County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters
4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

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October 08, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request Board approval authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (County) to accept and execute a grant award in the amount of $175,000 from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (Coverdell Program).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff as an agent for the County to accept and execute the attached Grant Award Agreement Number 2013-CD-BX-0059 (Agreement) with NIJ in the amount of $175,000 with no match requirement to fund the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department), Scientific Services Bureau (SSB) for the grant period from October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014.

2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff to: (1) execute the attached Assurances, Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; (2) submit all required grant documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, memorandum of understanding, amendments, modifications, augmentations, extensions, payment requests; and (3) grant renewals that may be necessary for completion of the Coverdell Program.

3. Delegate authority to the Sheriff as an agent for the County to apply and submit a grant application to NIJ for the Coverdell Program in future fiscal years and to execute all required grant application documents, including assurances and certifications, when and if such future funding becomes available.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the Coverdell Program is to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science services over current operations. The funding will be utilized for overtime, training opportunities, and to improve quality by complying with accreditation requirements through annual calibration services of equipment and instruments, license renewal, and laboratory supply purchases.

In order for the Department to comply with the objective of this funding opportunity, the allocation of overtime funds will assist in the reduction of latent print comparison case backlog by giving the examiner the opportunity to complete latent print comparison casework, and allowing supervisors to complete same case reviews. Funds allocated for training courses and/or conferences will be used to train new employees, augment current examiners' expertise, and improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of the Department's investigations and evidence examinations.

As an accredited laboratory of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors and Laboratory Accreditation Board, the Department's SSB strives to maintain compliance with all standards and criteria. Additionally, staff members are required to attend continual education as necessary to maintain competency and to develop expertise within their respective disciplines.

Funds in the amount of $175,000 will be used for Salary and Employee Benefits, ($50,226 - overtime only for forensic technical staff) Services and Supplies ($124,774 - laboratory supplies, annual calibration of certain instruments and equipment, license renewal, training, registration fees, and travel expenses).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Coverdell Program is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, maximizing the effectiveness of process, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, Maximizing the opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

With the grant funds being directed toward assisting the Department in improving the operation of SSB's Crime Lab, the Department will benefit by continuing the highly technical and specialized training of the Department's forensic technical staff, as well as by reducing the number of latent print backlogged cases as analysts and examiners apply new knowledge and skills to improve their accuracy and productivity.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This will be the first year of direct funding from NIJ for the Coverdell Program. In past years, the Department has received grant funding as a sub-recipient from the California Governor's Office of

Emergency Services for this program. The grant award is $175,000 with no match requirement. This funding has been included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Supplemental Budget Request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 29, 2013, the Department submitted an application in response to NIJ's FY 2013 Coverdell Program grant solicitation. Upon review of the Department's application, NIJ selected the Department to be a grant recipient of $175,000 with no match requirement.

The Agreement will be in effect for 12 months from October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program will have a positive impact on the services currently provided by the Department and will give the Department an opportunity to successfully accomplish its mission, goals, and objectives. The Department has made contact with each of the County justice departments. The District Attorney believes that there will be no impact, while the Public Defender indicated it will have a minimal impact on their services. No response was received from the Alternate Public Defender.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually adopted copies of this Board letter to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
Sheriff

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Enclosures

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding $100,000

Department: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD)

Grant Project Title and Description: FY 2013 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program

The purpose of this program is to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science services over current operations. The grant funds will be used for overtime of forensic technical staff to reduce latent print comparison case backlog, provide accreditation-required new and continuing education, annual calibration of certain instruments and equipment, license renewal, and laboratory supplies. The training will assist the technical staff in their effort to prevent and reduce the backlog of forensic cases and improve turnaround time for case analysis.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
National Institute of Justice	2013-CD-BX-0059	October 12, 2013

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $175,000 **County Match:** None
Grant Period: 12-Months **Begin Date:** October 1, 2013 **End Date:** September 30, 2014
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0 **Full Time:** 0 **Part Time:** 0

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes __ No X

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes __ No X

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes __ No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes __ No X

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes __ No X
(Describe) _____

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes __ No X

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: None

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature _____ **Date** 9/23/13

Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
National Institute of Justice

Grant

1. RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS (Including Zip Code)
Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department
4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, CA 91754

4. AWARD NUMBER: 2013-CD-BX-0059

5. PROJECT PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2013 TO 09/30/2014
BUDGET PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2013 TO 09/30/2014

6. AWARD DATE 08/27/2013

7. ACTION
Initial

1A. GRANTEE IRS/VENDOR NO.
956000927

8. SUPPLEMENT NUMBER
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9. PREVIOUS AWARD AMOUNT $ 0

3. PROJECT TITLE
FY2013 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program

10. AMOUNT OF THIS AWARD $ 175,000

11. TOTAL AWARD $ 175,000

12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS
THE ABOVE GRANT PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITIONS OR LIMITATIONS AS ARE SET FORTHON THE ATTACHED PAGE(S).

13. STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR GRANT
This project is supported under FY13(NIJ - Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement) 42 USC 3797j-3797o; 28 USC 530C

15. METHOD OF PAYMENT
GPRS

AGENCY APPROVAL

16. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Karol Virginia Mason
Assistant Attorney General

17. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Karol V. Mason

GRANTEE ACCEPTANCE

18. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GRANTEE OFFICIAL
Leroy D. Baca
Sheriff

19. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OFFICIAL
Lee Baca

19A. DATE

AGENCY USE ONLY

20. ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION CODES

FISCAL YEAR	FUND CODE	BUD.ACT.	OFC.	DIV.REG.	SUB.	POMS	AMOUNT
X	B	CD	60	00	00		175000

21. MCDSGT0096

OJP FORM 4000/2 (REV. 5-87) PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE.

OJP FORM 4000/2 (REV. 4-88)

PROJECT NUMBER 2013-CD-BX-0059 AWARD DATE 08/27/2013

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The recipient agrees to comply with the financial and administrative requirements set forth in the current edition of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Guide.

2. The recipient acknowledges that failure to submit an acceptable Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (if recipient is required to submit one pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Section 42.302), that is approved by the Office for Civil Rights, is a violation of its Certified Assurances and may result in suspension or termination of funding, until such time as the recipient is in compliance.

3. The recipient agrees to comply with the organizational audit requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and further understands and agrees that funds may be withheld, or other related requirements may be imposed, if outstanding audit issues (if any) from OMB Circular A-133 audits (and any other audits of OJP grant funds) are not satisfactorily and promptly addressed, as further described in the current edition of the OJP Financial Guide.

4. Recipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, without the express prior written approval of OJP.

5. The recipient must promptly refer to the DOJ OIG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subgrantee, subcontractor, or other person has either 1) submitted a false claim for grant funds under 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 involving grant funds. This condition also applies to any subrecipients. Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct should be reported to the OIG by -

   mail:

   Office of the Inspector General
   U.S. Department of Justice
   Investigations Division
   950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
   Room 4706
   Washington, DC 20530

   e-mail: oig.hotline@usdoj.gov

   hotline: (contact information in English and Spanish): (800) 869-4499

   or hotline fax: (202) 616-9881

   Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at www.usdoj.gov/oig.

6. Recipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of any contract or subaward to either the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries, without the express prior written approval of OJP.

7. The recipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed during the grant performance period if the agency determines that the recipient is a high-risk grantee. Cf. 28 C.F.R. parts 66, 70.

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8. The recipient agrees to comply with applicable requirements regarding registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (or with a successor government-wide system officially designated by OMB and OJP). The recipient also agrees to comply with applicable restrictions on subawards to first-tier subrecipients that do not acquire and provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The details of recipient obligations are posted on the Office of Justice Programs web site at http://www.ojp.gov/funding/sam.htm (Award condition: Registration with the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here. This special 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).

9. Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), the Department encourages recipients and sub recipients to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this grant, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

10. The recipient agrees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences, meetings, trainings, and other events, including the provision of food and/or beverages at such events, and costs of attendance at such events. Information on pertinent laws, regulations, policies, and guidance is available at www.ojp.gov/funding/confcost.htm.

11. The recipient understands and agrees that any training or training materials developed or delivered with funding provided under this award must adhere to the OJP Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/ojptrainingguidingprinciples.htm.

12. The recipient agrees that if it currently has an open award of federal funds or if it receives an award of federal funds other than this OJP award, and those award funds 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 being provided under this OJP award, the recipient will promptly notify, in writing, the grant manager for this OJP award, and, if so requested by OJP, seek a budget-modification or change-of-project-scope grant adjustment notice (GAN) to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.

13. The recipient understands and agrees that award funds may not be used to discriminate against or denigrate the religious or moral beliefs of students who participate in programs for which financial assistance is provided from those funds, or of the parents or legal guardians of such students.

14. The recipient understands and agrees that - (a) No award funds may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography, and (b) Nothing in subsection (a) limits the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

15. The recipient agrees to comply with applicable requirements to report first-tier subawards of $25,000 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 of award funds. Such data will be submitted to the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS). The details of recipient obligations, which derive from the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), are posted on the Office of Justice Programs web site at http://www.ojp.gov/funding/ffata.htm (Award condition: Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation), and are incorporated by reference here. This condition, and its reporting requirement, does not apply to grant awards 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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16. A. 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.

B. External Investigations. The recipient shall ensure that requirements associated with 42 U.S.C. section 3797k(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.

C. 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 fiscal year 2013 program 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 NIJ Program Manager prior to incurring the expense or commencing the activity in question.

D. 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 fiscal year 2013 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 personnel who completed appropriate training or educational opportunities with fiscal year 2013 Coverdell funds, if applicable to the award. Recipients are required to collect and report data relevant to these measures.

17. 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 28 C.F.R. 66.25, including as applied the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) 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 only may be expended only for permissible uses of funds specifically identified in the solicitation for the FY 2013 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 FY 2013 program solicitation.

The recipient understands and agrees that program income that is earned during the final ninety (90) days of the award period may, if appropriate, be obligated (as well as expended) for permissible uses during the ninety-day (90-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 ninety (90) days of the end of the award period must be returned to OJP.

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18. The recipient understands and agrees that, throughout the award period, it must promptly notify NIJ 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 NIJ program manager for the award within ten (10) business days of implementation of the change.

19. The recipient agrees that it will submit quarterly financial status reports to OJP on-line (at https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov) using the SF 425 Federal Financial Report form (available for viewing at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/standard_forms/ff_report.pdf), not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The final report shall be submitted not later than 90 days following the end of the award period.

20. The recipient shall submit semiannual progress reports. Progress reports shall be submitted within 30 days after the end of the reporting periods, which are June 30 and December 31, for the life of the award. These reports will be submitted to the Office of Justice Programs, on-line through the Internet at https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/.

21. 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 the fiscal year 2013 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 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; and (3) an identification of the number and type of cases currently accepted by the forensic science laboratory or forensic science laboratory system. The recipient is required to collect data necessary for this report. This report is due no later than 90 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://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/.

22. The recipient acknowledges, that, as stated in the solicitation for the FY 2013 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program, NIJ 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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23. 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.

24. To assist in information sharing, the award recipient shall provide the NIJ program manager with a copy of all interim and final reports and proposed publications (including those prepared for conferences and other presentations) resulting from this award. Submission of such materials prior to or simultaneous with their public release aids NIJ in responding to any inquiries that may arise. Any publications (written, visual, or sound) - excluding press releases and newsletters - whether published at the recipient's or government's expense, shall contain the following statement: This project was supported by Award No. _____, awarded by the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect those of the Department of Justice.

    NIJ defines publications as any planned, written, visual or sound material substantively based on the project, formally prepared by the award recipient for dissemination to the public.

25. The recipient shall transmit to the NIJ program 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 NIJ where appropriate and to respond to press or public inquiries.

26. The recipient acknowledges that the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use (in whole or in part, including in connection with derivative works), for Federal purposes: (1) any work subject to copyright developed under an award or subaward; and (2) any rights of copyright to which a recipient or subrecipient purchases ownership with Federal support.

    The recipient acknowledges that OJP has the right to (1) obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data first produced under an award or subaward; and (2) authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data for Federal purposes. "Data" includes data as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision 52.227-14 (Rights in Data - General).

    It is the responsibility of the recipient (and of each subrecipient, if applicable) to ensure that this condition is included in any subaward under this award.

    The recipient has the responsibility to obtain from subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors (if any) all rights and data necessary to fulfill the recipient's obligations to the Government under this award. If a proposed subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor refuses to accept terms affording the Government such rights, the recipient shall promptly bring such refusal to the attention of the OJP program manager for the award and not proceed with the agreement in question without further authorization from the OJP program office.

27. Approval of this award does not indicate approval of any consultant rate in excess of $450 per day. A detailed justification must be submitted to and approved by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) program office prior to obligation or expenditure of such funds.

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28. 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.

Categorical Exclusion: Based upon the information provided by the recipient in its application for these funds, NIJ has determined and the recipient understands that the proposed activities meet the definition of a categorical exclusion, as defined in the Department of Justice Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act found at 28 CFR Part 61 (including Appendix D). A categorical exclusion is an action that because of the proposed activities' very limited and predictable potential environmental impacts, both on an individual and a cumulative basis, does not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Consequently, no further environmental impact analysis is necessary under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321, for these categorically excluded activities.

Modifications: Throughout the term of this award, the recipient agrees that for any activities that are the subject of this categorical exclusion, it will inform NIJ of-- (1) any change(s) that it is considering making to the previously assessed activities that may be relevant to the environmental impacts of the activities; 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 NIJ, with the assistance of the recipient, has completed any applicable environmental impact review requirements necessitated by the proposed change or new activity (or changed circumstances) and NIJ has concurred in the proposed change or new activity. This approval will not be unreasonably withheld as long as any requested modification(s) is consistent with eligible program purposes and found acceptable under an NIJ-conducted environmental impact review process.

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Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20531

Memorandum To: Official Grant File

From: Alan Spanbauer, Program Manager

Subject: Categorical Exclusion for Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department

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Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

GRANT MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM, PT. I: PROJECT SUMMARY

Grant

PROJECT NUMBER
2013-CD-BX-0059

This project is supported under FY13(NIJ - Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement) 42 USC 3797j-3797o; 28 USC 530C

1. STAFF CONTACT (Name & telephone number)

Alan Spanbauer
(202) 305-2436

2. PROJECT DIRECTOR (Name, address & telephone number)

Beatriz Bahena
Grant Analyst
4700 Ramona Boulevard, Grants Unit 3rd Floor
Monterey Park, CA 91754-2169
(323) 526-5153

3a. TITLE OF THE PROGRAM

NIJ FY 13 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program

3b. POMS CODE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE)

4. TITLE OF PROJECT

FY2013 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program

5. NAME & ADDRESS OF GRANTEE

Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department
4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, CA 91754

6. NAME & ADRESS OF SUBGRANTEE

7. PROGRAM PERIOD

FROM: 10/01/2013 TO: 09/30/2014

8. BUDGET PERIOD

FROM: 10/01/2013 TO: 09/30/2014

9. AMOUNT OF AWARD

$ 175,000

10. DATE OF AWARD

08/27/2013

11. SECOND YEAR'S BUDGET

12. SECOND YEAR'S BUDGET AMOUNT

13. THIRD YEAR'S BUDGET PERIOD

14. THIRD YEAR'S BUDGET AMOUNT

15. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT (See instruction on reverse)

Coverdell funds are to be used to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services and/or to eliminate backlogs in the analysis of forensic evidence, including controlled substances, firearms examination, forensic pathology, latent prints, questioned documents, toxicology, and trace evidence.

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OMB APPROVAL
NUMBER 1121-0140

EXPIRES 03/31/2016

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 Government Accountability 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. § 7 94); 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.

Accept

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN F. KRATTLI
County Counsel

By: Michele Jackson
Senior Deputy County Counsel

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OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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. Acceptance of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," 2 CFR Part 2867, "DOJ Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension," and 28 CFR Part 83, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension," 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)

Pursuant to Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, implemented at 2 CFR Part 2867, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 2 CFR Section 2867.20(a), and other requirements:

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) Have not within a two-year period preceding this application been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, unless such felony criminal conviction has been disclosed in writing to the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) at Ojpcompliancereporting@usdoj.gov, and, after such disclosure, the applicant has received a specific written determination from OJP that neither suspension nor debarment of the applicant is necessary to protect the interests of the Government in this case.

(d) 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 (b) of this certification; and

(e) 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.

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. FEDERAL TAXES

A. If the applicant is a corporation, the applicant certifies that either (1) the corporation has no unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, or (2) the corporation has provided written notice of such an unpaid tax liability (or liabilities) to OJP at Ojpcompliancereporting@usdoj.gov, and, after such disclosure, the applicant has received a specific written determination from OJP that neither suspension nor debarment of the applicant is necessary to protect the interests of the Government in this case.

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.

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

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 83, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Sections 83.620 and 83.650:

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 7th 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).

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

Accept

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