



Missouri Department of Public Safety
FY 2022 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science
(PCNFS) Improvement Grant
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Funding Issued By:

U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

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Missouri Department of Public Safety

Funding Opportunity Title:

FY 2022 PCNFS

Introduction: The Missouri Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce the funding opportunity for the FY 2022 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Grant (PCNFS). The purpose of the PCNFS Improvement Grant is to improve forensic science and medical examiner/coroner services, including services provided by laboratories operated by states and units of local government.

Objectives: A state or unit of local government that receives a Coverdell grant must use the grant for one or more of the following six purposes:

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/coroner 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, impression evidence, toxicology, digital evidence, fire evidence, controlled substances, forensic pathology, questioned documents, and trace evidence.
3. To train, assist, and employ forensic laboratory personnel and medicolegal death investigators, as needed, to eliminate such a backlog.
4. To address emerging forensic science issues (such as statistics, contextual bias, and uncertainty of measurement) and emerging forensic science technology (such as high throughput automation, statistical software, and new types of instrumentation).
5. To educate and train forensic pathologists.
6. To fund medicolegal death investigation systems to facilitate accreditation of medical examiner and coroner offices and certification of medicolegal death investigators.

Period of Performance: 18 months

Projected Period of Performance Start Date: January 1, 2023

Projected Period of Performance End Date: June 30, 2024

The FY 2022 PCNFS project period is January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Requests for extensions to this project period are not allowed.

Funding Instrument: Contract (Subaward Agreement)

Eligible Applicants:

Board of Police Commissioners – Kansas City, MO

Missouri State Highway Patrol, Crime Lab

St. Charles County, Crime Lab

St. Louis County, Crime Lab

City Of St. Louis, Police Division – Crime Lab

To be eligible for funding the applicant agency must be compliant with the following statutes:

Section 590.650 RSMo – Vehicle Stops Report

Pursuant to 590.650.3 RSMo, (1) every law enforcement agency shall compile the data described in subsection 2 for the calendar year into a report to the attorney general and (2) each law enforcement agency shall submit the report to the attorney general no later than March 1 of the following calendar year.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify the submission of this report with the Attorney General's Office prior to submitting an application. Failure to submit the Racial Profiling Report will result in the automatic denial of the application. A copy of such report need not be submitted with the application.

Section 590.700 RSMo – Written Policy on Recording of Custodial Interrogations

Pursuant to 590.700.4 RSMo, each law enforcement agency shall adopt a written policy to record custodial interrogations of persons suspected of committing or attempting to commit felony crimes as outlined in subsection 2 of this section.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the prescribed written policy is in place prior to submitting an application.

Section 43.544 RSMo – Written Policy on Forwarding Intoxication-Related Traffic Offenses

Pursuant to 43.544.1 RSMo, each law enforcement agency shall adopt a policy requiring arrest information for all intoxication-related traffic offenses be forwarded to the central repository as required by Section 43.503 RSMo and shall certify adoption of such policy when applying for any grants administered by the department of public safety.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the prescribed written policy is in place prior to submitting an application.

Section 590.1265 RSMo – Police Use of Force Transparency Act of 2021

Pursuant to 590.1265 RSMo, Use of force incidents reporting standards and procedures, publication of report data, analysis report. Each law enforcement agency shall certify compliance with this statute when accepting any grants administered by the department of public safety.

- **Uniform Crime reporting (UCR)** – Pursuant to Section RSMo 43.505 Uniform Crime Reporting system – duties of department – violations, penalty: Each law enforcement agency is required to submit crime incident reports to the department of public safety on forms or in the format prescribed by the department and submit any other crime incident information which may be required by the Department of Public Safety.

NOTE: Show Me Crime Reporting provides a no cost option for agencies to comply with Section 43.505 RSMo. Agencies that are not currently compliant with Section 43.505 RSMo will not be eligible to apply until they have registered with Show Me Crime Reporting. <https://showmecrime.mo.gov/CrimeReporting/MIBRSRegistration.html>

Ineligible Applicants: Any agency not listed as an eligible applicant.

Eligible Cost Categories: Eligible applicants may request funding under the following approved budget categories:

- Salary/Benefits
- Overtime/Benefits
- Travel/Training
- Equipment
 - Computerization
 - Lab Equipment
- Supplies/Operations
 - Accreditation

Unallowable Cost Items:

- Funds to conduct research
- Expenses other than those listed above
- Costs for any new facility
- Recipient administrative expenses
- Use of funds for the purchase and/or lease of vehicles

NEPA Requirements:

All recipients of funding under this award must assist the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) in complying with NEPA and other related federal environmental impact analyses requirements in the use of grant funds, whether the funds are used directly by the recipient or by a Subrecipient or third party. Accordingly, prior obligating funds for any of the activities specified below, the grantee must first ensure compliance with OJP NEPA procedures.

The specified activities requiring environmental analysis are:

- New construction
- Any renovation or remodeling of a property located in an environmentally or historically sensitive area, including property
 - Listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or
 - Located within a 100-year flood plain, a wetland, or habitat for an endangered species
- A renovation that will change the basic prior use of a facility or significantly change its size

- Research and technology whose anticipated and future application could be expected to have an effect on the environment
- Implementation of a program involving the use of chemicals (including the identification, seizure, or closure of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories)

Application and Submission Information:

1. Key Dates and Times

- **Application Start Date:** May 1, 2022
- **Application Submission Deadline:** May 31, 2022 5:00 pm CST

2. Agreeing to Terms and Conditions of the Award

By submitting an application, applicants agree to comply with the requirements of this NOFO and the terms and conditions of the Subaward Agreement, should they receive an award.

Applications will only be accepted through the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) online WebGrants System. <https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov/index.do>

A PowerPoint with instructions on how to apply through the WebGrants System will be available on the DPS website, at the following link <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cjle/pcnfs.php>.

As part of the FY 2022 PCNFS application, each eligible applicant must complete all application forms and provide all required documentation:

1. Contact Information
2. Project Form
3. Budget
4. Named Attachments
 - a. Lab Accreditation
 - b. NEPA Checklist
 - c. Most Recent Audit
 - d. Other
 - e. Other
 - f. Other

Contact Information: Additional information and resources can be located on the Missouri Department of Public Safety website: <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cjle/>

WebGrants System, application submission site: <https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov/index.do>

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