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MEDICAL EXAMINER FUNDING BRIEFING

CFSO has long advocated for Medical Examiner accreditation funding. We also support resources for education and training for forensic medical practitioners. There is a critical need for Medical Examiner capacity building funding. We applaud the efforts of NIJ to address this critical need. We hope this briefing memo raises the level of awareness among our membership to some funding opportunities that are customized to help Medical Examiners. The due dates are approaching quickly!

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program – Formula and Competitive

Applications Due: March 10, 2017

<https://www.nij.gov/topics/forensics/lab-operations/capacity/nfsia/Pages/welcome.aspx>

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'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.
3. To train, assist, and employ forensic laboratory personnel and **medicolegal death investigators**, as needed to eliminate such a backlog.
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.

Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System Program

Applications Due: March 20, 2017

<https://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2017-11566.pdf>

Eligible applicants for Purpose Area 1, Forensic Pathology Fellowships, are limited to entities with programs that should meet or exceed the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or its international equivalent's requirements.

Eligible applicants for Purpose Area 2, Medical Examiner-Coroner Office Accreditation, are limited to domestic medical examiner and coroner offices actively seeking accreditation through an independent accrediting organization, such as the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) and the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (IACME), or other appropriate accrediting bodies.

NIJ expects to award up to \$4 million under the FY 2017 Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System Program to institutions that administer an accredited forensic pathology fellowship program, and to state and local ME/C offices actively seeking accreditation. NIJ expects to make up to ten (10) one-year forensic pathology fellowship awards of \$100,000 each under Purpose Area 1 of this solicitation. Funds may be used toward a salary/stipend for the fellow and related costs that may include fringe benefits (if applicable), at the applicant institution's discretion. Up to \$25,000, of the \$100,000, may be used for other related direct or indirect costs. Related costs may include any combination of the fellow's fees, project costs, professional society membership fees, or conference travel, among other allowable expenses incurred during the award period of performance. Under Purpose Area 2, NIJ expects to make awards to support ME/C office accreditation with an estimated total amount awarded up to \$3,000,000. NIJ expects to make awards for a 24-month period of performance, to begin on January 1, 2018.