

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 1. Type of Submission:**

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:**

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

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* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

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4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

95-6002748

* c. UEI:

MLBXC2C6AEX1

d. Address:

* Street1:

655 East Third Street

Street2:

* City:

San Bernardino

County/Parish:

* State:

CA: California

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

92415-0061

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator

Division Name:

Administration

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Jenee

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Haliburton

Suffix:

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Senior Accountant

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*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Bureau of Justice Assistance

11. Assistance Listing Number:

16.742

Assistance Listing Title:

Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

O-BJA-2025-172472

* Title:

BJA FY25 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement- Competitive Grants Program

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

FY 25/26 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program - San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant **CA31**

* b. Program/Project **CA31**

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: **10/01/2025**

* b. End Date: **09/30/2028**

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	
* b. Applicant	120,000.00
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	120,000.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

**** I AGREE**

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name: **Julio**
Middle Name:
* Last Name: **Galvez**
Suffix:

* Title: **Sheriff's Administrative Manager**

* Telephone Number: **909-387-0624** Fax Number:

* Email: **jgalvez@sbcasd.org**

* Signature of Authorized Representative: Completed by Grants.gov upon submission.

* Date Signed: Completed by Grants.gov upon submission.

Budget Summary

Budget Summary

Note: Any errors detected on this page should be fixed on the corresponding Budget Detail tab.

Budget Category	Year 1		Year 2 (if needed)		Year 3 (if needed)		Year 4 (if needed)		Year 5 (if needed)		Total(s)
	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request	
A. Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
B. Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
C. Travel	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,000
D. Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
E. Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
F. Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
G. Subawards (Subgrants)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
H. Procurement Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
I. Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Direct Costs	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,000
J. Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Project Costs	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,000
Does this budget contain conference costs which is defined broadly to include meetings, retreats, seminars, symposia, and training activities? - Y/N											Yes

Project Abstract
SBCSD-SID
Coverdell Competitive Grant 2025
Improving timeliness of forensic science services in the Firearms Unit

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Scientific Investigations Division (SBCSD-SID) is requesting grant funding for two individuals in the Firearms Unit to attend training through an external specialized firearms training academy with the goal to enhance capacity in the Firearms Unit.

The Firearms Unit provides firearms examinations and comparisons to over 80 agencies within San Bernardino County, the largest county in the continental United States. The Firearms Unit is staffed with five Criminalists, two part-time, temporary, NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network) Technicians, and a supervisor. The Firearms Unit has recently lost 2/3 of the fully trained staff due to retirements and promotions. Currently only one Criminalist is fully trained, three Criminalists are in various stages of training, and one Criminalist candidate is currently in the background investigation phase. It is not possible for the single, fully trained Criminalist to be dedicated to training four individuals and complete all priority cases needed for court. We have identified a solution through a company that provides this specialized training, thus allowing the fully trained Criminalist to focus on urgent casework rather than being pulled between competing priorities.

The laboratory intends to utilize funding through the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program to engage a company to provide this training at a cost of roughly ½ of the cost of training in-house. This model is a more cost effective and efficient business model. The cost of training these two Criminalists is reduced, the training program timeline is vastly reduced, and the laboratory can continue to provide firearms

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comparison services to our customers. At the conclusion of the training program the laboratory will have five fully trained firearms examiners that will not only be able to meet the current needs of the client agencies and stakeholders but will be able to offer services for lower priority firearms cases and conduct future training in-house. It should be noted that the use of an external company for training continues to be a cost effective and efficient option that should be considered, regardless of the laboratory's capacity, as part of a good business and budgetary model.

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Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant – Competitive

FY 2025

Improving Timeliness of Forensic Science Services in the Firearms Unit

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Scientific Investigations Division

Proposed Project Dates: October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2028

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Background Information:

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Scientific Investigations Division (SBCSD-SID) provides forensic science testing for over eighty local agencies and Sheriff's stations in San Bernardino County, California. At 20,105 square miles, the County of San Bernardino is the largest county in the continental United States. There are over 2.2 million residents in San Bernardino County and the population continues to rise annually. The population of San Bernardino County is projected to grow 8% from 2024 through 2045. It is the 5th most populous county in California and the 14th most populous County in the United States. San Bernardino County was identified as one of the most dangerous cities (ranked #4 in California). The violent crime rate in San Bernardino is 15 per 1,000 residents. The crime rate is compounded by significant economic challenges with a poverty rate of 25.4%, nearly triple the average for California. Homicides and violent crimes continue to rise thus providing increased workload from the more than 80 Agencies SBCSD-SID provides service to at no cost.

The SBCSD-SID is a forensic science testing laboratory accredited through ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB, certificate #FT-0315). The Crime Laboratory first attained the accreditation status under the legacy program in 1995 and renewed it every five years until 2016. In 2016, the Laboratory achieved accreditation under the ISO 17025 International Program and continues to maintain accreditation. The Laboratory is on a 4-year cycle for renewal with the next full assessment set to occur in 2028. SBCSD-SID is the only full-service forensic laboratory in San Bernardino County. For those agencies

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served, SBCSD-SID is the only forensic laboratory to offer the necessary forensic services for the investigation, collection, analysis, and testimony related to forensic evidence.

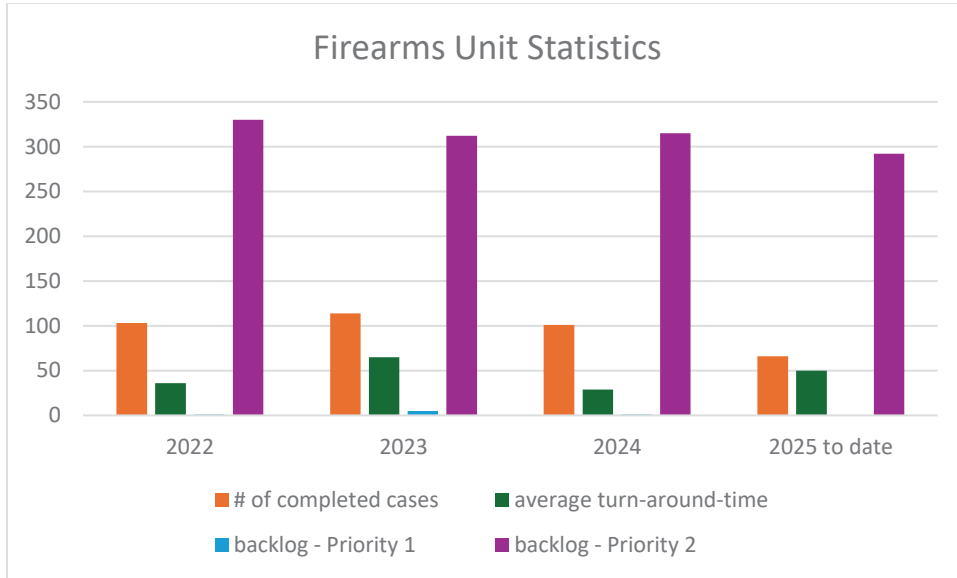
The Firearms Unit is staffed with five Criminalists, two part-time, temporary, NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network) Technicians, and a supervisor. The Firearms Unit has recently lost 2/3 of the fully trained staff due to retirements and promotions. Currently only one Criminalist is fully trained, three Criminalists are in various stages of training, and one Criminalist candidate was recently placed into the background process. The laboratory has recently added two part-time, temporary positions to address the large backlog of NIBIN cases. This will allow the Criminalists to focus on the more critical firearms comparison casework. The laboratory's request for two full-time, dedicated staff to the NIBIN function has not been funded through our department's request process to date. With only one fully trained Criminalist, the Firearms Unit is currently prioritizing cases going to court with other cases not assigned for testing at this point.

Description of the Issue:

The SBCSD-SID Firearms Unit has experienced a loss of experience with recent retirements and promotions. In the past 2 years, the Firearms Unit has lost 2/3 of their fully trained staff, leaving the unit with only one fully trained Criminalist. Although two partially trained Criminalists contribute to the firearms casework, they are not yet competent to provide testing in all areas, namely comparisons. Increases in requests coupled with insufficient fully trained staff have resulted in increased backlogs and longer turn-around times. The current capacity is far outweighed by the growing backlog (See Charts 1 and 2). The addition of two new Criminalists to the Firearms Unit has exceeded the capacity of the fully trained Criminalist as she is the only team member able to provide testing in all areas. The laboratory is unable to provide both continued casework to meet our clients' needs, and training for two new Criminalists. The use of grant funding for training is a far more cost-effective plan than utilizing a contract laboratory for conducting firearms examination casework, thus the decision to pursue grant funding to provide training offered the best option from an efficiency and cost perspective standpoint.

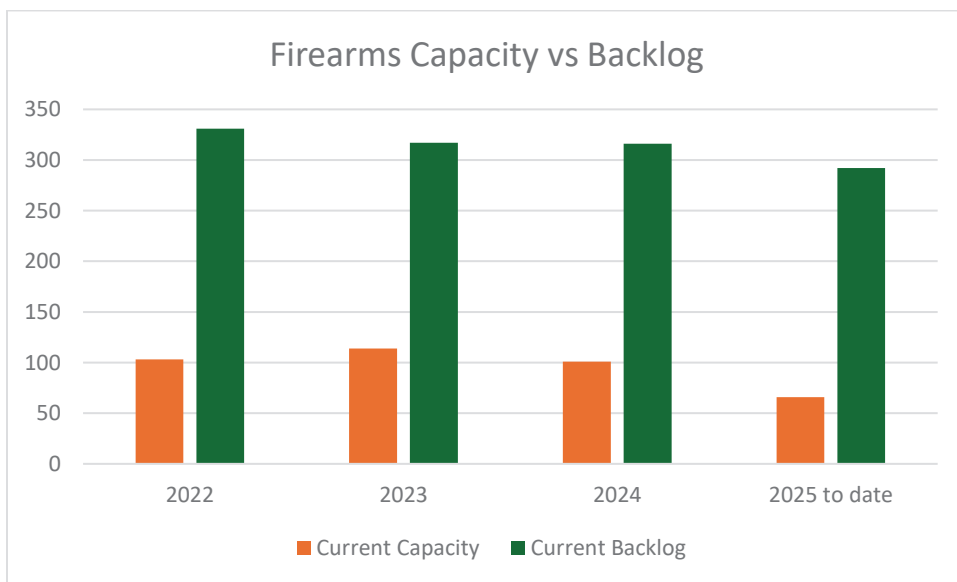
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Chart 1



Note: The laboratory does not have the means to provide accurate statistics related to firearms testing needs (requests) as the unit has limited testing to only the highest priority case circumstances.

Chart 2



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The training program for a firearms examiner is 1-2 years. The use of an external specialized firearms examiner academy allows the single fully trained Criminalist to focus on the highest priority case, thus meeting our clients' needs for forensic firearms testing for cases going to court. This does not address the increasing backlog of other firearms cases.

SBCSD-SID has an urgent need to build capacity as quickly as possible to meet the needs of our client agencies and stakeholders. Use of an external, specialized firearms examiner academy is the fastest, most efficient and economical way to meet this critical need.

The external, specialized firearms examiner academy utilizes experienced firearms examiners, technology, and tools to allow for a remote training program with flexibility to meet the needs of the trainees and laboratory. The Firearms Unit Supervisor will work closely with the trainees and external academy personnel to ensure the trainee successfully navigates the training program and meet all internal requirements to become a fully trained, and competent, firearms examiner.

Once capacity is built and the backlog of cases is eliminated, the Firearms Unit will be in a self-sustaining position to have the option for an in-house training program. An external training academy has many benefits and will always be a cost-effective choice for training new Firearms Examiners.

Project Design and Implementation:

SBCSD-SID intends to utilize grant funding to allow the two newest staff members to participate in an external firearms examiner training program. This funding will serve the following purposes:

1. Allow the single, fully trained firearms examiner to focus on priority comparison casework needed for court rather than training.
2. Expedite the training of the two newest firearms examiners (Criminalists), one which is in the background process currently. This results in increased capacity, decreased turn-around times, and reduction of the backlog of firearms comparison cases.
3. Allows for the most cost effective and efficient means to provide training for the two newest firearms examiners (Criminalists).
4. Allows the firearms unit to provide the most timely, effective, and efficient testing services to client agencies throughout San Bernardino County both short term and long term.

Capabilities and Competencies:

The SBCSD-SID is a full-service Accredited Laboratory providing forensic testing services to over 80 agencies across San Bernardino County. The accreditation process covers all aspects of the laboratory to include the management system, the training program, the policies, procedures, work instructions, quality control, and the education and training of staff.

The laboratory utilizes a Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS) and other programs for tracking evidence, case information, requests for service, and reports. Statistical information is gathered from these systems to provide information regarding submitted and completed cases, turn-around-time, and backlogs. Additionally, the laboratory has a document management system that houses laboratory policies, procedures, and records.

The Firearms Unit Capacity Enhancement Project will be implemented by the Firearms Unit of the SBCSD-SID. This project will be put in place and monitored by the Supervisor of the Firearms Unit. All accounting and financial matters will be administered by the designated individual in the SBCSD Bureau of Administration, per internal requirements. Programmatic reporting will be provided by the Laboratory Director and the Supervisor of the Firearms Unit based on:

1. Reporting on the progress in the training program for the firearms examiners (Criminalists)
2. Cases completed

3. Backlog reduction statistics

The Laboratory Director has vast experience as a firearms examiner as well as grant administrator. The Firearms Supervisor has many years of expertise as a firearms examiner and trainer. Our Sheriff's Bureau of Administration has extensive knowledge and experience of grant and financial management.

Plan for Collecting the Data Required for Performance Measures

Deliverables:

This grant will be used to provide funding for two firearms examiners (Criminalists) to attend training through an external specialized firearms examiner training academy. This funding will allow the laboratory to be able to provide timely, effective, and efficient testing services to client agencies throughout San Bernardino County both short term by allowing the single fully trained firearms examiner to focus on firearms comparison cases, and long term by the addition of two fully trained firearms examiners at the end of this project that will contribute toward case output and backlog reduction. Use of an external specialized training academy provides the most cost effective and efficient method of training new firearms examiners while maintaining the capacity.

Goals and Objectives:

1. To complete the training of two firearms examiners (Criminalists) through use of an external firearms examiner training academy.

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2. To continue to meet the firearms examination needs of our client agencies by allowing the single, fully trained, firearms examiners' time to be focused on the most urgent requests.
3. To enhance our capacity of the Firearm Unit by completing the training of two new firearms examiners who will contribute to the case output and backlog reduction.

Performance measure:

SBCSD-SID will report the following:

1. The progress of the two personnel attending the external specialized firearms examiner training academy.
2. The number of firearms cases received, completed, turn-around-time, and backlog statistics.

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**FY 2025 Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement
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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 Bureau of Justice Assistance, 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 the subject of criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and/or 1621 and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273. 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 Bureau of Justice Assistance).

Signature of Certifying Official

Julio Galvez

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Sheriff's Administrative Manager

Title of Certifying Official

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept.

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

Date

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**FY 2025 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 Bureau of Justice Assistance, 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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Signature of Certifying Official

Julio Galvez

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Sheriff's Administrative Manager

Title of Certifying Official

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept., California

Name of Applicant Agency
(Including Name of State)

Date

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Certification as to Forensic Science Laboratory System Accreditation

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

Before receiving any funds under this grant, any forensic science laboratory system 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 (except with regard to any medical examiner's office in the State) either—

a) is accredited by an accrediting body that is a signatory to an internationally recognized arrangement and that offers accreditation to forensic science conformity assessment bodies using an accreditation standard that is recognized by that internationally recognized arrangement, **or**,

b) is not so accredited, but will (or will be required in a legally binding and enforceable writing to) use a portion of the grant amount to prepare and apply for such accreditation not more than 2 years after the date on which a grant is awarded under the FY 2025 Paul 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 the subject of criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and/or 1621 and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273. 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

Julio Galvez

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Sheriff's Administrative Manager

Title of Certifying Official

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept., California

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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 Bureau of Justice Assistance, 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 34 U.S.C. § 10564(c) and summarized in the FY 2025 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program solicitation.

I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification or in the grant application that it supports may be the subject of criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and/or 1621 and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273. 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 Bureau of Justice Assistance).

Signature of Certifying Official

Julio Galvez

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Certification as to External Investigations

On behalf of the applicant agency named below, I certify the following to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, 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 2025 program solicitation for the Paul 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 the subject of criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and/or 1621 and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273. 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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San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept., California

Name of Applicant Agency
(Including Name of State)

Date

FY 2025 Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program

Attachment: External Investigations

The “Certification as to External Investigations” that is submitted on behalf of the applicant agency as part of this application certifies that—

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.

Prior to receiving funds, the applicant agency (that is, the agency applying directing to the Bureau of Justice Assistance) must provide — for each forensic laboratory system, medical examiner’s office, coroner’s office, law enforcement storage facility, or medical facility that will receive a portion of the grant amount — the name of the “government entity” (or entities) that forms the basis for the certification. Please use the template below to provide this information. (Applicants may adapt this template if necessary, but should ensure that the adapted document provides all required information.)

IMPORTANT NOTE: If necessary for accuracy, list more than one entity with respect to each intended recipient of a portion of the grant amount. For example, if no single entity has an appropriate process in place with respect to allegations of serious negligence as well as serious misconduct, it will be necessary to list more than one entity. Similarly, if no single entity has an appropriate process in place with respect to allegations concerning contractors as well as employees, it will be necessary to list more than one entity.

Additional guidance regarding the “Certification as to External Investigations” appears in the Eligibility Information section of the program solicitation for the FY 2025 Coverdell Program.

Name of Applicant Agency (including Name of State):

San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department, San Bernardino County CA

Date: _____

Name of any forensic laboratory system, medical examiner’s office, coroner’s office, law enforcement storage facility, or medical facility that will receive a portion of the grant amount

Existing government entity (entities) with an appropriate process in place to conduct independent external investigations

1. SBCSD-Scientific Investigations Division

SBCSD Internal Affairs Division

2. _____

FY 2025 External Investigations Attachment (continued)

Name of Applicant Agency: San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept., California

3. _____

4. _____

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Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High Risk Status)

Beginning in FY 2024, every OJP applicant (other than an individual applying in his or her personal capacity) is required to complete the web-based OJP Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire form in JustGrants¹. Following are screen images of the JustGrants instructions and questions to familiarize users with the web-based form.

1. Background

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls (FI-36) NEW

1. Background	2. Audit Information	3. Auditor's Opinion	4. Accounting System	5. Property Standards and Procurement Standards	6. Travel Policy	7. Subrecipient Management and Monitoring	8. Designation as High Risk by Other Federal Agencies	9. Certification on Behalf of the Applicant Entity
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Background

Financial Capability Questionnaire

Recipients' financial management systems and internal controls must meet certain requirements, including those set out in the "Part 200 Uniform Requirements" (2.C.F.R. Part 2800), including at a minimum, the financial management system of each OJP award recipient must provide for the following:

- (1) Identification, in its accounts, of all Federal awards received and expended and the Federal programs under which they were received. Federal program and Federal award identification must include, as applicable, the CFDA title and number, Federal award identification number and year, and the name of the Federal agency.
- (2) Accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each Federal award or program.
- (3) Records that identify adequately the source and application of funds for Federally funded activities. These records must contain information pertaining to Federal awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, expenditures, income, and interest, and be supported by source documentation.
- (4) Effective control over, and accountability for, all funds, property, and other assets. The recipient must adequately safeguard all assets and assure that they are used solely for authorized purposes.
- (5) Comparison of expenditures with budget amounts for each Federal award.
- (6) Written procedures to document the receipt and disbursement of Federal funds including procedures to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the United States Treasury and the disbursement by the OJP recipient.
- (7) Written procedures for determining the allowability of costs in accordance with both the terms and conditions of the Federal award and the cost principles to apply to the Federal award.
- (8) Other important requirements related to retention requirements for records, use of open and machine-readable formats in records, and certain Federal rights of access to award-related records and recipient personnel.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number: *

Value cannot be blank.

Is the applicant entity a nonprofit organization (including a nonprofit institution of higher education) as described in 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) and exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. 501(b)? *

Select.
Select...
Yes
No

¹ For a limited number of solicitations, applicants will be instructed in the solicitation to attach a completed PDF form for the Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire, instead of completing the web-based form. Those applicants should download, complete, and submit the **OJP Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire—ARCHIVED**, located at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/forms>.

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If Yes to nonprofit question, then:

2. Audit Information

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Audit Information

Does the applicant nonprofit organization maintain offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding paying the tax described in 26 U.S.C. 511(a)? *

Select...

Value cannot be blank

If the answer to the question below is "Yes", refer to "Additional Attachments" under "What An Application Should Include" in the OJP solicitation (or application guidance) under which the applicant is submitting its application. If the solicitation/guidance describes the "Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation," the applicant nonprofit organization must provide -- as an attachment to its application -- a disclosure that satisfies the minimum requirements as described by O.P.

With respect to the most recent year in which the applicant nonprofit organization was required to file a tax return, does the applicant nonprofit organization believe (or assert) that it satisfies the requirements of 26 C.F.R. 53.4958-6 (which relate to the reasonableness of compensation of certain individuals)? *

Select...

Value cannot be blank

For purposes of this questionnaire, an "audit" is conducted by an independent, external auditor using generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) or Generally Governmental Auditing Standards (GAGAS), and results in an audit report with an opinion.

Has the applicant entity undergone any of the following types of audit(s)? Please check all that apply:

- Select All
- "Single Audit" under OMB A-133 or Subpart F of 2 C.F.R. Part 200
- Financial Statement Audit
- Defense Contract Agency Audit (DCAA)
- Other Audit and Agency
- None

Most Recent Audit Report Issued: *

Select...

Name of Audit Agency/Firm: *

Select...

Yes
No

Select...

Yes
No

Select...

Select...
Within the last 12 months
Within the last 2 years
Over 2 years ago
N/A

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If **No** to nonprofit question, then:

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- Other Audit and Agency
- None

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Select...

Select...

Select...
Within the last 12 months
Within the last 2 years
Over 2 years ago
N/A

Name of Audit Agency/Firm: *

3. Auditor's Opinion

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Auditor's Opinion

On the most recent audit, what was the auditor's opinion? *

Select...

Enter the number of findings (if none, enter "0"): *

Enter the dollar amount of questioned costs (if none, enter "0"): *

Were material weaknesses noted in the report or opinion? *

Select...

Select...

Unqualified Opinion
Qualified Opinion
Disclaimer, Going Concern, or Adverse Opinions
N/A: No audits as described above

Select...

Yes
No

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4. Accounting System

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Accounting System

Which of the following best describes the applicant entity's accounting system? *

Manual

Does the applicant entity's accounting system have the capability to identify the receipt and expenditure of award funds separately for each Federal award? *

No

Does the applicant entity's accounting system have the capability to record expenditures for each Federal award by the budget cost categories shown in the approved budget? *

Yes

Does the applicant entity's accounting system have the capability to record cost sharing ("match") separately for each Federal award, and maintain documentation to support recorded match or cost share? *

No

Does the applicant entity's accounting system have the capability to accurately track employee actual time spent performing work for each federal award, and to accurately allocate charges for employee salaries and wages for each federal award, and maintain records to support the actual time spent and specific allocation of charges associated with each applicant employee? *

No

Does the applicant entity's accounting system include budgetary controls to preclude the applicant entity from incurring obligations or costs that exceed the amount of funds available under a federal award (the total amount of the award, as well as the amount available in each budget cost category)? *

Yes

Is applicant entity familiar with the "cost principles" that apply to recent and future federal awards, including the general and specific principles set out in 2 C.F.R. Part 200? *

Yes

Select...

Select...
Manual
Automated
Combination of manual and automated

Select...

Select...
Yes
No
Not Sure

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5. Property Standards and Procurement Standards

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Property Standards and Procurement Standards

Does the applicant entity's property management system(s) maintain the following information on property purchased with federal award fund (1) a description of the property; (2) an identification number; (3) the source of funding for the property, including the award number; (4) who holds title; (5) acquisition date; (6) acquisition cost; (7) federal share of the acquisition cost; (8) location and condition of the property; (9) ultimate disposition information?*

Select...

Does the applicant entity maintain written policies and procedures for procurement transactions that ... (1) are designed to avoid unnecessary or duplicative purchases; (2) provide for analysis of lease versus purchase alternatives; (3) set out a process for soliciting goods and services; and (4) include standards of conduct that address conflicts of interest?*

Select...

Are the applicant entity's procurement policies and procedures designed to ensure that procurements are conducted in a manner that provides full and open competition to the extent practicable, and to avoid practices that restrict competition?*

Select...

Do the applicant entity's procurement policies and procedures require documentation of the history of a procurement, including the rationale for the method procurement, selection of contract type, selection or rejection of contractors, and basis for the contract price?*

Select...

Does the applicant entity have written policies and procedures designed to prevent the applicant entity from entering into a procurement contract under a federal award with any entity/individual that is suspended/debarred from such contracts, including provisions for checking the "Excluded Parties List" system (www.sam.gov) for suspended/debarred sub-grantees and contractors, prior to award?*

Select...

Select...
Select...
Yes
No
Not Sure

6. Travel Policy

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Travel Policy

Does the applicant entity maintain a standard travel policy?*

Select...

Does the applicant entity adhere to the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR)?*

Select...

Select...

Select...

Yes
No

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7. Subrecipient Management and Monitoring

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Subrecipient Management and Monitoring

Does the applicant entity have written policies, procedures, and/or guidance designed to ensure that any subawards made by the applicant entity under a federal award -- (1) clearly document applicable federal requirements, (2) are appropriately monitored by the applicant, and (3) comply with the requirements in 2 CFR Part 200 (see 2 CFR 200.331)?*

Select...

Is the applicant entity aware of the differences between subawards under federal awards and procurement contracts under federal awards, including the different roles and responsibilities associated with each?*

Select...

Does the applicant entity have written policies and procedures designed to prevent the applicant entity from making a subaward under a federal award to any entity or individual is suspended or debarred from such subawards?*

Select...

Select...
Select...
Yes
No
Not Sure
N/A - Applicant does not make subawards under any OJP awards

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Designation as High Risk by Other Federal Agencies

is the applicant entity designated "high risk" by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOU?*

Select...

Select...

Yes

No

Not Sure

If yes to “high risk” designation, then:

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Designation as High Risk by Other Federal Agencies

Is the applicant entity designated "high risk" by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ?*

Yes No

Name(s) of the federal awarding agency:*

Date(s) the agency notified the applicant entity of the "high risk" designation:*

Name:*

Phone:*

Email:*

Reason for "high risk" status as set out by the federal agency:*

9. Certification on Behalf of the Applicant Entity

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- ✓ 8. Designative Agencies

Certification on Behalf of the Applicant Entity

This certification must be made by the chief executive, executive director, chief financial officer, designated authorized representative ("AOR"), or other official with the requisite knowledge and authority.

On behalf of the applicant entity, I certify to the U.S. Department of Justice that the information provided above is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have the requisite authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant entity.

Name: *

Date: *

Title: *

Phone: *

The Name and Title fields should reflect the person who provided the data to complete this form electronically.

Select...
Select...
Executive Director
Chief Financial Officer
Chairman
Other

The Bureau of Justice Assistance Grants Programs Checklist

Instructions:

1. Complete the following information below: Applicant Name, Point of Contact Name, POC signature, Date Submitted, Application/Grant Number, and Grant Program.
2. Complete the Grants Programs Checklist, starting on page 2.
3. Return this document in electronic format with your application.

Applicant Name: San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department - Scientific Investigations Division

Point of Contact Name: Julio Galvez

POC signature:

Date Submitted:

Application/Grant Number: O-BJA-2025-172472

Grant Program: BJA FY 25 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program - Formula

TCG Technical Recommendation:

BJA Approval:

Bureau of Justice Assistance Grants Program Checklist

Resource	Concern	Yes or No	Comments
Air Quality	Does the project comply with state air quality standards for all criteria pollutants?	Yes	
	Is the project located in an area designated by the EPA as in attainment for the seven criteria pollutants?	No	Project will not contribute further to existing air quality non-attainment issues in LA-SB Cos (W. Mojave)
	Would the action produce minimal emissions (100 tons per year or less for each of the seven criteria pollutants and/or does not exceed 10% of an area's total emissions)?	Yes	
	Would potential exposure to chemical emissions in a laboratory be controlled through the use of a biological hood?	Yes	
	Would the project only produce emissions that do not impede the area's conformity with the State Implementation Plan under the Clean Air Act?	Yes	
Significance Criteria			
<i>An impact would be considered significant if pollutant emissions result in exposure of people, wildlife, or vegetation to ambient air that does not meet the standards established under the Clean Air Act, or interfere with state ambient air quality standards.</i>			
Resource Geology, Topography, Soils (includes Farmland Protection)	Concern	Yes or No	Comments
	Would there be compliance with local soil erosion mitigation measures in construction and renovation projects?	Yes	
	Would the project avoid erosion and deposition, compacting soils in fragile environments, or altering the character of soils over a large area?	Yes	
	Would the project comply with the Farmland Protection Policy Act?	Yes	
Significance Criteria			
<i>An action would cause a significant impact if soil erosion produced gullying, damage to vegetation, or a sustained increase in sedimentation in streams. This includes a substantial loss of soil, and/or a substantial decrease in soil stability and permeability. Also, significant impacts can occur when soils are substantially disrupted, displaced, compacted or covered over. An action would also constitute a significant impact if the action caused ground fracturing, folding, subsidence, or instability. Impacts associated with soil contamination would be significant if the affected area was no longer able to support its current function or vegetative cover.</i>			

Resource	Concern	Yes or No	Comments
Water Resources (Water Quality, Surface Water, Wetlands, Floodplains, Coastal Barrier Resources, Wild and Scenic Rivers)	Would project activities avoid contamination, sedimentation, or otherwise significantly affecting the water quality or hydrology of a nearby surface water body?	Yes	No Construction
	Would changes to surface water quality or hydrology be confined to the immediate project area?	Yes	No Construction
	Does the project ensure that local and state regulations concerning stormwater runoff are followed?	Yes	No Construction
	During construction activities, would all state, local, and tribal regulations concerning erosion controls, runoff abatement, and vegetation removal be followed?	Yes	No Construction
	During construction activities, would proper hazardous spill procedures be in place to minimize impacts of spills on water quality?	Yes	No Construction
	Would the project avoid affecting a designated Wild and Scenic River in any manner?	Yes	No Construction
	Would the project avoid affecting any portion of a 100-year or 500-year floodplain or jurisdictional wetland?	Yes	No Construction
	Significance Criteria		
<i>Impacts on water resources would be considered significant if effluent or pollutant emissions result in exposure of people, wildlife, or vegetation to surface or ground waters that do not meet the standards established under the Clean Water Act, or interfere with state water quality standards.</i>			
<i>An action would cause a significant impact on wetlands and floodplains if the soil structure, hydrology or the vegetation of more than 1/4 acre (1/10 ha) of a wetland would be altered, or a floodplain area is altered enough to present a reasonable flood danger to the area, causes the degradation or loss of habitat for populations indigenous to the floodplain area, or prohibits farming activities.</i>			
Resource	Concern	Yes or No	Comments
Natural Environment (Wildlife, Wildlife Habitat, and Vegetation)	Would the project avoid causing more than a short-term change in the composition, structure, or density of vegetation?	Yes	No Construction
	Would the project avoid causing more than temporary disturbance or relocation of wildlife?	Yes	No Construction
	Would the project avoid impacting current or future wildlife or vegetation biodiversity or species composition?	Yes	No Construction

	Would the project insure that the potential for the establishment of non-native plant species within disturbed areas created by this project would be minimal?	Yes	No Construction
	Would project construction occur in an area other than a unique or sensitive plant community?	Yes	No Construction
	Would the project avoid extirpating any plants or animals from the project area?	Yes	No Construction
Significance Criteria			
<i>An action would cause a significant impact if any changes to native vegetation extend beyond a small area and affect the viability of a plant species population or vegetation community. Full recovery would not occur in a reasonable time, considering the size of the project and the affected resource's natural state.</i>			
<i>An action would cause a significant impact if any changes affect a large portion of a wildlife population and the viability of that population. Full recovery would not occur in a reasonable time, considering the size of the project and the affected species' natural state.</i>			
<i>An action would cause a significant impact if the degradation or loss of habitat is sufficient to cause native wildlife populations to leave or avoid the area.</i>			
Resource	Concern	Yes or No	Comments
Endangered Species	Would the project avoid impacts on T&E species or critical habitat?	Yes	
	Is the project area free of any Federal or state listed T&E species or critical habitat, as determined by consultation with FWS or NMFS?	Yes	
	Would the project avoid impacting any areas in or adjacent to habitat for rare, threatened, or endangered species?	Yes	
	If the project is expected to adversely affect a listed species, would mitigation measures be employed that would successfully avoid such effects?	Yes	
Significance Criteria			
<i>Any effect to a federally listed species or its critical habitat would be so small that it would not be of any measurable or perceptible consequence to the protected individual or its population. This effect would equate to a "no effect" or "not likely to adversely affect" determination in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service terms. Anything else would be considered significant.</i>			

Resource	Concern	Yes or No	Comments
Historic Preservation	Is the project site free of any historic structures, archeological concerns, or other cultural resource issues, as determined by consultation with the SHPO?	Yes	
	Would the project avoid affecting any NRHP listed properties, or properties that are eligible for listing?	Yes	
	Would the project occur within an existing facility that is not considered historic, as determined by consultation with the SHPO?	Yes	
	If project activities are determined to impact cultural resources as defined by Section 106, would mitigation steps as outlined in Section 106 be followed?	Yes	
	Would renovation projects exclude historic buildings?	Yes	
Significance Criteria			
<i>An impact would be significant if an effect occurs that may diminish the integrity of, cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of, or directly or indirectly destroy a cultural resource. This effect would equate to an "adverse effect" determination for purposes of Section 106.</i>			
Resource	Concern	Yes or No	Comments
Land Use	Would the project comply with local zoning and development ordinances (apply for rezoning if needed)?	Yes	
	Would the project comply with local comprehensive and development plans?	Yes	
	Would the project obtain necessary building and occupancy permits from local authorities?	Yes	
Significance Criteria			
<i>An impact would be significant if a proposed action conflicts with any Federal, regional, State, or local land use plans. If land use patterns are changed in the immediate project area due to a proposed action, the impact would also be considered significant.</i>			
Resource	Concern	Yes or No	Comments
Human Population (Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice)	Would the project avoid appreciably changing the total population or demographics of the population, housing demand or employment levels, or property values?	Yes	
	Would the project avoid increasing human infrastructure requirements (i.e., new workers need housing and consume additional community resources such as water, electricity, roadways, open space, etc.)?	Yes	

	Would the project avoid displacing existing residents or workers from their homes and communities?	Yes	
	Would the action avoid areas that have a high proportion of minority residents or residents living below the poverty level?	Yes	
	If it does occur in such an area, would the grantee ensure that low-income households are not adversely impacted by the project?	Yes	
	Would environmentally unsafe, unpleasant, or noxious conditions for nearby populations, including release of contaminants into air or water, increased levels of traffic or noise occur only during the period of construction?	Yes	

Significance Criteria

A change of more than 2 percent of the previously projected level of local employment, population, or gross domestic product would be considered a significant impact on socioeconomics. Also, if school populations decrease by more than 2 percent, revenues decrease by more than 2 percent, and if vacancy rate increases by more than 2 percent, that would constitute a significant impact.

A significant impact on environmental justice would occur if a disproportionate amount of minority and/or low-income populations were adversely affected by the project.

Resource	Concern	Yes or No	Comments
Noise	Would project activities avoid noise impacts to sensitive receptors?	Yes	
	If noise levels during construction projects exceed existing background sounds temporarily, would the project insure that they do not exceed applicable noise standards?	Yes	
	Would operation of a newly constructed facility avoid producing noise levels that would disturb people or displace wildlife?	Yes	

Significance Criteria

Sounds levels of 65 dBA are considered annoying to most individuals, while constant or repeated exposure to sounds of 90 dBA or higher can lead to significant impacts. Noise levels are significant if they exceed ambient noise level standards determined by the federal, state, and/or local governments. An impact would be considered significant if there is sustained exposure of sensitive receptors to a DNL of greater than 65 dBA.

Resource	Concern	Yes or No	Comments
Energy	Would the demand on the region's energy supply be negligible (for projects occurring within existing facilities that may require additional energy)?	Yes	
	Would the project comply with regulations for electricity and gas provisions?	Yes	
	Would the project avoid the wasteful, inefficient and unnecessary consumption of energy?	Yes	
Significance Criteria			
<i>Significant impacts to energy would occur if a proposed project were to create a substantial increase in the level of demand for energy supplies and/or use energy in a wasteful, inefficient, excessive or unnecessary manner.</i>			
Resource Solid Waste Management	Concern	Yes or No	Comments
	Would any solid (or liquid) waste that is created by the project, including hazardous waste and construction debris, be disposed of properly?	Yes	
	Would laboratories maintain safe and adequate storage and disposal procedures for hazardous waste and chemicals?	Yes	
Significance Criteria			
<i>An action would cause a significant impact if it would increase the generation of solid or hazardous waste beyond the capacity to safely handle and dispose of that waste.</i>			
Resource Transportation	Concern	Yes or No	Comments
	Would the project avoid generating new traffic over the long-term?	Yes	
	Would the project avoid creating an additional need for parking?	Yes	
	Would the project avoid short- or long-term decreases in the level of service of a roadway?	Yes	
	Would the project ensure unrestrained movement of emergency vehicles?	Yes	
	Would the project avoid conflicts with planned transportation projects or adopted public transportation policies?	Yes	

	Would the project avoid causing noticeable deterioration of local roadway surfaces?	Yes
Significance Criteria		
<i>A significant impact to transportation would be a traffic increase which is predicted to upset the normal flow of traffic, create the need for major road repair as a result of the action, or generate traffic levels requiring the expansion of existing roadways or facilities.</i>		
Resource	Concern	Yes or No
State Environmental Policy Act	Would the project occur in states other than Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, or Wisconsin? If so, the project would not require compliance with a state environmental policy act.	No
Intergovernmental Review and Other Federal Agency Reaction to the Project	Would grantees partnering with other federal agencies, or whose project may affect another federal agency consult and coordinate with that entity and conduct intergovernmental review as necessary?	Yes
Cumulative Impacts	Would cumulative impacts be less than significant for all resources affected by the project?	Yes
	Project will comply with all California environmental laws.	