

FY25 DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT FOR BACKLOG REDUCTION (CEBR) – FORMULA GRANTS PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
OCTOBER 22, 2025

JUSTGRANTS:
OCTOBER 29, 2025

Who may apply:

City or township, county, or state governments; public and state-controlled institutions of higher education with an existing crime laboratory that conducts DNA analysis of samples for entry into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

Why Apply:

If your jurisdiction has an existing crime laboratory that conducts DNA analysis of samples for entry into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), receive funding—based on a formula—to conduct, and increase capacity to conduct, analyses of DNA samples for entry into CODIS in order to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis and/or prevent a backlog of forensic and database DNA samples. This program is for **Formula** funding only.

Maximum per award:

- Up to \$3,500,000, based on a formula.

BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Agencies that have not previously received BJA funding.

Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded:

- Increase laboratory capacity and efficiency to process CODIS- eligible crime scene samples.
- Purchase/implement new and more efficient instruments/ robotics to automate routine laboratory processing steps.
- Evaluate, validate, and implement improved workflows.
- Provide salaries, benefits, overtime, and limited training and travel for laboratory staff.
- Purchase and upgrade software to more efficiently manage DNA laboratory operations.

Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit bja.ojp.gov/program/dna-cebr/overview for more information about the CEBR Program and bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2025-172460 for full funding information.



Tips for Success:

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: sam.gov/content/home.
- For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full Notice of Funding Opportunity at www.ojp.gov/funding/docs/bja-2025-172460.pdf.
- Visit the **BJA Funding Webinars** page at bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars for applicant and grantee trainings.
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How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

1. Register in [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit the SF-424 form by October 22, 2025.
2. Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by October 29, 2025. The application's major elements are:
 - a. The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).
 - b. The **proposal narrative** that describes your project's strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.
 - c. The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.

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