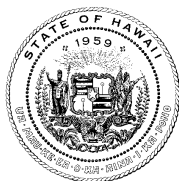


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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General  
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Arthur Logan, Chief of Police, Honolulu Police Department  
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Masahiko Kobayashi, Chief Medical Examiner, Medical Examiner Department

FROM: Julie Ebato, Administrator

SUBJECT: FY 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants  
Program – Formula [Deadline: February 28, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.]

We are pleased to announce the FY 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program – Formula solicitation. A total of \$386,505 is available for projects, of which at least \$171,990 is allocated for opioid-related projects. Requests for funding shall be not less than \$50,000 per project and applicants may request up to the full amount of the available funding.

These funds are intended to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner/coroner's office services, including services provided by laboratories operated by States and units of local government.

Applicants that are non-accredited laboratories that provide forensic science services may receive priority when funding decisions are made.

Coverdell grant funds must be used for one or more of the following six purposes:

- 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's office 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.

- 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.
- To train, assist, and employ forensic laboratory personnel and medicolegal death investigators, as needed to eliminate such a backlog.
- 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).
- To educate and train forensic pathologists.
- To fund medicolegal death investigation systems to facilitate accreditation of medical examiner and coroner offices and certification of medicolegal death investigators.

Please read the entire Application for Grant Instructions and use the 2023 forms posted on the CPJAD's website (<https://ag.hawaii.gov/cpja/gp/>).

Applications must be received (not postmarked) by CPJAD by **4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2024**.

For an Application for Grant to be complete, the following must be received by the application deadline:

- One (1) original copy of Parts I-VI;
- Two (2) paper copies of Parts I-VI;
- Microsoft Word/Excel versions for the Abstract, Part I (Title Page), Part II and related charts (Description of Project), and Part III (Budget Detail, Budget Narrative, and Budget Summary); and
- PDF versions of documents for Parts IV, V, and VI.

The printed copies (one original and two copies) must be double-sided. The PDF and Microsoft Word/Excel documents should be submitted on a thumb drive or CD.

All proposals will undergo a review and scoring process based on the following:

Abstract .....	1 point
Part I. Title Page .....	0 points
Part II. Description of Project	
A. Problem Statement .....	6 points
B. Goals and Objectives .....	8 points
C. Project Activities .....	6 points
D. Project Organization and Management .....	2 points
E. Personnel .....	3 points
F. Capabilities and Competencies .....	5 points

G. Performance Indicators and Reporting .....	7 points
H. Probability to Improve the Criminal Justice System and Sustainability Plan.....	4 points
Part III. Budget Detail and Narrative.....	8 points
Part IV. Coverdell Statutory Certifications.....	0 points
Part V. External Investigations Attachment.....	0 points
Part VI. BJA Programmatic Coversheet and Checklist (NEPA Checklist) .....	<u>0 points</u>
TOTAL	50 points

If there are questions, please feel free to contact Jayna Reynon, Criminal Justice Planning Specialist, at [jayna.a.reynon@hawaii.gov](mailto:jayna.a.reynon@hawaii.gov).

Attachments