of the proposed project is such that it may not qualify for a categorical exclusion as contained in Appendix D to Part 61 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

As such, prior to initiation of the project, the grantee may need to complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Additional information is needed to determine if any of the following activities will be conducted as a result of this award, whether under the Office of Justice Programs federal action or a related third party action:

(1) New construction

(2) Any renovation or remodeling of a property located in an environmentally or historically sensitive area, including property (a) listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or (b) located within a 100-year flood plain, a wetland, or habitat for an endangered species

(3) A renovation that will change the basic prior use of a facility or significantly change its size

(4) Research and technology whose anticipated and future application could be expected to have an effect on the environment

(5) Implementation of a program involving the use of chemicals (including the identification, seizure, or closure of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories)

For more information about NEPA requirements, including which projects may qualify for categorical exclusions, and the preparation of an environmental review documents, please see: <https://bja.ojp.gov/national-environmental-policy-act-nepa-guidance>.

Questions about this determination may be directed to your grant manager or Orbin Terry, Environmental Coordinator for the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

NEPA Coordinator

First Name

Orbin

Middle Name**Last Name**

Terry

Award Information

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions.

Recipient Information**Recipient Name**

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

UEI

ZRXCMNNSUEJ1

Street 1

200 N MAIN ST

Street 2**City**

LOS ANGELES

State/U.S. Territory

California

Zip/Postal Code

90012

Country

United States

County/Parish**Province****Award Details****Federal Award Date**

9/25/23

Award Type

Initial

Award Number

15PBJA-23-GG-02693-COVE

Supplement Number

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Federal Award Amount

\$138,270.00

Funding Instrument Type

Grant

**Assistance Listing
Number**

16.742

Assistance Listings Program Title

Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program

Statutory Authority

Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Sec. 2801-2806 (codified at 34 U.S.C. 10561-10566)

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

Project Information

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions.

Solicitation Title

2023 BJA FY 23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program - Competitive

Awarding Agency

OJP

Program Office

BJA

Application Number

GRANT13881193

Grant Manager Name

Tahitia Barringer

Phone Number

[202-598-7580](tel:202-598-7580)

E-mail Address

Tahitia.Barringer@usdoj.gov

Project Title

LAPD 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program – Competitive

Performance Period Start

Date

10/01/2023

Performance Period End Date

09/30/2026

Budget Period Start Date

10/01/2023

Budget Period End Date

09/30/2026

Project Description

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The proposed program plans to conduct activities to support the following objective: Increased scope and variety of latent print evidence that can be processed.

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

Financial Information

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions.

The recipient budget is currently under review.

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

Award Conditions

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions.

1

Compliance with restrictions on the use of federal funds--prohibited and controlled equipment under OJP awards

Consistent with Executive Order 14074, "Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices To Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety," OJP has prohibited the use of federal funds under this award for purchases or transfers of specified equipment by law enforcement agencies. In addition, OJP requires the recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, to put in place specified controls prior to using federal funds under this award to acquire or transfer any property identified on the "controlled equipment" list. The details of the requirement are posted on the OJP web site at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/prohibited-and-controlled-equipment> (Award condition: Compliance with restrictions on the use of federal funds--prohibited and controlled equipment under OJP awards), and are incorporated by reference here.

2

Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 54

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, which relates to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain "education programs."

3

Compliance with 41 U.S.C. 4712 (including prohibitions on reprisal; notice to employees)

The recipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must comply with, and is subject to, all applicable provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712, including all applicable provisions that prohibit, under specified circumstances, discrimination against an employee as reprisal for the employee's disclosure of information related to gross mismanagement of a federal grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal grant.

The recipient also must inform its employees, in writing (and in the predominant native language of the workforce), of employee rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

Should a question arise as to the applicability of the provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712 to this award, the recipient is to contact the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) for guidance.

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Applicability of Part 200 Uniform Requirements

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by DOJ in 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (together, the "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") apply to this FY 2022 award from OJP.

The Part 200 Uniform Requirements were first adopted by DOJ on December 26, 2014. If this FY 2022 award supplements funds previously awarded by OJP under the same award number (e.g., funds awarded during or before December 2014), the Part 200 Uniform Requirements apply with respect to all funds under that award number (regardless of the award date, and regardless of whether derived from the initial award or a supplemental award) that are obligated on or after the acceptance date of this FY 2022 award.

For more information and resources on the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as they relate to OJP awards and subawards ("subgrants"), see the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Part200UniformRequirements.htm>.

Record retention and access: Records pertinent to the award that the recipient (and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier) must retain -- typically for a period of 3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report (SF 425), unless a different retention period applies -- and to which the recipient (and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier) must provide access, include performance measurement information, in addition to the financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other pertinent records indicated at 2 C.F.R. 200.334.

In the event that an award-related question arises from documents or other materials prepared or distributed by OJP that may appear to conflict with, or differ in some way from, the provisions of the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, the recipient is to contact OJP promptly for clarification.

5

Compliance with applicable rules regarding approval, planning, and reporting of conferences, meetings, trainings, and other events

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and official DOJ guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences (as that term is defined by DOJ), including the provision of food and/or beverages at such conferences, and costs of attendance at such conferences.

Information on the pertinent DOJ definition of conferences and the rules applicable to this award appears in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (currently, as section 3.10 of "Postaward Requirements" in the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide").

6

Requirement for data on performance and effectiveness under the award

The recipient must collect and maintain data that measure the performance and effectiveness of work under this award. The data must be provided to OJP in the manner (including within the timeframes) specified by OJP in the program solicitation or other applicable written guidance. Data collection supports compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010, and other applicable laws.

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Compliance with DOJ Grants Financial Guide

References to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide are to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide as posted on the OJP website (currently, the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide" available at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm>), including any updated version that may be posted during the period of performance. The recipient agrees to comply with the DOJ Grants Financial Guide.

8

Compliance with general appropriations-law restrictions on the use of federal funds (FY 2022)

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of federal funds set out in federal appropriations statutes. Pertinent restrictions, including from various "general provisions" in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, are set out at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/Explore/>

FY22AppropriationsRestrictions.htm, and are incorporated by reference here.

Should a question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a recipient (or a subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of an appropriations-law restriction, the recipient is to contact OJP for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OJP.

9

Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 38

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38 (as may be applicable from time to time), specifically including any applicable requirements regarding written notice to program beneficiaries and prospective program beneficiaries.

Currently, among other things, 28 C.F.R. Part 38 includes rules that prohibit specific forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Part 38, currently, also sets out rules and requirements that pertain to recipient and subrecipient ("subgrantee") organizations that engage in or conduct explicitly religious activities, as well as rules and requirements that pertain to recipients and subrecipients that are faith-based or religious organizations.

The text of 28 C.F.R. Part 38 is available via the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (currently accessible at <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse>), by browsing to Title 28-Judicial Administration, Chapter 1, Part 38, under e-CFR "current" data.

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Effect of failure to address audit issues

The recipient understands and agrees that the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) may withhold award funds, or may impose other related requirements, if (as determined by the DOJ awarding agency) the recipient does not satisfactorily and promptly address outstanding issues from audits required by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements (or by the terms of this award), or other outstanding issues that arise in connection with audits, investigations, or reviews of DOJ awards.

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Requirements of the award; remedies for non-compliance or for materially false statements

The conditions of this award are material requirements of the award. Compliance with any assurances or certifications submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance also is a material requirement of this award.

Limited Exceptions. In certain special circumstances, the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") may determine that it will not enforce, or enforce only in part, one or more requirements otherwise applicable to the award. Any such exceptions regarding enforcement, including any such exceptions made during the period of performance, are (or will be during the period of performance) set out through the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP") webpage entitled "Legal Notices: Special circumstances as to particular award conditions" (ojp.gov/funding/Explore/LegalNotices-AwardReqs.htm), and incorporated by reference into the award.

By signing and accepting this award on behalf of the recipient, the authorized recipient official accepts all material requirements of the award, and specifically adopts, as if personally executed by the authorized recipient official, all assurances or certifications submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance.

Failure to comply with one or more award requirements -- whether a condition set out in full below, a condition incorporated by reference below, or an assurance or certification related to conduct during the award period -- may result in OJP taking appropriate action with respect to the recipient and the award. Among other things, the OJP may withhold award funds, disallow costs, or suspend or terminate the award. DOJ, including OJP, also may take other legal action as appropriate.

Any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement to the federal government related to this award (or concealment or omission of a material fact) may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. 10271-10273), and also may lead to imposition of civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

Should any provision of a requirement of this award be held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, that provision shall first be applied with a limited construction so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law. Should it be held, instead, that the provision is utterly invalid or -unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed severable from this award.

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Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 42

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 42, specifically including any applicable requirements in Subpart E of 28 C.F.R. Part 42 that relate to an equal employment opportunity program.

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Requirements related to "de minimis" indirect cost rate

A recipient that is eligible under the Part 200 Uniform Requirements and other applicable law to use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate described in 2 C.F.R. 200.414(f), and that elects to use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate, must advise OJP in writing of both its eligibility and its election, and must comply with all associated requirements in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements. The "de minimis" rate may be applied only to modified total direct costs (MTDC) as defined by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements.

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Employment eligibility verification for hiring under the award

1. The recipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must--

A. Ensure that, as part of the hiring process for any position within the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds, the recipient (or any subrecipient) properly verifies the employment eligibility of the individual who is being hired, consistent with the provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).

B. Notify all persons associated with the recipient (or any subrecipient) who are or will be involved in activities under this award of both--

(1) this award requirement for verification of employment eligibility, and

(2) the associated provisions in 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) that, generally speaking, make it unlawful, in the United States, to hire (or recruit for employment) certain aliens.

C. Provide training (to the extent necessary) to those persons required by this condition to be notified of the award requirement for employment eligibility verification and of the associated provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).

D. As part of the recordkeeping for the award (including pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements), maintain records of all employment eligibility verifications pertinent to compliance with this award condition in accordance with Form I-9 record retention requirements, as well as records of all pertinent notifications and trainings.

2. Monitoring

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for

the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

4. Rules of construction

A. Staff involved in the hiring process

For purposes of this condition, persons "who are or will be involved in activities under this award" specifically includes (without limitation) any and all recipient (or any subrecipient) officials or other staff who are or will be involved in the hiring process with respect to a position that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds.

B. Employment eligibility confirmation with E-Verify

For purposes of satisfying the requirement of this condition regarding verification of employment eligibility, the recipient (or any subrecipient) may choose to participate in, and use, E-Verify (www.e-verify.gov), provided an appropriate person authorized to act on behalf of the recipient (or subrecipient) uses E-Verify (and follows the proper E-Verify procedures, including in the event of a "Tentative Nonconfirmation" or a "Final Nonconfirmation") to confirm employment eligibility for each hiring for a position in the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds.

C. "United States" specifically includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

D. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, or any person or other entity, to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

E. Nothing in this condition, including in paragraph 4.B., shall be understood to relieve any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, or any person or other entity, of any obligation otherwise imposed by law, including 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).

Questions about E-Verify should be directed to DHS. For more information about E-Verify visit the E-Verify website (<https://www.e-verify.gov/>) or email E-Verify at E-Verify@dhs.gov. E-Verify employer agents can email E-Verify at E-VerifyEmployerAgent@dhs.gov.

Questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed to OJP, before award acceptance.

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OJP Training Guiding Principles

Any training or training materials that the recipient -- or any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier -- develops or delivers with OJP award funds must adhere to the OJP Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/implement/training-guiding-principles-grantees-and-subgrantees>.

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Determination of suitability to interact with participating minors

SCOPE. This condition applies to this award if it is indicated -- in the application for the award (as approved by DOJ)(or in the application for any subaward, at any tier), the DOJ funding announcement (solicitation), or an associated federal statute -- that a purpose of some or all of the activities to be carried out under the award (whether by the recipient, or a subrecipient at any tier) is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age.

The recipient, and any subrecipient at any tier, must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status.

The details of this requirement are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm> (Award condition: Determination of suitability required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors), and are incorporated by reference here.

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Potential imposition of additional requirements

The recipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) during the period of performance for this award, if the recipient is designated as "high-risk" for purposes of the DOJ high-risk grantee list.

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Required training for Grant Award Administrator and Financial Manager

The Grant Award Administrator and all Financial Managers for this award must have successfully completed an "OJP financial management and grant administration training" by 120 days after the date of the recipient's acceptance of the award. Successful completion of such a training on or after October 15, 2020, will satisfy this condition.

In the event that either the Grant Award Administrator or a Financial Manager for this award changes during the period of performance, the new Grant Award Administrator or Financial Manager must have successfully completed an "OJP financial management and grant administration training" by 120 calendar days after the date the Entity Administrator enters updated Grant Award Administrator or Financial Manager information in JustGrants. Successful completion of such a training on or after October 15, 2020, will satisfy this condition.

A list of OJP trainings that OJP will consider "OJP financial management and grant administration training" for purposes of this condition is available at <https://onlinegfmt.training.ojp.gov/>. All trainings that satisfy this condition include a session on grant fraud prevention and detection.

The recipient should anticipate that OJP will immediately withhold ("freeze") award funds if the recipient fails to comply with this condition. The recipient's failure to comply also may lead OJP to impose additional appropriate conditions on this award.

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Restrictions and certifications regarding non-disclosure agreements and related matters

No recipient or subrecipient ("subgrantee") under this award, or entity that receives a procurement contract or subcontract with any funds under this award, may require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The foregoing is not intended, and shall not be understood by the agency making this award, to contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (which relates to classified information), Form 4414 (which relates to sensitive compartmented information), or any other form issued by a federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

1. In accepting this award, the recipient--

a. represents that it neither requires nor has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

b. certifies that, if it learns or is notified that it is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

2. If the recipient does or is authorized under this award to make subawards ("subgrants"), procurement contracts, or both--

a. it represents that--

(1) it has determined that no other entity that the recipient's application proposes may or will receive award funds (whether through a subaward ("subgrant"), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

(2) it has made appropriate inquiry, or otherwise has an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and

b. it certifies that, if it learns or is notified that any subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this award is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

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Reclassification of various statutory provisions to a new Title 34 of the United States Code

On September 1, 2017, various statutory provisions previously codified elsewhere in the U.S. Code were editorially reclassified (that is, moved and renumbered) to a new Title 34, entitled "Crime Control and Law Enforcement." The reclassification encompassed a number of statutory provisions pertinent to OJP awards (that is, OJP grants and cooperative agreements), including many provisions previously codified in Title 42 of the U.S. Code.

Effective as of September 1, 2017, any reference in this award document to a statutory provision that has been reclassified to the new Title 34 of the U.S. Code is to be read as a reference to that statutory provision as reclassified to Title 34. This rule of construction specifically includes references set out in award conditions, references set out in material incorporated by reference through award conditions, and references set out in other award requirements.

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Requirement to report actual or imminent breach of personally identifiable information (PII)

The recipient (and any "subrecipient" at any tier) must have written procedures in place to respond in the event of an actual or imminent "breach" (OMB M-17-12) if it (or a subrecipient) -- (1) creates, collects, uses, processes, stores, maintains, disseminates, discloses, or disposes of "Personally Identifiable Information (PII)" (2 CFR 200.1) within the scope of an OJP grant-funded program or activity, or (2) uses or operates a "Federal information system" (OMB Circular A-130). The recipient's breach procedures must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to an OJP Program Manager no later than 24 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

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Requirement to disclose whether recipient is designated "high risk" by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ

If the recipient is designated "high risk" by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ, currently or at any time during the course of the period of performance under this award, the recipient must disclose that fact and certain related information to OJP by email at OJP.ComplianceReporting@ojp.usdoj.gov. For purposes of this disclosure, high risk includes any status under which a federal awarding agency provides additional oversight due to the recipient's past performance, or other programmatic or financial concerns with the recipient. The recipient's disclosure must include the following: 1. The federal awarding agency that currently designates the recipient high risk, 2. The date the recipient was designated high risk, 3. The high-risk point of contact at that federal awarding agency (name, phone number, and email address), and 4. The reasons for the high-risk status, as set out by the federal awarding agency.

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Encouragement of policies to ban text messaging while driving

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), DOJ encourages recipients and subrecipients ("subgrantees") to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this

award, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

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All subawards ("subgrants") must have specific federal authorization

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements for authorization of any subaward. This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a "subaward" (and therefore does not consider a procurement "contract").

The details of the requirement for authorization of any subaward are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SubawardAuthorization.htm> (Award condition: All subawards ("subgrants") must have specific federal authorization), and are incorporated by reference here.

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Specific post-award approval required to use a noncompetitive approach in any procurement contract that would exceed \$250,000

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements to obtain specific advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in any procurement contract that would exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently, \$250,000). This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a procurement "contract" (and therefore does not consider a subaward).

The details of the requirement for advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in a procurement contract under an OJP award are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/NoncompetitiveProcurement.htm> (Award condition: Specific post-award approval required to use a noncompetitive approach in a procurement contract (if contract would exceed \$250,000)), and are incorporated by reference here.

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Requirements pertaining to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OJP authority to terminate award)

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements (including requirements to report allegations) pertaining to prohibited conduct related to the trafficking of persons, whether on the part of recipients, subrecipients ("subgrantees"), or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of the recipient or of any subrecipient.

The details of the recipient's obligations related to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/ProhibitedConduct-Trafficking.htm> (Award condition: Prohibited conduct by recipients and subrecipients related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OJP authority to terminate award)), and are incorporated by reference here.

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Requirement to report potentially duplicative funding

If the recipient currently has other active awards of federal funds, or if the recipient receives any other award of federal funds during the period of performance for this award, the recipient promptly must determine whether funds from any of those other federal awards have been, are being, or are to be used (in whole or in part) for one or more of the identical cost items for which funds are provided under this award. If so, the recipient must promptly notify the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) in writing of the potential duplication, and, if so requested by the DOJ awarding agency, must seek a budget-modification or change-of-project-scope Grant Award Modification (GAM) to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.

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Reporting potential fraud, waste, and abuse, and similar misconduct

The recipient, and any subrecipients ("subgrantees") at any tier, must promptly refer to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this award-- (1) submitted a claim that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct.

Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct involving or relating to funds under this award should be reported to the OIG by--(1) online submission accessible via the OIG webpage at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline/contact-grants.htm> (select "Submit Report Online"); (2) mail directed to: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, Investigations Division, ATTN: Grantee Reporting, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20530; and/or (3) by facsimile directed to the DOJ OIG Investigations Division (Attn: Grantee Reporting) at (202) 616-9881 (fax).

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline>.

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Requirements related to System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements

The recipient must comply with applicable requirements regarding the System for Award Management (SAM), currently accessible at <https://www.sam.gov/>. This includes applicable requirements regarding registration with SAM, as well as maintaining the currency of information in SAM.

The recipient also must comply with applicable restrictions on subawards ("subgrants") to first-tier subrecipients (first-tier "subgrantees"), including restrictions on subawards to entities that do not acquire and provide (to the recipient) the unique entity identifier required for SAM registration.

The details of the recipient's obligations related to SAM and to unique entity identifiers are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SAM.htm> (Award condition: System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here.

This condition does not apply to an award to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

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Restrictions on "lobbying"

In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds awarded by OJP may not be used by the recipient, or any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, either directly or indirectly, to support or oppose the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government. See 18 U.S.C. 1913. (There may be exceptions if an applicable federal statute specifically authorizes certain activities that otherwise would be barred by law.)

Another federal law generally prohibits federal funds awarded by OJP from being used by the recipient, or any subrecipient at any tier, to pay any person to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal agency, a Member of Congress, or Congress (or an official or employee of any of them) with respect to the awarding of a federal grant or cooperative agreement, subgrant, contract, subcontract, or loan, or with respect to actions such as renewing, extending, or modifying any such award. See 31 U.S.C. 1352. Certain exceptions to this law apply, including an exception that applies to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Should any question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a recipient (or subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the recipient is to contact OJP for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OJP.

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Generally Accepted Laboratory Practices

The recipient shall ensure that any forensic laboratory, forensic laboratory system, medical examiner's office, or coroner's office that will receive any portion of the award uses generally accepted laboratory practices and procedures as established by accrediting organizations or appropriate certifying bodies.

External Investigations

The recipient shall ensure that requirements associated with 34 U.S.C. section 10562(4) (which relate to processes in place to conduct independent external investigations into allegations of serious negligence or misconduct by employees or contractors) are satisfied with respect to any forensic laboratory system, medical examiner's office, coroner's office, law enforcement storage facility, or medical facility in the State that will receive a portion of the grant amount.

Accreditation

The recipient shall ensure that any forensic laboratory or forensic laboratory system (not including any medical examiner's office or coroner's office) that will receive any portion of the award either is accredited, or will use a portion of this award to prepare and apply for accreditation by not more than two years from the award date of this award.

Additionally, with respect to accreditation, the recipient shall ensure that for any subaward it makes under this award, it will require in a legally-binding and enforceable writing, such as the subaward documentation (for example, subaward terms and conditions), that its subrecipient: 1) if accredited, must continue to demonstrate such accreditation as a condition of receiving or using the subaward funds; or, 2) if not accredited, must use the subaward funds to prepare and apply for accreditation.

The Coverdell statute (see 34 U.S.C. section 10562(2)) and the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program solicitation state certain requirements and guidance associated with proper accreditation and regarding what BJA will consider to be acceptable documentation of accreditation. The recipient is to contact the BJA grant manager for clarification or guidance if it should have any question as to what constitutes proper accreditation for the purposes of the Coverdell program. Award funds may not be used under this award by a forensic laboratory or forensic laboratory system with accreditation (or by such laboratory to obtain accreditation) that BJA determines not to be consistent with the Coverdell law and the solicitation or to be otherwise deficient.

The recipient agrees to notify BJA promptly upon any change in the accreditation status of any forensic science laboratory or forensic laboratory system that receives funding under this award.

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Use of Funds; No Research

Funds provided under this award shall be used only for the purposes and types of expenses set forth in the solicitation. Funds shall not be used for general law enforcement functions or non-forensic investigatory functions, and shall not be used for research or statistical projects or activities. Use of award funds for construction of new facilities is restricted by statute. Any questions concerning this provision should be directed to the BJA grant manager prior to incurring the expense or commencing the activity in question.

Performance Measures

To ensure compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (Pub. L. No. 103-62) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-352), program performance under this award is measured by the following: (1) percent reduction in the average number of days from the submission of a sample to a forensic science laboratory to the delivery of test results to a requesting office or agency (calculated by reporting the average number of days to process a sample at the beginning of the grant period versus the average number of days to process a sample at the end of the grant period); (2) percent reduction in the number of backlogged forensic cases (calculated by reporting the number of backlogged forensic cases at the beginning of the grant period versus the number of backlogged forensic cases at the end of grant period), if applicable to the award; and (3) the number of forensic science or medical examiner/coroner's office personnel who completed appropriate training or educational opportunities with these Coverdell funds, if applicable to the award. Recipients are required to collect and report data relevant to these measures.

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The recipient understands and agrees that gross income (revenues) from fees charged for forensic science or medical examiner services constitutes program income (in whole or in part), and that program income must be determined, used, and documented in accordance with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. 200.307, including as applied in the Department of Justice (DOJ) Grants Financial Guide, as it may be revised from time to time. The recipient further understands and agrees that both program income earned during the award period and expenditures of such program income must be reported on the quarterly and final Federal Financial Reports (SF 425) and are subject to audit.

The recipient understands and agrees that program income earned during the award period may be expended only for permissible uses of funds specifically identified in the solicitation for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program. The recipient further understands and agrees that program income earned during the award period may not be used to supplant State or local government funds, but instead may be used only to increase the amount of funds that would, in the absence of Federal funds or program income, be available from State or local government sources for the permissible uses of funds listed in the solicitation.

The recipient understands and agrees that program income that is earned during the final one hundred twenty (120) days of the award period may, if appropriate, be obligated (as well as expended) for permissible uses during the one hundred twenty-day (120-day) period following the end of the award period. The recipient further understands and agrees that any program income earned during the award period that is not obligated and expended within one hundred twenty (120) days of the end of the award period must be returned to OJP.

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The recipient understands and agrees that, throughout the award period, it must promptly notify BJA if it either starts or stops charging fees for forensic science or medical examiner services, or if it revises its method of allocating fees received for such services to program income. Notice must be provided in writing to the BJA grant manager for the award within ten (10) business days of implementation of the change.

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The recipient agrees to submit a final report, at the end of this award, documenting all relevant project activities during the entire period of support under this award. This report will include the following: (1) a summary and assessment of the program carried out with this grant, which shall include a comparison of pre-grant and post-grant forensic science capabilities (and shall cite the specific improvements in quality and/or timeliness of forensic science or medical examiner/coroner's office services); (2) the average number of days between submission of a sample to a forensic science laboratory or forensic science laboratory system in that State operated by the State or by a unit of local government and the delivery of test results to the requesting office or agency; (3) an identification of the number and type of cases currently accepted by the forensic science laboratory or forensic science laboratory system; and (4) with respect to any unaccredited forensic science service provider receiving funds from this award for accreditation, full details on the progress of any such provider toward obtaining accreditation. The recipient is required to collect data necessary for this report. This report is due no later than 120 days following the close of the award period or the expiration of any extension periods. The report can be filed online through the Internet at: <https://justgrants.usdoj.gov>

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The recipient acknowledges that, as stated in the solicitation for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program, BJA assumes that recipients (and subrecipients) of Coverdell funds will make use of the process referenced in their certification as to external investigations and will refer allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results to government entities with an appropriate process in place to conduct independent external investigations, such as the government entity (or entities) identified in the grant application. The recipient shall submit the following information as part of its final report: (1) the number and nature of any allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results received during the 12-month period of the award; (2) information on the referrals of such allegations (e.g., the government entity or entities to which referred, the date of referral); (3) the outcome of such referrals (if known as of the date of the report); and (4) if any such allegations were not referred, the reason(s) for the non-referral. Should the project period for this award be extended, the recipient shall submit the above information as to the first twelve months of the award as part of the first semi-annual progress report that comes due after the conclusion of the first twelve months of the project period, and shall submit the required information as to subsequent twelve-month periods every twelve months thereafter (as part of a semi-annual progress report) until the close of the award period, at which point the recipient shall submit the required information as to any period not covered by prior reports as part of its final report. The recipient understands and agrees that funds may be withheld (including funds under future awards), or other related

requirements may be imposed, if the required information is not submitted on a timely basis.

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The recipient understands that, in accepting this award, the Authorized Representative declares and certifies, among other things, that he or she possesses the requisite legal authority to accept the award on behalf of the recipient entity and, in so doing, accepts (or adopts) all material requirements that relate to conduct throughout the period of performance under this award. The recipient further understands, and agrees, that it will not assign anyone to the role of Authorized Representative during the period of performance under the award without first ensuring that the individual has the requisite legal authority.

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Verification and updating of recipient contact information

The recipient must verify its Grant Award Administrator, Financial Manager, and Authorized Representative contact information in JustGrants, including telephone number and e-mail address. If any information is incorrect or has changed, the award recipient's Entity Administrator must make changes to contact information through DIAMD. Instructions on how to update contact information in JustGrants can be found at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-entity-management>.

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FFATA reporting: Subawards and executive compensation

The recipient must comply with applicable requirements to report first-tier subawards ("subgrants") of \$30,000 or more and, in certain circumstances, to report the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of the recipient and first-tier subrecipients (first-tier "subgrantees") of award funds. The details of recipient obligations, which derive from the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/FFATA.htm> (Award condition: Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation), and are incorporated by reference here.

This condition, including its reporting requirement, does not apply to-- (1) an award of less than \$30,000, or (2) an award made to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

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The recipient agrees to submit to BJA for review and approval any product (e.g., curricula, training materials, publications, reports, videos, or any other written, web-based, or audio-visual, or other materials) that will be developed and published under this award at least thirty (30) working days prior to the targeted dissemination date. The current edition of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide provides guidance on allowable printing and publication activities. Any products developed under this award, (with the exception of press releases, web sites, and mobile applications), shall contain the following statements: "This project was supported by Grant No. <Award_Number> awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice." (Note: A separate disclaimer has been developed and is required for web sites and mobile applications. No disclaimer is required for press releases.)

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The recipient shall transmit to the BJA grant manager copies of all official award-related press releases at least ten (10) working days prior to public release. Advance notice permits time for coordination of release of information by BJA where appropriate and to respond to press or public inquiries.

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The recipient agrees to comply with OJP grant monitoring guidelines, protocols, and procedures, and to cooperate with BJA and OCFO on all grant monitoring requests, including requests related to desk reviews, enhanced programmatic desk reviews, and/or site visits. The recipient agrees to provide to BJA and OCFO all documentation necessary to complete monitoring tasks, including documentation related to any subawards made under this award. Further, the

recipient agrees to abide by reasonable deadlines set by BJA and OCFO for providing the requested documents. Failure to cooperate with BJA's/OCFO's grant monitoring activities may result in sanctions affecting the recipient's DOJ awards, including, but not limited to: withholdings and/or other restrictions on the recipient's access to grant funds; referral to the Office of the Inspector General for audit review; designation of the recipient as a DOJ High Risk grantee; or termination of an award(s).

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The recipient agrees to cooperate with any assessments, national evaluation efforts, or information or data collection requests, including, but not limited to, the provision of any information required for the assessment or evaluation of any activities within this project.

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The recipient agrees that no funds under this grant award (including via subcontract or subaward, at any tier) may be used for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), which includes unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), or for any accompanying accessories to support UAS.

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If award funds are used for DNA testing of evidentiary materials, any resulting eligible DNA profiles must be uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System ("CODIS," the DNA database operated by the FBI) by a government DNA laboratory with access to CODIS. With the exception of Forensic Genetic Genealogy, no profiles generated under this award may be entered or uploaded into any non-governmental DNA database without prior express written approval from BJA. Award funds may not be used for the purchase of DNA equipment and supplies unless the resulting DNA profiles may be accepted for entry into CODIS. Booking agencies should work with their state CODIS agency to ensure all requirements are met for participation in Rapid DNA (see National Rapid DNA Booking Operational Procedures Manual).

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Recipients utilizing award funds for forensic genealogy testing must adhere to the United States Department of Justice Interim Policy Forensic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Searching (<https://www.justice.gov/olp/page/file/1204386/download>), and must collect and report the metrics identified in Section IX of that document to BJA.

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The recipient agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations applicable to the development and implementation of the activities to be funded under this award.

Environmental Assessment (EA): The recipient agrees and understands that funded activities (whether conducted by the recipient or subrecipients or contractors) may require the preparation of an EA as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), found at 40 CFR Part 1500. An EA is a concise public document that briefly provides sufficient analysis for determining whether to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) or a finding of no significant impact for the proposed activity. If in completing an EA for a proposed activity, potential adverse environmental impacts are identified, the EA will serve as a vehicle for developing either alternative approaches or mitigation measures for avoiding or reducing the identified adverse environmental impacts.

Modifications: Throughout the term of this award, the recipient agrees that for any activity that is the subject of a completed EA, it will inform BJA of-- (1) any change(s) that it is considering making to the previously assessed activity that may be relevant to environmental impact; or (2) any proposed new activities or changed circumstances that may require assessment as to environmental impact, such as new activities that involve the use of chemicals or involve construction or major renovation. The recipient will not implement a proposed change or new activity until BJA, with the assistance of the recipient, has determined whether the proposed change or activity (or changed circumstances) will require additional review under NEPA. Approval for implementation will not be unreasonably withheld as long as any requested modification(s) is consistent with eligible program purposes and found acceptable under a BJA-conducted environmental impact review process.

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The recipient is authorized to incur obligations, expend and draw down funds, in an amount not to exceed 25% of the total amount of the award. None of these funds may be used to acquire chemicals, or implement a project involving the use of chemicals, such as testing of evidence, while this condition remains on the award. The recipient is not authorized to incur any additional obligations, or make any additional expenditures or drawdowns until the program office has verified that the recipient has submitted all necessary documentation required to comply with Department of Justice Environmental Impact Review Procedures found at 28 CFR Part 61, Appendix D, OJP has reviewed and approved the documentation, and an Award Condition Modification (ACM) has been issued removing this condition.

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The recipient's budget (and budget narrative) is pending clearance by OJP.

Prior to budget clearance (and unless there is a more restrictive condition on this award, in which case the terms of that more restrictive condition apply): The recipient may not drawdown more than 10% of the award. Pre-clearance obligations, expenditures, and drawdowns may be disallowed if not in compliance with program requirements.

The recipient should be judicious in using award funds prior to budget clearance. Generally, OJP expects that recipients (depending on the specific project scope) may need to advertise for award-funded positions, pay personnel and fringe benefits for positions budgeted under the award, plan for project activities, attend training and pay training-related travel needed to begin the project, and engage in other limited activities conducted by recipient staff (i.e., generally not requiring a subaward or procurement contract under an award).

OJP will issue an Award Condition Modification upon budget clearance.

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The recipient may not obligate, expend, or draw down any funds under this award until: (1) the recipient has submitted a completed attachment regarding external investigations using the template (entitled: "Attachment: External Investigations") provided in the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants program solicitation (or has provided an adapted version of the template that provides all of the required information), and (2) an Award Condition Modification (ACM) has been issued removing this special condition.

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

Award Acceptance

Declaration and Certification to the U.S. Department of Justice as to Acceptance

By checking the declaration and certification box below, I--

- A. Declare to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), under penalty of perjury, that I have authority to make this declaration and certification on behalf of the applicant.
- B. Certify to DOJ, under penalty of perjury, on behalf of myself and the applicant, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the following are true as of the date of this award acceptance: (1) I have conducted or there was conducted (including by applicant's legal counsel as appropriate and made available to me) a diligent review of all terms and conditions of, and all supporting materials submitted in connection with, this award, including any assurances and certifications (including anything submitted in connection therewith by a person on behalf of the applicant before, after, or at the time of the application submission and any materials that accompany this acceptance and certification); and (2) I have the legal authority to accept this award on behalf of the applicant.
- C. Accept this award on behalf of the applicant.
- D. Declare the following to DOJ, under penalty of perjury, on behalf of myself and the applicant: (1) I understand that, in taking (or not taking) any action pursuant to this declaration and certification, DOJ will rely upon this declaration

and certification as a material representation; and (2) I understand that any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent information or statement in this declaration and certification (or concealment or omission of a material fact as to either) may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies under the federal False Claims Act (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and/or §§ 3801-3812) or otherwise.

Agency Approval

Title of Approving Official
Assistant Attorney General

Name of Approving Official
Amy Solomon

Signed Date And Time
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Authorized Representative

Entity Acceptance

Title of Authorized Entity Official
Chief of Police

Signed Date And Time

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

LAPD Technical Investigation Improvement Project

I. Introduction and Description of the Issue:

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), through the 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program, is proposing to implement the *LAPD 2023 Technical Investigation Improvement Project*. The goal of the proposed project is to establish improvements to increase the quality and timeliness of digital and latent forensic services in the LAPD.

The LAPD is the nation's third largest police agency and serves the City of Los Angeles (LA) with a population of approximately four million and covering 468 square miles. The LAPD's Technical Investigation Division (TID) is staffed with 121 civilian personnel and operates a laboratory that provides forensic support to investigative personnel in four disciplines - electronics, latent print, photography, and polygraph. The TID is in the process of accreditation under the American National Standards Institute - American National Standards Institute National Accreditation Board in the Friction Ridge and Digital Evidence disciplines.

Violent Crimes Trend and TID. Violent crimes increased by 6% in California between 2019 and 2021, from 173,205 to 183,546 respectively. Similarly, there was a 4% increase in violent crime in the City of LA, from 28,939 to 30,078 for the same time frame. Relatedly, TID experienced an increase in requests, specifically an increase of 62% in latent print requests from 2019 to 2021 and recently, and a 22% increase in cell phone extractions from 2021 to 2022. The proposed project is intended to increase the number of services and the number of cases processed to meet the elevated workload of additional incidents of crimes.

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Electronics Unit: The Electronics Unit supports the investigative process by providing mobile device forensics, audio/video enhancements, field response to retrieve digital multimedia evidence, and technical investigative support through the design, construction, and modification of electronic equipment and surveillance devices. Other services include covert installation, interview room and jail maintenance, equipment repair, body wire, phone tap, and file. The methods employed in evidence recovery and enhancement include peripheral download, remote access and direct in-circuit access.

The Electronics Unit currently utilizes a copper ethernet cable that transmits data and information at 10 megabits per second (Mbps). The amount of data transferred between two points and the speed of transfer (per second) is severely limited and restricting for the current load of digital forensic work. To put into perspective, for most single users, 10 Mbps is not sufficient to stream a motion picture nor conduct a video call. Copper has physical limitations for its use and can experience electrical interference, as well as packet losses, which require automatic resubmission to recover losses, decreasing speed further. Meanwhile, mobile device memory and capacity continue to increase and currently the average range per device is between 70-200 gigabits (GB), which is equivalent to 71,680 – 122,880 Mb.

This current connectivity available to the Electronics Unit is shared by 11 examiners and the limited speed and bandwidth is limiting work to one item at a time which may take up to 24 hours to complete a transfer. Multiple devices cannot be executed simultaneously, and the combined use of the ethernet for other routine work purposes can slow speed to 1-2 Mbps per user. The speed and bandwidth limitations result in significantly reduced services for investigations and the people of Los Angeles.

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Additionally, the LAPD has started to use the web-based EVIDENCE.com software for the capture, share and management of digital multi-media evidence within the Department and between the Department, the District Attorney's Office, and Defense Attorneys, as applicable. Footage can be streamed on all devices and use of the software is advantageous for chain-of-custody documentation and reduces the risk of loss or damage to evidence. Moreover, when an investigating detective requests information via a warrant, the digital company (e.g. Google or Apple) makes the information accessible through a cloud-based search warrant return that is downloaded by the Electronics Unit. These files, which could be as large as 300GB to 500Gb (307,200 -512,000Mb) or more, would take about 8-13 hours to download with the current connectivity, causing a slow turnaround time for these requests.

In anticipation to increase capacity and address the growing need, the TID was equipped with fiber-cabling. Although services have yet to be activated, TID is actively seeking additional funding sources to activate the service.

Latent Print Unit. The Latent Print Unit (LPU), supports the investigative process by recovering, preserving, and comparing latent prints in connection with the investigation of crimes; preparing and presenting evidence for judicial proceedings; and serving as the technical expert in court on all latent print matters. The identification of latent print evidence is often key in solving a crime. A latent print is an impression of the friction from the skin of the fingers, palms of the hands, or feet that has been transferred to another surface. Latent prints can be found on all types of surfaces.

The LPU employs a variety of techniques to develop latent prints on items of evidence at the scene of the crime or submitted to TID including visual, fluorescence or alternative light source -white, blue, green, and ultraviolet (UV) light-, and the use of various chemicals to

AGENDA DATE: December 5, 2023

OPEN SESSION

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DEPARTMENT'S REPORT dated December 1, 2023, relative to the transmittal of the Grant Application and Award for the 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program – Federal, as set forth. BPC #23-236

Recommendation(s) for Board action:

APPROVE the Department's report and TRANSMIT concurrently to the Mayor and City Council.

Moved by Commissioner Southers, seconded by Commissioner Briggs to APPROVE the Department's report and TRANSMIT concurrently to the Mayor and City Council.

Adopted by a vote of 5/0.

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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December 1, 2023
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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

REVIEWED BY
[Signature]
RICHARD M. TEFANK DATE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 11/29/23

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD FOR THE
2023 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM - FEDERAL

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached grant application and award, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6(a), to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, and to the City Clerk for Committee and City Council consideration.
3. That the Board REQUEST the Mayor and City Council to:
 - A. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police or his designee to retroactively APPLY for and ACCEPT the grant award for the 2023 Paul Coverdell Program in the amount of \$138,270 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026;
 - B. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police or his designee to negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - C. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to spend up to the grant amount of \$138,270 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - D. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts into Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
 - E. AUTHORIZE the Controller to set up a grant receivable and appropriate \$138,270 to an appropriation account to be determined within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2023 Paul Coverdell Program grant funds;
 - F. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and AUTHORIZE and INSTRUCT the Controller to implement the instructions.

DISCUSSION

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has awarded \$138,270 of the 2023 Paul Coverdell Program grant funding to the LAPD. The goal of the program is to implement LAPD's Technical Investigation Improvement Project, which aims to improve the quality and timeliness of latent forensic services in the LAPD for the benefit of investigators, prosecutors and community members affected by the investigation process

Grant funds have been allocated to purchase \$123,100 in equipment and \$15,170 in supplies. The equipment includes a crime-lite laser kit, modules, flexible tools, portable cameras and lasers. The supplies include camera lens, alternate light sources and various accessories to make for a timely and quality digital upload and analysis. There is no match requirement for this grant. There is no match requirement for this grant.

If you have any questions, please contact Stella Larracas, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Section, Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy at (213) 486-0380.

Respectfully,


MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved *December 5, 2023*
Secretary *Marina Celva*

Attachments



Department of Justice (DOJ)

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Washington, D.C. 20531

Name and Address of Recipient: CITY OF LOS ANGELES
200 N MAIN ST

City, State and Zip: LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Recipient UEI: ZRXCMNNSUEJ1

Project Title: LAPD 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program – Competitive

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-02693-COVE

Solicitation Title: BJA FY 23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program - Competitive

Federal Award Amount: \$138,270.00

Federal Award Date: 9/25/23

Awarding Agency: Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Opportunity Category: D

Assistance Listing:

16.742 - Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program

Project Period Start Date: 10/1/23

Project Period End Date: 9/30/26

Budget Period Start Date: 10/1/23

Budget Period End Date: 9/30/26

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The proposed program plans to conduct activities to support the following objective: Increased scope and variety of latent print evidence that can be processed.

Award Letter

September 25, 2023

Dear Michel Moore,

On behalf of Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, it is my pleasure to inform you the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has approved the application submitted by CITY OF LOS ANGELES for an award under the funding opportunity entitled 2023 BJA FY 23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program - Competitive. The approved award amount is \$138,270.

Review the Award Instrument below carefully and familiarize yourself with all conditions and requirements before accepting your award. The Award Instrument includes the Award Offer (Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions) and Award Acceptance. For COPS Office and OVW funding the Award Offer also includes any Other Award Documents.

Please note that award requirements include not only the conditions and limitations set forth in the Award Offer, but also compliance with assurances and certifications that relate to conduct during the period of performance for the award. These requirements encompass financial, administrative, and programmatic matters, as well as other important matters (e.g., specific restrictions on use of funds). Therefore, all key staff should receive the award conditions, the assurances and certifications, and the application as approved by OJP, so that they understand the award requirements. Information on all pertinent award requirements also must be provided to any subrecipient of the award.

Should you accept the award and then fail to comply with an award requirement, DOJ will pursue appropriate remedies for non-compliance, which may include termination of the award and/or a requirement to repay award funds.

Prior to accepting the award, your Entity Administrator must assign a Financial Manager, Grant Award Administrator, and Authorized Representative(s) in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants). The Entity Administrator will need to ensure the assigned Authorized Representative(s) is current and has the legal authority to accept awards and bind the entity to the award terms and conditions. To accept the award, the Authorized Representative(s) must accept all parts of the Award Offer in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants), including by executing the required declaration and certification, within 45 days from the award date.

To access your funds, you will need to enroll in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system, if you haven't already completed the enrollment process in ASAP. The Entity Administrator should have already received an email from ASAP to initiate this process.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Amy Solomon
Assistant Attorney General
Office for Civil Rights Notice for All Recipients

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has been delegated the responsibility for ensuring that recipients of federal financial assistance from the OJP, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) are not engaged in discrimination prohibited by law. Several federal civil rights laws, such as Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, require recipients of federal financial assistance to give assurances that they will comply with those laws. Taken together, these civil rights laws prohibit recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating in services and employment because of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, sex, and, for grants authorized under the Violence Against Women Act, sexual orientation and gender identity. Recipients are also prohibited from discriminating in services because of age. For a complete review of these civil rights laws and nondiscrimination requirements, in connection with DOJ awards, see <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/LegalOverview/CivilRightsRequirements.htm>.

Under the delegation of authority, the OCR investigates allegations of discrimination against recipients from individuals, entities, or groups. In addition, the OCR conducts limited compliance reviews and audits based on regulatory criteria.

These reviews and audits permit the OCR to evaluate whether recipients of financial assistance from the Department are providing services in a nondiscriminatory manner to their service population or have employment practices that meet equal-opportunity standards.

If you are a recipient of grant awards under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act or the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and your agency is part of a criminal justice system, there are two additional obligations that may apply in connection with the awards: (1) complying with the regulation relating to Equal Employment Opportunity Programs (EEOs); and (2) submitting findings of discrimination to OCR. For additional information regarding the EEO requirement, see 28 CFR Part 42, subpart E, and for additional information regarding requirements when there is an adverse finding, see 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.204(c), .205(c)(5).

The OCR is available to help you and your organization meet the civil rights requirements that are associated with DOJ grant funding. If you would like the OCR to assist you in fulfilling your organization's civil rights or nondiscrimination responsibilities as a recipient of federal financial assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the OCR at askOCR@ojp.usdoj.gov.

Memorandum Regarding NEPA

NEPA Letter Type

OJP - Additional Information Required

NEPA Letter

The scope or location of the proposed project is such that it may not qualify for a categorical exclusion as contained in Appendix D to Part 61 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

As such, prior to initiation of the project, the grantee may need to complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Additional information is needed to determine if any of the following activities will be conducted as a result of this award, whether under the Office of Justice Programs federal action or a related third party action:

- (1) New construction
- (2) Any renovation or remodeling of a property located in an environmentally or historically sensitive area, including property (a) listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or (b) located within a 100-year flood plain, a wetland, or habitat for an endangered species
- (3) A renovation that will change the basic prior use of a facility or significantly change its size
- (4) Research and technology whose anticipated and future application could be expected to have an effect on the environment
- (5) Implementation of a program involving the use of chemicals (including the identification, seizure, or closure of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories)

For more information about NEPA requirements, including which projects may qualify for categorical exclusions, and the preparation of an environmental review documents, please see: <https://bja.ojp.gov/national-environmental-policy-act-nepa-guidance>.

Questions about this determination may be directed to your grant manager or Orbin Terry, Environmental Coordinator for the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

NEPA Coordinator

First Name
Orbin

Middle Name

Last Name
Terry

Award Information

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Recipient Information

Recipient Name
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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ZRXCMNNSUEJ1

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City
LOS ANGELES

State/U.S. Territory
California

Zip/Postal Code
90012

Country
United States

County/Parish

Province

Award Details

Federal Award Date
9/25/23

Award Type
Initial

Award Number
15PBJA-23-GG-02693-COVE

Supplement Number
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Federal Award Amount
\$138,270.00

Funding Instrument Type
Grant

**Assistance Listing
Number**

Assistance Listings Program Title

16.742

Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program

Statutory Authority

Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Sec. 2801-2806 (codified at 34 U.S.C. 10561-10566)

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

Project Information

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Solicitation Title

2023 BJA FY 23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program - Competitive

Awarding Agency

OJP

Program Office

BJA

Application Number

GRANT13881193

Grant Manager Name

Tahitia Barringer

Phone Number

[202-598-7580](tel:202-598-7580)

E-mail Address

Tahitia.Barringer@usdoj.gov

Project Title

LAPD 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program – Competitive

Performance Period Start

Date

10/01/2023

Performance Period End Date

09/30/2026

Budget Period Start Date

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Financial Information

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The recipient budget is currently under review.

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

Award Conditions

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the Award Information, Project Information, Financial Information, and Award Conditions.

1

Compliance with restrictions on the use of federal funds--prohibited and controlled equipment under OJP awards

Consistent with Executive Order 14074, "Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices To Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety," OJP has prohibited the use of federal funds under this award for purchases or transfers of specified equipment by law enforcement agencies. In addition, OJP requires the recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, to put in place specified controls prior to using federal funds under this award to acquire or transfer any property identified on the "controlled equipment" list. The details of the requirement are posted on the OJP web site at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/prohibited-and-controlled-equipment> (Award condition: Compliance with restrictions on the use of federal funds--prohibited and controlled equipment under OJP awards), and are incorporated by reference here.

2

Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 54

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, which relates to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain "education programs."

3

Compliance with 41 U.S.C. 4712 (including prohibitions on reprisal; notice to employees)

The recipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must comply with, and is subject to, all applicable provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712, including all applicable provisions that prohibit, under specified circumstances, discrimination against an employee as reprisal for the employee's disclosure of information related to gross mismanagement of a federal grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal grant.

The recipient also must inform its employees, in writing (and in the predominant native language of the workforce), of employee rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

Should a question arise as to the applicability of the provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712 to this award, the recipient is to contact the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) for guidance.

4

Applicability of Part 200 Uniform Requirements

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by DOJ in 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (together, the "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") apply to this FY 2022 award from OJP.

The Part 200 Uniform Requirements were first adopted by DOJ on December 26, 2014. If this FY 2022 award supplements funds previously awarded by OJP under the same award number (e.g., funds awarded during or before December 2014), the Part 200 Uniform Requirements apply with respect to all funds under that award number (regardless of the award date, and regardless of whether derived from the initial award or a supplemental award) that are obligated on or after the acceptance date of this FY 2022 award.

For more information and resources on the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as they relate to OJP awards and subawards ("subgrants"), see the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Part200UniformRequirements.htm>.

Record retention and access: Records pertinent to the award that the recipient (and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier) must retain -- typically for a period of 3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report (SF 425), unless a different retention period applies -- and to which the recipient (and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier) must provide access, include performance measurement information, in addition to the financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other pertinent records indicated at 2 C.F.R. 200.334.

In the event that an award-related question arises from documents or other materials prepared or distributed by OJP that may appear to conflict with, or differ in some way from, the provisions of the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, the recipient is to contact OJP promptly for clarification.

5

Compliance with applicable rules regarding approval, planning, and reporting of conferences, meetings, trainings, and other events

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and official DOJ guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences (as that term is defined by DOJ), including the provision of food and/or beverages at such conferences, and costs of attendance at such conferences.

Information on the pertinent DOJ definition of conferences and the rules applicable to this award appears in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (currently, as section 3.10 of "Postaward Requirements" in the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide").

6

Requirement for data on performance and effectiveness under the award

The recipient must collect and maintain data that measure the performance and effectiveness of work under this award. The data must be provided to OJP in the manner (including within the timeframes) specified by OJP in the program solicitation or other applicable written guidance. Data collection supports compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010, and other applicable laws.

7

Compliance with DOJ Grants Financial Guide

References to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide are to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide as posted on the OJP website (currently, the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide" available at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm>), including any updated version that may be posted during the period of performance. The recipient agrees to comply with the DOJ Grants Financial Guide.

8

Compliance with general appropriations-law restrictions on the use of federal funds (FY 2022)

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of federal funds set out in federal appropriations statutes. Pertinent restrictions, including from various "general provisions" in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, are set out at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/Explore/>

FY22AppropriationsRestrictions.htm, and are incorporated by reference here.

Should a question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a recipient (or a subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of an appropriations-law restriction, the recipient is to contact OJP for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OJP.

9

Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 38

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38 (as may be applicable from time to time), specifically including any applicable requirements regarding written notice to program beneficiaries and prospective program beneficiaries.

Currently, among other things, 28 C.F.R. Part 38 includes rules that prohibit specific forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Part 38, currently, also sets out rules and requirements that pertain to recipient and subrecipient ("subgrantee") organizations that engage in or conduct explicitly religious activities, as well as rules and requirements that pertain to recipients and subrecipients that are faith-based or religious organizations.

The text of 28 C.F.R. Part 38 is available via the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (currently accessible at <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse>), by browsing to Title 28-Judicial Administration, Chapter 1, Part 38, under e-CFR "current" data.

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Effect of failure to address audit issues

The recipient understands and agrees that the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) may withhold award funds, or may impose other related requirements, if (as determined by the DOJ awarding agency) the recipient does not satisfactorily and promptly address outstanding issues from audits required by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements (or by the terms of this award), or other outstanding issues that arise in connection with audits, investigations, or reviews of DOJ awards.

11

Requirements of the award; remedies for non-compliance or for materially false statements

The conditions of this award are material requirements of the award. Compliance with any assurances or certifications submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance also is a material requirement of this award.

Limited Exceptions. In certain special circumstances, the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") may determine that it will not enforce, or enforce only in part, one or more requirements otherwise applicable to the award. Any such exceptions regarding enforcement, including any such exceptions made during the period of performance, are (or will be during the period of performance) set out through the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP") webpage entitled "Legal Notices: Special circumstances as to particular award conditions" (ojp.gov/funding/Explore/LegalNotices-AwardReqs.htm), and incorporated by reference into the award.

By signing and accepting this award on behalf of the recipient, the authorized recipient official accepts all material requirements of the award, and specifically adopts, as if personally executed by the authorized recipient official, all assurances or certifications submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance.

Failure to comply with one or more award requirements -- whether a condition set out in full below, a condition incorporated by reference below, or an assurance or certification related to conduct during the award period -- may result in OJP taking appropriate action with respect to the recipient and the award. Among other things, the OJP may withhold award funds, disallow costs, or suspend or terminate the award. DOJ, including OJP, also may take other legal action as appropriate.

Any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement to the federal government related to this award (or concealment or omission of a material fact) may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. 10271-10273), and also may lead to imposition of civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

Should any provision of a requirement of this award be held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, that provision shall first be applied with a limited construction so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law. Should it be held, instead, that the provision is utterly invalid or -unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed severable from this award.

12

Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 42

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 42, specifically including any applicable requirements in Subpart E of 28 C.F.R. Part 42 that relate to an equal employment opportunity program.

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Requirements related to "de minimis" indirect cost rate

A recipient that is eligible under the Part 200 Uniform Requirements and other applicable law to use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate described in 2 C.F.R. 200.414(f), and that elects to use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate, must advise OJP in writing of both its eligibility and its election, and must comply with all associated requirements in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements. The "de minimis" rate may be applied only to modified total direct costs (MTDC) as defined by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements.

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Employment eligibility verification for hiring under the award

1. The recipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must--

A. Ensure that, as part of the hiring process for any position within the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds, the recipient (or any subrecipient) properly verifies the employment eligibility of the individual who is being hired, consistent with the provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).

B. Notify all persons associated with the recipient (or any subrecipient) who are or will be involved in activities under this award of both--

(1) this award requirement for verification of employment eligibility, and

(2) the associated provisions in 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) that, generally speaking, make it unlawful, in the United States, to hire (or recruit for employment) certain aliens.

C. Provide training (to the extent necessary) to those persons required by this condition to be notified of the award requirement for employment eligibility verification and of the associated provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).

D. As part of the recordkeeping for the award (including pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements), maintain records of all employment eligibility verifications pertinent to compliance with this award condition in accordance with Form I-9 record retention requirements, as well as records of all pertinent notifications and trainings.

2. Monitoring

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for

the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

4. Rules of construction

A. Staff involved in the hiring process

For purposes of this condition, persons "who are or will be involved in activities under this award" specifically includes (without limitation) any and all recipient (or any subrecipient) officials or other staff who are or will be involved in the hiring process with respect to a position that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds.

B. Employment eligibility confirmation with E-Verify

For purposes of satisfying the requirement of this condition regarding verification of employment eligibility, the recipient (or any subrecipient) may choose to participate in, and use, E-Verify (www.e-verify.gov), provided an appropriate person authorized to act on behalf of the recipient (or subrecipient) uses E-Verify (and follows the proper E-Verify procedures, including in the event of a "Tentative Nonconfirmation" or a "Final Nonconfirmation") to confirm employment eligibility for each hiring for a position in the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds.

C. "United States" specifically includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

D. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, or any person or other entity, to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

E. Nothing in this condition, including in paragraph 4.B., shall be understood to relieve any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, or any person or other entity, of any obligation otherwise imposed by law, including 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).

Questions about E-Verify should be directed to DHS. For more information about E-Verify visit the E-Verify website (<https://www.e-verify.gov/>) or email E-Verify at E-Verify@dhs.gov. E-Verify employer agents can email E-Verify at VerifyEmployerAgent@dhs.gov.

Questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed to OJP, before award acceptance.

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OJP Training Guiding Principles

Any training or training materials that the recipient -- or any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier -- develops or delivers with OJP award funds must adhere to the OJP Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/implement/training-guiding-principles-grantees-and-subgrantees>.

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Determination of suitability to interact with participating minors

SCOPE. This condition applies to this award if it is indicated -- in the application for the award (as approved by DOJ)(or in the application for any subaward, at any tier), the DOJ funding announcement (solicitation), or an associated federal statute -- that a purpose of some or all of the activities to be carried out under the award (whether by the recipient, or a subrecipient at any tier) is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age.

The recipient, and any subrecipient at any tier, must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status.

The details of this requirement are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm> (Award condition: Determination of suitability required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors), and are incorporated by reference here.

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Potential imposition of additional requirements

The recipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) during the period of performance for this award, if the recipient is designated as "high-risk" for purposes of the DOJ high-risk grantee list.

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Required training for Grant Award Administrator and Financial Manager

The Grant Award Administrator and all Financial Managers for this award must have successfully completed an "OJP financial management and grant administration training" by 120 days after the date of the recipient's acceptance of the award. Successful completion of such a training on or after October 15, 2020, will satisfy this condition.

In the event that either the Grant Award Administrator or a Financial Manager for this award changes during the period of performance, the new Grant Award Administrator or Financial Manager must have successfully completed an "OJP financial management and grant administration training" by 120 calendar days after the date the Entity Administrator enters updated Grant Award Administrator or Financial Manager information in JustGrants. Successful completion of such a training on or after October 15, 2020, will satisfy this condition.

A list of OJP trainings that OJP will consider "OJP financial management and grant administration training" for purposes of this condition is available at <https://onlinegfmt.training.ojp.gov/>. All trainings that satisfy this condition include a session on grant fraud prevention and detection.

The recipient should anticipate that OJP will immediately withhold ("freeze") award funds if the recipient fails to comply with this condition. The recipient's failure to comply also may lead OJP to impose additional appropriate conditions on this award.

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Restrictions and certifications regarding non-disclosure agreements and related matters

No recipient or subrecipient ("subgrantee") under this award, or entity that receives a procurement contract or subcontract with any funds under this award, may require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The foregoing is not intended, and shall not be understood by the agency making this award, to contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (which relates to classified information), Form 4414 (which relates to sensitive compartmented information), or any other form issued by a federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

1. In accepting this award, the recipient--

a. represents that it neither requires nor has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

b. certifies that, if it learns or is notified that it is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

2. If the recipient does or is authorized under this award to make subawards ("subgrants"), procurement contracts, or both--

a. it represents that--

(1) it has determined that no other entity that the recipient's application proposes may or will receive award funds (whether through a subaward ("subgrant"), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

(2) it has made appropriate inquiry, or otherwise has an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and

b. it certifies that, if it learns or is notified that any subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this award is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

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Reclassification of various statutory provisions to a new Title 34 of the United States Code

On September 1, 2017, various statutory provisions previously codified elsewhere in the U.S. Code were editorially reclassified (that is, moved and renumbered) to a new Title 34, entitled "Crime Control and Law Enforcement." The reclassification encompassed a number of statutory provisions pertinent to OJP awards (that is, OJP grants and cooperative agreements), including many provisions previously codified in Title 42 of the U.S. Code.

Effective as of September 1, 2017, any reference in this award document to a statutory provision that has been reclassified to the new Title 34 of the U.S. Code is to be read as a reference to that statutory provision as reclassified to Title 34. This rule of construction specifically includes references set out in award conditions, references set out in material incorporated by reference through award conditions, and references set out in other award requirements.

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Requirement to report actual or imminent breach of personally identifiable information (PII)

The recipient (and any "subrecipient" at any tier) must have written procedures in place to respond in the event of an actual or imminent "breach" (OMB M-17-12) if it (or a subrecipient) -- (1) creates, collects, uses, processes, stores, maintains, disseminates, discloses, or disposes of "Personally Identifiable Information (PII)" (2 CFR 200.1) within the scope of an OJP grant-funded program or activity, or (2) uses or operates a "Federal information system" (OMB Circular A-130). The recipient's breach procedures must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to an OJP Program Manager no later than 24 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

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Requirement to disclose whether recipient is designated "high risk" by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ

If the recipient is designated "high risk" by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ, currently or at any time during the course of the period of performance under this award, the recipient must disclose that fact and certain related information to OJP by email at OJP.ComplianceReporting@ojp.usdoj.gov. For purposes of this disclosure, high risk includes any status under which a federal awarding agency provides additional oversight due to the recipient's past performance, or other programmatic or financial concerns with the recipient. The recipient's disclosure must include the following: 1. The federal awarding agency that currently designates the recipient high risk, 2. The date the recipient was designated high risk, 3. The high-risk point of contact at that federal awarding agency (name, phone number, and email address), and 4. The reasons for the high-risk status, as set out by the federal awarding agency.

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Encouragement of policies to ban text messaging while driving

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), DOJ encourages recipients and subrecipients ("subgrantees") to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this

award, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

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All subawards ("subgrants") must have specific federal authorization

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements for authorization of any subaward. This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a "subaward" (and therefore does not consider a procurement "contract").

The details of the requirement for authorization of any subaward are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SubawardAuthorization.htm> (Award condition: All subawards ("subgrants") must have specific federal authorization), and are incorporated by reference here.

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Specific post-award approval required to use a noncompetitive approach in any procurement contract that would exceed \$250,000

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements to obtain specific advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in any procurement contract that would exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently, \$250,000). This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a procurement "contract" (and therefore does not consider a subaward).

The details of the requirement for advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in a procurement contract under an OJP award are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/NoncompetitiveProcurement.htm> (Award condition: Specific post-award approval required to use a noncompetitive approach in a procurement contract (if contract would exceed \$250,000)), and are incorporated by reference here.

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Requirements pertaining to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OJP authority to terminate award)

The recipient, and any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements (including requirements to report allegations) pertaining to prohibited conduct related to the trafficking of persons, whether on the part of recipients, subrecipients ("subgrantees"), or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of the recipient or of any subrecipient.

The details of the recipient's obligations related to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/ProhibitedConduct-Trafficking.htm> (Award condition: Prohibited conduct by recipients and subrecipients related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OJP authority to terminate award)), and are incorporated by reference here.

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Requirement to report potentially duplicative funding

If the recipient currently has other active awards of federal funds, or if the recipient receives any other award of federal funds during the period of performance for this award, the recipient promptly must determine whether funds from any of those other federal awards have been, are being, or are to be used (in whole or in part) for one or more of the identical cost items for which funds are provided under this award. If so, the recipient must promptly notify the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) in writing of the potential duplication, and, if so requested by the DOJ awarding agency, must seek a budget-modification or change-of-project-scope Grant Award Modification (GAM) to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.

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Reporting potential fraud, waste, and abuse, and similar misconduct

The recipient, and any subrecipients ("subgrantees") at any tier, must promptly refer to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this award-- (1) submitted a claim that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct.

Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct involving or relating to funds under this award should be reported to the OIG by--(1) online submission accessible via the OIG webpage at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline/contact-grants.htm> (select "Submit Report Online"); (2) mail directed to: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, Investigations Division, ATTN: Grantee Reporting, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20530; and/or (3) by facsimile directed to the DOJ OIG Investigations Division (Attn: Grantee Reporting) at (202) 616-9881 (fax).

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline>.

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Requirements related to System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements

The recipient must comply with applicable requirements regarding the System for Award Management (SAM), currently accessible at <https://www.sam.gov/>. This includes applicable requirements regarding registration with SAM, as well as maintaining the currency of information in SAM.

The recipient also must comply with applicable restrictions on subawards ("subgrants") to first-tier subrecipients (first-tier "subgrantees"), including restrictions on subawards to entities that do not acquire and provide (to the recipient) the unique entity identifier required for SAM registration.

The details of the recipient's obligations related to SAM and to unique entity identifiers are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SAM.htm> (Award condition: System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here.

This condition does not apply to an award to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

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Restrictions on "lobbying"

In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds awarded by OJP may not be used by the recipient, or any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, either directly or indirectly, to support or oppose the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government. See 18 U.S.C. 1913. (There may be exceptions if an applicable federal statute specifically authorizes certain activities that otherwise would be barred by law.)

Another federal law generally prohibits federal funds awarded by OJP from being used by the recipient, or any subrecipient at any tier, to pay any person to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal agency, a Member of Congress, or Congress (or an official or employee of any of them) with respect to the awarding of a federal grant or cooperative agreement, subgrant, contract, subcontract, or loan, or with respect to actions such as renewing, extending, or modifying any such award. See 31 U.S.C. 1352. Certain exceptions to this law apply, including an exception that applies to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Should any question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a recipient (or subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the recipient is to contact OJP for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OJP.

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Generally Accepted Laboratory Practices

The recipient shall ensure that any forensic laboratory, forensic laboratory system, medical examiner's office, or coroner's office that will receive any portion of the award uses generally accepted laboratory practices and procedures as established by accrediting organizations or appropriate certifying bodies.

External Investigations

The recipient shall ensure that requirements associated with 34 U.S.C. section 10562(4) (which relate to processes in place to conduct independent external investigations into allegations of serious negligence or misconduct by employees or contractors) are satisfied with respect to any forensic laboratory system, medical examiner's office, coroner's office, law enforcement storage facility, or medical facility in the State that will receive a portion of the grant amount.

Accreditation

The recipient shall ensure that any forensic laboratory or forensic laboratory system (not including any medical examiner's office or coroner's office) that will receive any portion of the award either is accredited, or will use a portion of this award to prepare and apply for accreditation by not more than two years from the award date of this award.

Additionally, with respect to accreditation, the recipient shall ensure that for any subaward it makes under this award, it will require in a legally-binding and enforceable writing, such as the subaward documentation (for example, subaward terms and conditions), that its subrecipient: 1) if accredited, must continue to demonstrate such accreditation as a condition of receiving or using the subaward funds; or, 2) if not accredited, must use the subaward funds to prepare and apply for accreditation.

The Coverdell statute (see 34 U.S.C. section 10562(2)) and the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program solicitation state certain requirements and guidance associated with proper accreditation and regarding what BJA will consider to be acceptable documentation of accreditation. The recipient is to contact the BJA grant manager for clarification or guidance if it should have any question as to what constitutes proper accreditation for the purposes of the Coverdell program. Award funds may not be used under this award by a forensic laboratory or forensic laboratory system with accreditation (or by such laboratory to obtain accreditation) that BJA determines not to be consistent with the Coverdell law and the solicitation or to be otherwise deficient.

The recipient agrees to notify BJA promptly upon any change in the accreditation status of any forensic science laboratory or forensic laboratory system that receives funding under this award.

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Use of Funds; No Research

Funds provided under this award shall be used only for the purposes and types of expenses set forth in the solicitation. Funds shall not be used for general law enforcement functions or non-forensic investigatory functions, and shall not be used for research or statistical projects or activities. Use of award funds for construction of new facilities is restricted by statute. Any questions concerning this provision should be directed to the BJA grant manager prior to incurring the expense or commencing the activity in question.

Performance Measures

To ensure compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (Pub. L. No. 103-62) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-352), program performance under this award is measured by the following: (1) percent reduction in the average number of days from the submission of a sample to a forensic science laboratory to the delivery of test results to a requesting office or agency (calculated by reporting the average number of days to process a sample at the beginning of the grant period versus the average number of days to process a sample at the end of the grant period); (2) percent reduction in the number of backlogged forensic cases (calculated by reporting the number of backlogged forensic cases at the beginning of the grant period versus the number of backlogged forensic cases at the end of grant period), if applicable to the award; and (3) the number of forensic science or medical examiner/coroner's office personnel who completed appropriate training or educational opportunities with these Coverdell funds, if applicable to the award. Recipients are required to collect and report data relevant to these measures.

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The recipient understands and agrees that gross income (revenues) from fees charged for forensic science or medical examiner services constitutes program income (in whole or in part), and that program income must be determined, used, and documented in accordance with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. 200.307, including as applied in the Department of Justice (DOJ) Grants Financial Guide, as it may be revised from time to time. The recipient further understands and agrees that both program income earned during the award period and expenditures of such program income must be reported on the quarterly and final Federal Financial Reports (SF 425) and are subject to audit.

The recipient understands and agrees that program income earned during the award period may be expended only for permissible uses of funds specifically identified in the solicitation for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program. The recipient further understands and agrees that program income earned during the award period may not be used to supplant State or local government funds, but instead may be used only to increase the amount of funds that would, in the absence of Federal funds or program income, be available from State or local government sources for the permissible uses of funds listed in the solicitation.

The recipient understands and agrees that program income that is earned during the final one hundred twenty (120) days of the award period may, if appropriate, be obligated (as well as expended) for permissible uses during the one hundred twenty-day (120-day) period following the end of the award period. The recipient further understands and agrees that any program income earned during the award period that is not obligated and expended within one hundred twenty (120) days of the end of the award period must be returned to OJP.

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The recipient understands and agrees that, throughout the award period, it must promptly notify BJA if it either starts or stops charging fees for forensic science or medical examiner services, or if it revises its method of allocating fees received for such services to program income. Notice must be provided in writing to the BJA grant manager for the award within ten (10) business days of implementation of the change.

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The recipient agrees to submit a final report, at the end of this award, documenting all relevant project activities during the entire period of support under this award. This report will include the following: (1) a summary and assessment of the program carried out with this grant, which shall include a comparison of pre-grant and post-grant forensic science capabilities (and shall cite the specific improvements in quality and/or timeliness of forensic science or medical examiner/coroner's office services); (2) the average number of days between submission of a sample to a forensic science laboratory or forensic science laboratory system in that State operated by the State or by a unit of local government and the delivery of test results to the requesting office or agency; (3) an identification of the number and type of cases currently accepted by the forensic science laboratory or forensic science laboratory system; and (4) with respect to any unaccredited forensic science service provider receiving funds from this award for accreditation, full details on the progress of any such provider toward obtaining accreditation. The recipient is required to collect data necessary for this report. This report is due no later than 120 days following the close of the award period or the expiration of any extension periods. The report can be filed online through the Internet at: <https://justgrants.usdoj.gov>

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The recipient acknowledges that, as stated in the solicitation for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program, BJA assumes that recipients (and subrecipients) of Coverdell funds will make use of the process referenced in their certification as to external investigations and will refer allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results to government entities with an appropriate process in place to conduct independent external investigations, such as the government entity (or entities) identified in the grant application. The recipient shall submit the following information as part of its final report: (1) the number and nature of any allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results received during the 12-month period of the award; (2) information on the referrals of such allegations (e.g., the government entity or entities to which referred, the date of referral); (3) the outcome of such referrals (if known as of the date of the report); and (4) if any such allegations were not referred, the reason(s) for the non-referral. Should the project period for this award be extended, the recipient shall submit the above information as to the first twelve months of the award as part of the first semi-annual progress report that comes due after the conclusion of the first twelve months of the project period, and shall submit the required information as to subsequent twelve-month periods every twelve months thereafter (as part of a semi-annual progress report) until the close of the award period, at which point the recipient shall submit the required information as to any period not covered by prior reports as part of its final report. The recipient understands and agrees that funds may be withheld (including funds under future awards), or other related

requirements may be imposed, if the required information is not submitted on a timely basis.

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The recipient understands that, in accepting this award, the Authorized Representative declares and certifies, among other things, that he or she possesses the requisite legal authority to accept the award on behalf of the recipient entity and, in so doing, accepts (or adopts) all material requirements that relate to conduct throughout the period of performance under this award. The recipient further understands, and agrees, that it will not assign anyone to the role of Authorized Representative during the period of performance under the award without first ensuring that the individual has the requisite legal authority.

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Verification and updating of recipient contact information

The recipient must verify its Grant Award Administrator, Financial Manager, and Authorized Representative contact information in JustGrants, including telephone number and e-mail address. If any information is incorrect or has changed, the award recipient's Entity Administrator must make changes to contact information through DIAMD. Instructions on how to update contact information in JustGrants can be found at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-entity-management>.

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FFATA reporting: Subawards and executive compensation

The recipient must comply with applicable requirements to report first-tier subawards ("subgrants") of \$30,000 or more and, in certain circumstances, to report the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of the recipient and first-tier subrecipients (first-tier "subgrantees") of award funds. The details of recipient obligations, which derive from the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/FFATA.htm> (Award condition: Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation), and are incorporated by reference here.

This condition, including its reporting requirement, does not apply to-- (1) an award of less than \$30,000, or (2) an award made to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

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The recipient agrees to submit to BJA for review and approval any product (e.g., curricula, training materials, publications, reports, videos, or any other written, web-based, or audio-visual, or other materials) that will be developed and published under this award at least thirty (30) working days prior to the targeted dissemination date. The current edition of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide provides guidance on allowable printing and publication activities. Any products developed under this award, (with the exception of press releases, web sites, and mobile applications), shall contain the following statements: "This project was supported by Grant No. <Award_Number> awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice." (Note: A separate disclaimer has been developed and is required for web sites and mobile applications. No disclaimer is required for press releases.)

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The recipient shall transmit to the BJA grant manager copies of all official award-related press releases at least ten (10) working days prior to public release. Advance notice permits time for coordination of release of information by BJA where appropriate and to respond to press or public inquiries.

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The recipient agrees to comply with OJP grant monitoring guidelines, protocols, and procedures, and to cooperate with BJA and OCFO on all grant monitoring requests, including requests related to desk reviews, enhanced programmatic desk reviews, and/or site visits. The recipient agrees to provide to BJA and OCFO all documentation necessary to complete monitoring tasks, including documentation related to any subawards made under this award. Further, the

recipient agrees to abide by reasonable deadlines set by BJA and OCFO for providing the requested documents. Failure to cooperate with BJA's/OCFO's grant monitoring activities may result in sanctions affecting the recipient's DOJ awards, including, but not limited to: withholdings and/or other restrictions on the recipient's access to grant funds; referral to the Office of the Inspector General for audit review; designation of the recipient as a DOJ High Risk grantee; or termination of an award(s).

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The recipient agrees to cooperate with any assessments, national evaluation efforts, or information or data collection requests, including, but not limited to, the provision of any information required for the assessment or evaluation of any activities within this project.

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The recipient agrees that no funds under this grant award (including via subcontract or subaward, at any tier) may be used for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), which includes unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), or for any accompanying accessories to support UAS.

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If award funds are used for DNA testing of evidentiary materials, any resulting eligible DNA profiles must be uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System ("CODIS," the DNA database operated by the FBI) by a government DNA laboratory with access to CODIS. With the exception of Forensic Genetic Genealogy, no profiles generated under this award may be entered or uploaded into any non-governmental DNA database without prior express written approval from BJA. Award funds may not be used for the purchase of DNA equipment and supplies unless the resulting DNA profiles may be accepted for entry into CODIS. Booking agencies should work with their state CODIS agency to ensure all requirements are met for participation in Rapid DNA (see National Rapid DNA Booking Operational Procedures Manual).

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Recipients utilizing award funds for forensic genealogy testing must adhere to the United States Department of Justice Interim Policy Forensic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Searching (<https://www.justice.gov/olp/page/file/1204386/download>), and must collect and report the metrics identified in Section IX of that document to BJA.

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The recipient agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations applicable to the development and implementation of the activities to be funded under this award.

Environmental Assessment (EA): The recipient agrees and understands that funded activities (whether conducted by the recipient or subrecipients or contractors) may require the preparation of an EA as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), found at 40 CFR Part 1500. An EA is a concise public document that briefly provides sufficient analysis for determining whether to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) or a finding of no significant impact for the proposed activity. If in completing an EA for a proposed activity, potential adverse environmental impacts are identified, the EA will serve as a vehicle for developing either alternative approaches or mitigation measures for avoiding or reducing the identified adverse environmental impacts.

Modifications: Throughout the term of this award, the recipient agrees that for any activity that is the subject of a completed EA, it will inform BJA of-- (1) any change(s) that it is considering making to the previously assessed activity that may be relevant to environmental impact; or (2) any proposed new activities or changed circumstances that may require assessment as to environmental impact, such as new activities that involve the use of chemicals or involve construction or major renovation. The recipient will not implement a proposed change or new activity until BJA, with the assistance of the recipient, has determined whether the proposed change or activity (or changed circumstances) will require additional review under NEPA. Approval for implementation will not be unreasonably withheld as long as any requested modification(s) is consistent with eligible program purposes and found acceptable under a BJA-conducted environmental impact review process.

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The recipient is authorized to incur obligations, expend and draw down funds, in an amount not to exceed 25% of the total amount of the award. None of these funds may be used to acquire chemicals, or implement a project involving the use of chemicals, such as testing of evidence, while this condition remains on the award. The recipient is not authorized to incur any additional obligations, or make any additional expenditures or drawdowns until the program office has verified that the recipient has submitted all necessary documentation required to comply with Department of Justice Environmental Impact Review Procedures found at 28 CFR Part 61, Appendix D, OJP has reviewed and approved the documentation, and an Award Condition Modification (ACM) has been issued removing this condition.

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The recipient's budget (and budget narrative) is pending clearance by OJP.

Prior to budget clearance (and unless there is a more restrictive condition on this award, in which case the terms of that more restrictive condition apply): The recipient may not drawdown more than 10% of the award. Pre-clearance obligations, expenditures, and drawdowns may be disallowed if not in compliance with program requirements.

The recipient should be judicious in using award funds prior to budget clearance. Generally, OJP expects that recipients (depending on the specific project scope) may need to advertise for award-funded positions, pay personnel and fringe benefits for positions budgeted under the award, plan for project activities, attend training and pay training-related travel needed to begin the project, and engage in other limited activities conducted by recipient staff (i.e., generally not requiring a subaward or procurement contract under an award).

OJP will issue an Award Condition Modification upon budget clearance.

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The recipient may not obligate, expend, or draw down any funds under this award until: (1) the recipient has submitted a completed attachment regarding external investigations using the template (entitled: "Attachment: External Investigations") provided in the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants program solicitation (or has provided an adapted version of the template that provides all of the required information), and (2) an Award Condition Modification (ACM) has been issued removing this special condition.

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the Federal Award Instrument.

Award Acceptance

Declaration and Certification to the U.S. Department of Justice as to Acceptance

By checking the declaration and certification box below, I--

- A. Declare to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), under penalty of perjury, that I have authority to make this declaration and certification on behalf of the applicant.
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Agency Approval

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Entity Acceptance

Title of Authorized Entity Official
Chief of Police

Signed Date And Time

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

LAPD Technical Investigation Improvement Project

I. Introduction and Description of the Issue:

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), through the 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program, is proposing to implement the ***LAPD 2023 Technical Investigation Improvement Project***. The goal of the proposed project is to establish improvements to increase the quality and timeliness of digital and latent forensic services in the LAPD.

The LAPD is the nation's third largest police agency and serves the City of Los Angeles (LA) with a population of approximately four million and covering 468 square miles. The LAPD's Technical Investigation Division (TID) is staffed with 121 civilian personnel and operates a laboratory that provides forensic support to investigative personnel in four disciplines - electronics, latent print, photography, and polygraph. The TID is in the process of accreditation under the American National Standards Institute - American National Standards Institute National Accreditation Board in the Friction Ridge and Digital Evidence disciplines.

Violent Crimes Trend and TID. Violent crimes increased by 6% in California between 2019 and 2021, from 173,205 to 183,546 respectively. Similarly, there was a 4% increase in violent crime in the City of LA, from 28,939 to 30,078 for the same time frame. Relatedly, TID experienced an increase in requests, specifically an increase of 62% in latent print requests from 2019 to 2021 and recently, and a 22% increase in cell phone extractions from 2021 to 2022. The proposed project is intended to increase the number of services and the number of cases processed to meet the elevated workload of additional incidents of crimes.

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Electronics Unit: The Electronics Unit supports the investigative process by providing mobile device forensics, audio/video enhancements, field response to retrieve digital multimedia evidence, and technical investigative support through the design, construction, and modification of electronic equipment and surveillance devices. Other services include covert installation, interview room and jail maintenance, equipment repair, body wire, phone tap, and file. The methods employed in evidence recovery and enhancement include peripheral download, remote access and direct in-circuit access.

The Electronics Unit currently utilizes a copper ethernet cable that transmits data and information at 10 megabits per second (Mbps). The amount of data transferred between two points and the speed of transfer (per second) is severely limited and restricting for the current load of digital forensic work. To put into perspective, for most single users, 10 Mbps is not sufficient to stream a motion picture nor conduct a video call. Copper has physical limitations for its use and can experience electrical interference, as well as packet losses, which require automatic resubmission to recover losses, decreasing speed further. Meanwhile, mobile device memory and capacity continue to increase and currently the average range per device is between 70-200 gigabits (GB), which is equivalent to 71,680 – 122,880 Mb.

This current connectivity available to the Electronics Unit is shared by 11 examiners and the limited speed and bandwidth is limiting work to one item at a time which may take up to 24 hours to complete a transfer. Multiple devices cannot be executed simultaneously, and the combined use of the ethernet for other routine work purposes can slow speed to 1-2 Mbps per user. The speed and bandwidth limitations result in significantly reduced services for investigations and the people of Los Angeles.

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Additionally, the LAPD has started to use the web-based EVIDENCE.com software for the capture, share and management of digital multi-media evidence within the Department and between the Department, the District Attorney's Office, and Defense Attorneys, as applicable. Footage can be streamed on all devices and use of the software is advantageous for chain-of-custody documentation and reduces the risk of loss or damage to evidence. Moreover, when an investigating detective requests information via a warrant, the digital company (e.g. Google or Apple) makes the information accessible through a cloud-based search warrant return that is downloaded by the Electronics Unit. These files, which could be as large as 300GB to 500Gb (307,200 -512,000Mb) or more, would take about 8-13 hours to download with the current connectivity, causing a slow turnaround time for these requests.

In anticipation to increase capacity and address the growing need, the TID was equipped with fiber-cabling. Although services have yet to be activated, TID is actively seeking additional funding sources to activate the service.

Latent Print Unit. The Latent Print Unit (LPU), supports the investigative process by recovering, preserving, and comparing latent prints in connection with the investigation of crimes; preparing and presenting evidence for judicial proceedings; and serving as the technical expert in court on all latent print matters. The identification of latent print evidence is often key in solving a crime. A latent print is an impression of the friction from the skin of the fingers, palms of the hands, or feet that has been transferred to another surface. Latent prints can be found on all types of surfaces.

The LPU employs a variety of techniques to develop latent prints on items of evidence at the scene of the crime or submitted to TID including visual, fluorescence or alternative light source -white, blue, green, and ultraviolet (UV) light-, and the use of various chemicals to

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visualize latent prints. To capture the prints, the LPU uses cameras equipped with filters.

However, the LPU's current instrumentation limits the quality of the latent print capture – it has one 12-year old camera with cropped sensor digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) camera, no remote capability, no Wi-Fi capabilities, limited lens selection, and no back up capability. Additionally, forensic light source available is limited to white light and blue light, resulting in significant potential for leaving evidence undetected.

In 2019, the LPU purchased Foster Freeman DCS5 Software, a software that provides sophisticated image processing and enhancement tools to uncover hidden detail within images., resulting in a significant increase in the quality of latent print evidence in the laboratory. Between 2017 and 2018, an average of 20% of all latent print cases processed resulted in a forensic evidence. With the use of the equipment, an average of 43% of all latent print cases in 2019 and 2020 yielded a forensic evidence. However, this instrumentation is stationed in the laboratory. Large items at the crime scene may be stationary or fixed and not feasible to transport to the laboratory. Other large items that potentially could be transferred to the laboratory are not transferred because the items do not fit in the existing equipment housed in the laboratory for collection and preservation. A mobile capturing instrument could yield a similar increase in the quality for items in the field.

Case in point, on March 6, 2019, LPU personnel responded to a rape investigation in LAPD Harbor Division after a woman was kidnapped in her home for several hours and raped by an unknown assailant. She was able to escape and call for help, but unfortunately the suspect fled and could not be identified. The latent print crime scene investigator who responded to the scene, noticed a blood impression on the bathroom sink where the victim was assaulted, and the suspect had returned to wash-up. The CSI contacted the LPU to process the blood impressions on

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the bathroom sink. Upon LPU's arrival, he began processing the blood smears with the application of Amido Black, (a process used to detect latent fingerprints in blood). There was a total of 7 impressions developed and photographed. All photographs were processed, retained and handled using Foster Freeman DCS5 Software. Once uploaded into the Foster Freeman system, LPU staff were able to enhance brightness and contrast, calibrate the impression to 1 to 1 image, convert color to black and white image, and store the image impression so that it can be remotely sent to the LA County Multimodal Biometric Identification System (MBIS) database automatically. However, due to the quality of the impression, MBIS search resulted in a no hit. The detective in charge of the case received a DNA hit on the case; however, the DA would not file due to the victim's inability to positively ID the suspect. The detective then requested a direct comparison of the latents to the person of interest. The subject was Identified from one bloody palm latent impression left on the bathroom sink at the scene. The quality of the latents were severely poor and without the enhancement tools from Foster Freeman, would not have been able to confirm the identification.

Accreditation. On January 2023, the TID has been approved to participate in the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, Inc., Accreditation Initiative and will be going through the 14 steps to accreditation. The TID is ensuring that the forensic laboratory is sufficiently equipped to perform all the required capabilities.

II. Project Design and Implementation

The LAPD is proposing to establish improvements to increase the quality and timeliness of digital and latent forensic services by updating the 10-Mb copper ethernet to 1-Gb fiber-optic connectivity and providing updated camera and with enhanced accessories, up-to-date alternate

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light source and a mobile latent print detection to capture and preserve friction ridge skin evidence at crime scenes.

Strategy to Address Needs. Although funding for the fiber optic cable will come from another funding source, it is important to highlight its importance to the program. Fiber optic cable uses light to transmit data along flexible glass tubes instead of an electrical signal. Traveling close to the speed of light, fiber optic cable accommodates data moving long distances at a broader bandwidth. Since the TID facility is equipped with fiber-optic cabling, it is proposed that the TID will utilize a 1Gb internet server that will deliver speed minimally 100 times faster than current speeds. This will allow the Electronics Unit to significantly increase the processing time for data extraction and the number of cases processed.

Additionally, appropriate use of an alternate light source with adequate equipment allows for the observation-based targeting of areas for visualizing and photographing latent print evidence instead of using supposition and conjecture to locate evidence. The camera and light source equipment requested will expand the ability to recover evidence and improve resolution and service to investigations by increasing the evidence available for examination. The portable latent print detection and capturing device will greatly improve latent print forensic services in the field, most especially involving items that are not easily transported to the laboratory.

The proposed improvements will support accreditation requirements of having access to equipment that is required for the correct performance of laboratory activities, handling of test items (evidence handling, evidence security, chain-of-custody), technical records (case documentation), and reporting.

Achieving Program Objectives. The proposed program will achieve the following objectives:

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- (1) Electronics Unit anticipates approximately 100X increased speed and bandwidth from the 1GB fiber-optic ethernet connectivity resulting in a reduction in processing time (from up to 24 hours to down to 15 minutes) and a 20% increase in completed mobile device examination.
- (2) LPU anticipates an increase in scope and variety of latent print evidence that can be processed.

Fiber-Optic Connectivity. The Electronics Unit's access to a 1GB fiber-optic ethernet connectivity directly supports a substantial improvement in the quality and timeliness of digital forensic services in LAPD. A shareable and sustainable network connecting all areas of the Department translates to less time spent on supplies and travel and increased access to work submissions and results, improving both the timeliness and quantity of work processed. The fluid electronic communication between law enforcement and the court systems creates traceable chain-of custody and transparent access to multi-media files increasing both the quality of evidence management and the timeliness of providing evidence. The decrease in processing time provides the opportunity to increase the number of cases processed.

LPU Instrumentation. The LPU's accessibility to up-to-date camera equipment, portable alternative light source and, and portable latent print image detection and capturing device directly supports a substantial improvement in the quality and timeliness of latent print services in LAPD. The LPU anticipates these enhancements will result in an increased efficiency in evidence-processing at a crime scene and increased variety and scope of evidence that can be processed. The proposed equipment would automate the camera procedures in the field and the laboratory thereby decreasing the time spent at scene working with investigators. Images can be uploaded immediately, eliminating the need to hand deliver them to the office. Once uploaded,

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the LPU's Analytical Section can search the latent through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) database, the state and the FBI.

The up-to-date camera will be using 100% mirrorless and will move away from the 15-year old DSLR camera currently in use. Updating the camera will enable the LPU to increase the quality of latent print captured. Examination quality photography is a technique used to document latent print impressions both in the field and in the laboratory. Documenting visible or developed latent print impressions is a way to preserve the evidence for future analysis.

The portable latent print image detection and capturing device incorporates multiple pieces of equipment with various automated functions into one single instrument allowing for the analyst to save time, have immediate review of the image while still at scene, ensuring the highest quality image.

Feasibility. The LAPD's proposed timeline will enable the TID to implement the project within the grant performance period and will ensure that the identified goals and objectives are achieved.

The infrastructure for the fiber-optic cabling connectivity is already in place and will not affect any current processes in place. The connectivity will not affect or delay any workload of the Electronics Unit. The current LPU staff are already trained in forensic photography, use of ultraviolet and infrared light sources, and chemical processing of latent print evidence. Any additional equipment-specific training will be provided by the vendor and the new equipment is expected to be deployed at crime scenes within 60-days of acquisition. Since the project will increase LPU's capacity, it ensures that processes are in place for any additional application for the equipment. All purchases will follow the purchasing guidelines of the City of LA.

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Pitfalls and Mitigation Strategies. Since the grant funding will not provide for the initial fiber-optic connectivity for the Electronics Units, the TID is actively working on securing funding to enhance the programs level of success during and after the grant period. Additionally, it is anticipated that the new capability will need increased storage capacity. The TID is working with the City of LA in securing additional storage capacity.

With the additional instrumentation in LPU, it is expected that the use of the equipment will require LPU to create or revise current policies and procedures in place for the capture, storing, and processing to latent prints. The LPU is anticipating developing a procedure for performance checks and for maintaining to train approximately eight additional staff in the use of the equipment, including on-call personnel.

Soundness of the approach and backlog work. The proposed project complies with current industry and discipline standards. It is anticipated that connectivity upgrades and implementation of the Friction Ridge Skin Visualization and Capture Improvement Project will prevent a backlog from occurring. It is projected that the updated equipment will process scenes more efficiently and that the transfer of media files will increase the number of cases processed.

III. Capabilities and Competencies

Management Structure. The TID is staffed with 121 civilian personnel to provide investigative support for the LAPD in the disciplines of electronic, latent print, photograph, and polygraph forensics.

The Electronics Unit is staffed with 11 Police Surveillance Specialists that have experience and knowledge in the principles of electricity, radio, video, public address, microwave, and audio/visual transmission systems, including the equipment, tools and materials employed in the construction, servicing, installation and repair of such systems. They have the

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ability to design, fabricate, install, and operate specialized electronic equipment for the purposes of obtaining evidence in both criminal and administrative investigations as well as understand and work from communication plans, schematic diagrams, and oral or written instructions.

The Electronics Unit's work has been involved in some high-profile cases. In September 2022, Rakim Allen (AKA PNB Rock) was murdered in a Los Angeles restaurant. The activity captured on video surveillance inside and outside the restaurant established the sequence of events, including video that revealed an accomplice in the parking lot in his vehicle and its subsequent routes of travel. Video evidence was critical in solving the case, which also included mobile device analysis, social media records and additional surveillance video. Three individuals have been charged in the murder and trial is pending. The Electronics Unit was commended for its critical role in the investigation. In March 2019, Nipsey Hussle was murdered in a Los Angeles parking lot. Activity captured on video surveillance surrounding the crime scene was collected and preserved by the Electronics Unit. Videos from multiple locations, sources, and perspectives revealed the crime occurring and the movements of the suspect before and after the murder. The video evidence was critical in supporting the conviction of murder.

The LPU is staffed 67 personnel responsible for latent print collection, processing, analysis, and field detail. They are experienced in recovering, preserving, and comparing latent prints in connection with the investigation of crimes; preparing and presenting evidence for judicial proceedings; and serving as the technical expert in court on all latent print matters. In, LPU responded to 7,739 field calls for latent print collection and opened 1,232 new cases for processing; and completed 3,646 analyzed for value to process to County, State, and Federal databases. On January 18, 2023, the suspect identified through the latent print evidence

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processed with the Foster Freeman DCS5 equipment, pled guilty on all counts and received a sentence of 213 years to life for this crime.

The LAPD will be the prime recipient of the grant program. The LAPD has several years of experience in managing federal grants. It has been awarded and has successfully managed grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$16,000,000 from various local, state, and federal entities including managing Coverdell grant programs for the past 15 years. The LAPD Grants Section consists of a Grants Manager and six Grants Analysts to oversee and report on over 30 active grants. A grants analyst will be assigned to the FY 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program to manage the administrative aspects of the grant including preparing and submitting financial and progress reports and ensuring that all grant requirements are met, and expenditures are in compliance with both the City and DOJ's financial policies and guidelines.

Key Project Personnel: *Police Administrator I Tatiana Garcia* will be the project director and will oversee the overall implementation of the grant. Ms. Garcia is the Commanding Officer of the TID. She worked as a Criminalist for two years and Chief Forensic Chemist for six years before promoting to a lab director and Commanding Officer in 2018.

Police Surveillance Specialist II Alexander Supall will be the co-project manager and will be managing the day to day grant activities for the fiber-optic connectivity in the Electronics Unit, providing project oversight and benchmarks. Mr. Supall has been a Police Surveillance Specialist for over 22 years and has supervised the Electronics Unit for 7 years.

Senior Forensic Print Specialist Melissa Popovic will be the co-project manager and will be managing the day to day grant activities in enhancing the equipment for the LPU, providing

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project oversight and benchmarks. Ms. Popovic has been a Forensic Print Specialist for over 23 years and has been a supervisor the Latent Print Unit for over 14 years.

The project managers will be responsible to initiate the modification or establish procedures and performance checks for any activities resulting from the grant project.

IV. Impact and Plan for Collecting the Data Required for the Performance Measures

Impact of Project Activities. The TID has reviewed the performance measure expectations described in the solicitation. The TID will be responsible in identifying and collecting all the data required to measure the performance of the grant program throughout the grant period. The TID uses the Department Incident Tracking System (ITS) software to track laboratory activities and other statistical information regarding work performed. The ITS data is stored on the LAPD local area network. The ITS reports will be used to collect data to support the performance measures delineated in the solicitation.

The TID will work with the LAPD Grants Section in submitting the required progress reports.

Budget Summary

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Budget Category	Year 1		Year 2 (if needed)		Year 3 (if needed)		Year 4 (if needed)		Year 5 (if needed)		Total(s)
	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	
A. Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
B. Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
C. Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
D. Equipment	\$123,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$123,100
E. Supplies	\$15,170	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,170
F. Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
G. Subawards (Subgrants)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
H. Procurement Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
I. Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Direct Costs	\$138,270	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$138,270
J. Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Project Costs	\$138,270	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$138,270

Does this budget contain conference costs which is defined broadly to include meetings, retreats, seminars, symposia, and training activities? - Y/N

No

AGENDA DATE: December 5, 2023

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DEPARTMENT'S REPORT dated December 1, 2023, relative to the transmittal of the Grant Application and Award for the 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program – Federal, as set forth. BPC #23-236

Recommendation(s) for Board action:

APPROVE the Department's report and TRANSMIT concurrently to the Mayor and City Council.

Moved by Commissioner Southers, seconded by Commissioner Briggs to APPROVE the Department's report and TRANSMIT concurrently to the Mayor and City Council.

Adopted by a vote of 5/0.