

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Sheriff-Coroner-PA

SUBMITTAL DATE:
03/11/14

SUBJECT: Approval of the Required Certifications for Submission of a FY 14 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program Application, Districts 5/5. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the required Standard of Assurances, Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, Drug-Free Workplace Requirements, and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities allowing the county to apply for funds under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program;
2. Authorize the Chief Forensic Pathologist to sign the required Coverdell Statutory Certifications allowing the County to apply for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program is funded through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and is currently accepting grant applications.

Will Taylor
Stanley L. Sniff, Jr.
Sheriff-Coroner-PA
Will Taylor, Dir. of Administration

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Federal Grant Revenue	Budget Adjustment: No
	For Fiscal Year: 13/14

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature BY: *Elizabeth J. Olson*
Elizabeth J. Olson

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FORM APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Neal R. Kipnis* DATE: 3/11/14
NEAL R. KIPNIS

Departmental Concurrence

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

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FORM 11: Approval of the Required Certifications for Submission of a FY 14 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program Application, Districts 5/5. [\$0]
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BACKGROUND:

Summary

This program seeks to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services provided by laboratories operated by units of local government; to eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic science evidence; to train, assist and employ laboratory personnel.

The Coroner's office is proposing to use grant funds to purchase a Forensic Multi-Headed Microscope system and digital camera. These two items will enable them to expedite their processing time in determining the cause of death for the various cases which they have on file. The Multi-headed Microscope system is a scalable microscope system, which can be utilized simultaneously between Forensic Pathologists as they discuss/consult on histology examinations. The camera system is used to send photographic images of histology slides via electronic mail versus sending glass slides by standard mail.

Law Enforcement, legal representatives, and families of the victims all depend on the Coroner's office for evidence analysis. Decreasing the processing time allows the Coroner's office to render the desired information in a timely manner to all concerned parties.

The awarded grant will be brought to the Board for acceptance.

County Counsel has approved the documents as to form.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

The grant funds 100% of total project cost. The grant funding will aid the County with resources to meet the challenges of crime and justice and reduce the backlog in the analysis of forensic evidence and to hold offenders accountable for their crimes. And as stated above, families of victims depend on the Coroner's office for evidence analysis. Decreasing the processing time allows the Coroner's office to render the desired information in a timely manner to concerned families.



STANDARD ASSURANCES

The Applicant hereby assures and certifies compliance with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements, including OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-102, A-110, A-122, A-133; Ex. Order 12372 (intergovernmental review of federal programs); and 28 C.F.R. pts. 66 or 70 (administrative requirements for grants and cooperative agreements). The applicant also specifically assures and certifies that:

1. It has the legal authority to apply for federal assistance and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
2. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
3. It will give the awarding agency or the General Accounting Office, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all paper or electronic records related to the financial assistance.
4. It will comply with all lawful requirements imposed by the awarding agency, specifically including any applicable regulations, such as 28 C.F.R. pts. 18, 22, 23, 30, 35, 38, 42, 61, and 63, and the award term in 2 C.F.R. § 175.15(b).
5. It will assist the awarding agency (if necessary) in assuring compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. § 470), Ex. Order 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), the Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. § 469 a-1 et seq.), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. § 4321).
6. It will comply (and will require any subgrantees or contractors to comply) with any applicable statutorily-imposed nondiscrimination requirements, which may include the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3789d); the Victims of Crime Act (42 U.S.C. § 10604(e)); The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. § 5672(b)); the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-07); *see* Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations).
7. If a governmental entity—
 - a) it will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. § 4601 et seq.), which govern the treatment of persons displaced as a result of federal and federally-assisted programs; and
 - b) it will comply with requirements of 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-08 and §§ 7324-28, which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal assistance.

Signature Date

Date

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: Neal R. Kipnis 3/11/04
NEAL R. KIPNIS DATE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

**CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT,
SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS
AND
DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobbying" and 28 CFR Part 67, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Justice determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 28 CFR Part 69, the applicant certifies that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions;

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS
(DIRECT RECIPIENT)**

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67, Section 67.510

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67 Sections 67.615 and 67.620

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to:

Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
ATTN: Control Desk
810 Seventh Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20531

Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Section 67, 630 of the regulations provides that a grantee that is a State may elect to make one certification in each Federal fiscal year. A copy of which should be included with each application for Department of Justice funding. States and State agencies may elect to use OJP Form 4061/7.

Check if the State has elected to complete OJP Form 4061/7.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67; Sections 67.615 and 67.620

A. As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant; and

B. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to:

Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
ATTN: Control Desk
810 Seventh Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20531

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

1. Grantee Name and Address:

County of Riverside

4080 Lemon Street, 5th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

2. Application Number and/or Project Name:

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program CFDA # 16.742

3. Grantee IRS/Vendor Number 95-6000943

4. Type/Print Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Jeff Stone, Chair
Riverside County Board of Supervisors

5. Signature

6. Date

OJP FORM 4061/6 (3-91) REPLACES OJP FORMS 4061/2, 4061/3 AND 4061/4 WHICH ARE OBSOLETE.
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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

BY: Neal R. Kipnis DATE: 5/14/14

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**FY 2014 Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement
Grants Program**

Certification as to Plan for Forensic Science Laboratories—
Application from a **Unit of Local Government**

On behalf of the applicant agency named below, I certify the following to the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice:

This unit of local government has developed a plan for forensic science laboratories under a program intended to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science or medical examiner services provided by the laboratories operated by the applicant unit of local government and any other government-operated laboratories within the State that will receive a portion of the grant amount.

I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification or in the grant application that it supports may be subject to criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 42 U.S.C. § 3795a. I also acknowledge that Office of Justice Programs grants, including certifications provided in connection with such grants, are subject to review by the Office of Justice Programs and/or by the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General.

I have authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant agency (that is, the agency applying directly to the National Institute of Justice).



Signature of Certifying Official

Jennifer Park, MD

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Chief Forensic Pathologist

Title of Certifying Official

County of Riverside, California

Name of Applicant Agency
(Including Name of Unit of Local Government)

3/11/14

Date

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: 
NEAL R. KIPNIS DATE

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**FY 2014 Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement
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Certification as to Plan for Forensic Science Laboratories—
Application from a **State**

On behalf of the applicant agency named below, I certify the following to the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice:

The State has developed a plan for forensic science laboratories under a program intended to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science or medical examiner services in the State, including such services provided by the laboratories operated by the State and those operated by units of local government within the State.

I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification or in the grant application that it supports may be subject to criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 42 U.S.C. § 3795a. I also acknowledge that Office of Justice Programs grants, including certifications provided in connection with such grants, are subject to review by the Office of Justice Programs and/or by the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General.

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Signature of Certifying Official

Jennifer Park, MD

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Chief Forensic Pathologist


Title of Certifying Official

County of Riverside, California

Name of Applicant Agency
(Including Name of Unit of Local Government)

3/11/14

Date

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BY: 
NEAL R. KIPNIS DATE 3/11/14

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**FY 2014 Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement
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Certification as to Use of Funds for New Facilities

On behalf of the applicant agency named below, I certify the following to the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice:

The amount of the grant (if any) used for the costs of any new facility or facilities to be constructed as part of a program to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services will not exceed the limitations set forth at 42 U.S.C. § 3797m(c) and summarized in the FY 2014 Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program Announcement.

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Signature of Certifying Official

Jennifer Park, MD

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Chief Forensic Pathologist

Title of Certifying Official

County of Riverside, California

Name of Applicant Agency
(Including Name of State or Unit of Local Government)

3/11/14

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**FY 2014 Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement
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Certification as to Generally Accepted Laboratory
Practices and Procedures

On behalf of the applicant agency named below, I certify the following to the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice:

Any forensic science laboratory system, medical examiner's office, or coroner's office in the State, including any laboratory operated by a unit of local government within the State, that will receive any portion of the grant amount uses generally accepted laboratory practices and procedures, established by accrediting organizations or appropriate certifying bodies.

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Certification as to External Investigations

On behalf of the applicant agency named below, I certify the following to the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice:

A government entity exists and an appropriate process is in place to conduct independent external investigations into allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of the forensic results committed by employees or contractors of 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.

I personally read and reviewed the section entitled "Eligibility" in the Fiscal Year 2014 program announcement for the Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program. I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification or in the grant application that it supports may be subject to criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 42 U.S.C. § 3795a. I also acknowledge that Office of Justice Programs grants, including certifications provided in connection with such grants, are subject to review by the Office of Justice Programs and/or by the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General.

I have authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant agency (that is, the agency applying directly to the National Institute of Justice).



Signature of Certifying Official

Dave Nordstrom

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Sheriff Captain

Title of Certifying Official

County of Riverside, California

Name of Applicant Agency
(Including Name of State or Unit of Local Government)

3/11/2014

Date