

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (NFSIA)

Program Title: Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences (NFSIA)

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PROGRAM Information

<p>Detailed description of the program for which funding is requested:</p>	<p>The Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (NFSIA) awards grants to States and units of local government to help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. Among other things, funds may be used to eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic evidence and to train and employ forensic laboratory personnel, as needed, to eliminate such a backlog. State Administering Agencies (SAAs) may apply for both “base” (formula) and competitive funds.</p> <p>NFSIA is both a formula grant and competitive grant. Approximately 75 percent of the funds available for Coverdell grants will be allocated among eligible States based on population. Twenty-five percent of the available funds will be allocated among States and units of local government through a competitive process. The average annual number of part 1 violent crimes reported by each State to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for calendar years 2006, 2007 and 2008, existing resources, and current needs of the potential grant recipient will be considerations in award decisions.</p> <p>NFSIA funds can be used for any of these following purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To carry out all or a substantial part of a program intended to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science or medical examiner services in the State, including those services provided by laboratories operated by the State and those operated by units of local government within the State.2. To eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic science evidence, including, among other things, a backlog with respect to firearms examination, latent prints, toxicology, controlled substances, forensic pathology, questioned documents, and trace evidence.3. To train, assist, and employ forensic laboratory personnel as needed to eliminate such a backlog.
<p>If this program already has federal authorization, please list the public law number and section in known.</p>	<p>PL 111-117 *3135</p>
<p>If this is an existing federal</p>	<p>Portions of NFSIA grant funds are given to support the Illinois State</p>

<p>program, what statewide programs are supported by this funding? How do these programs benefit Illinois residents?</p>	<p>Police Crime labs.</p> <p>This is a benefit to the residents of Illinois because it helps law enforcement solve crimes more expediently and tries to eliminate any backlog of cases that are awaiting forensic testing.</p>						
<p>Do any of these state programs target or benefit a specific district in Illinois?</p>	<p>Yes, DuPage County and the Northern Illinois Regional Crime Lab are local recipients of NFSIA grant funds</p>						
<p>Please provide a brief history of previous federal funding for this program including the fiscal year and amount.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="578 405 894 426">Fiscal Year</th> <th data-bbox="902 405 1541 426">Award</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="578 436 894 457">2010</td> <td data-bbox="902 436 1541 457">\$917,344</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="578 468 894 489">2009</td> <td data-bbox="902 468 1541 489">\$640,546</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Fiscal Year	Award	2010	\$917,344	2009	\$640,546
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