

GRANT	PURPOSE	SHORTFALL	STATUS	DELAY IMPACTS
Coverdell (BJA) --Competitive --Formulary	General forensic-non-DNA. Capacity building and backlog reduction. Entry of non-DNA work into federal databases.	-Funding level too low (\$35m/year for 485 labs and 2,040 medical examiners/coroner offices. -Funding does not surge if needed-(e.g. novel synthetic drugs) -Funding does not adjust to growth in crime rate or population or case submissions. -Application on formulary is too complex and cumbersome. -Data collected from audits is not being utilized by DOJ.	FY26 funding still not released to applicants. Told letters are written but not approved.	Grant funded employees being terminated. Backlogs and turnaround times increasing. Law enforcement investigations and courts slowed. Scientist training negatively impacted.
Debbie Smith (BJA) (Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction in DNA (CEBR)) --Competitive --Formulary (BJA)	DNA specifically for capacity building and backlog reduction. Major focus is entry of DNA evidence and lawfully owned DNA samples from offenders into CODIS.	-Application for formulary is too complex and cumbersome. -Grant does not adjust for growth in crime rate, population or case submission. -New DNA technologies that are not entered into CODIS cannot be acquired with this funding, such as FIGG.	FY26 funding is still not released to applicants. Told letters are written but not approved.	Grant funded employees being terminated. Backlogs and turnaround times increasing. Law enforcement investigations and courts slowed. Scientist training negatively impacted. Training has been canceled due to delays

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Strengthening the Medical Examiner and Coroner System (BJA)	Supports fellowships at Medical Examiner and Coroner Offices in forensic pathology to address significant workforce issues.	-Not enough funding to support all the needs for fellowships. -Timelines/delays in grant cause difficulty securing matches from medical schools.	FY26 funding is still not released to applicants. Told letters are written but not approved. Significant delay. Funding is needed by April 1 st . Community is being told this grant will go away due to insufficient funding from federal government.	MEC offices will not be able to “match” with fellow candidates if the funding is awarded after April 1 st . This will result in these programs not being able to train new fellows until 2028.
SAKI and SAKI TTA (BJA)	Sexual Assault backlog elimination, cold case resources, inventory of sexual assault kits, collection of lawfully owed DNA from offenders for CODIS	-Forensic science labs are not allowed to apply directly for this grant, they must apply through law enforcement despite there being no legislative authorization setting conditions for this grant. -Numerous restrictions on use of funding.	Grants solicited and closed. Applicants had to submit the 1373 compliance certification (immigration compliance). Grant awards are held up above BJA while 1373 process is being determined. SAKI TTA is “running out of funds” and layoffs will begin to occur. Grant adjustments will not be possible for grantees so funding will not be spent and objectives not done.	Grant funded employees being terminated and years of experience on teams will be lost. Rape kit work will stop. Lawfully owed DNA will not be collected, leading to serial offenders.
R&D (NIJ)	R&D for technology transfer into labs	Not enough funding for all the research needed in forensics in various disciplines.	No FY25 solicitations have been released. Research programs are moving away from this type of research and technology R&D companies are stopping work on forensic projects.	Research programs are moving away from this type of research and technology R&D companies are

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NamUs	Genetic genealogy, DNA, anthropology, other forensic testing for missing persons and unidentified remains	Not enough funding for workload submitted to NamUs	Contract for grant is due to expire at end of March. Community told funding is short.	NamUs contractors will be lost, and backlog will grow for this work to be performed.
Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains (BJA)	Unidentified human remains cases to solve missing persons with specific emphasis on the border and other states with immigration issues.	Shortfalls in funding lead to fewer grants awarded and many more applicants than funding.	Grants solicited and closed. Applicants had to submit the 1373 compliance certification (immigration compliance). Grant awards are held up above BJA while 1373 process is being determined.	Missing persons cases and unidentified remains cases are not being resolved.
Project Safe Neighborhood (BJA)	Assists in violence related to guns, drugs, and human trafficking (emphasis on entering data into NIBN)	Shortfall in funding leads to many top priority projects not being funded.		Gun crime, gang crime, and other needs not being addressed and existing projects not able to be extended.
Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA (BJA)	DNA cold case work to assist in forensic analysis to support prosecution and the actual prosecution of the case	Specifically requires that a suspect's DNA profile has already been developed. It cannot be used for initial investigations where no suspect DNA profile exists.	No FY25 solicitations have been released.	Critical cases will not be investigated and prosecuted in a timely manner.

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Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence (BJA)	DNA for postconviction relief cases to prove actual innocence.		No FY25 solicitations have been released.	Wrongfully convicted individuals will not have cases worked and continue wrongful incarceration.
Byrne JAG (BJA)	Supports law enforcement, prosecution/court programs, corrections, prevention/education, drug treatment, technology improvements, crime victim initiatives, and mental health programs.	Forensic labs have a very difficult time being prioritized by state administrators for these grants due to insufficient funds for states.	No FY25 solicitations have been released.	Many law enforcement and forensic science purposes cannot be accomplished including purchase of new instrumentation.