

DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program Eligibility Certification

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS
BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FY 2025 DNA CEBR

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

(A) That the applicant entity:

- a. Is an existing crime laboratory or laboratory system within a state¹ or unit of local government that conducts forensic DNA and/or DNA database sample analysis OR is a state or unit of local government that will direct funds to an existing crime laboratory or laboratory system that conducts forensic DNA and/or DNA database sample analysis;
- b. Has a crime laboratory or laboratory system that:
 - i. Participates in external audits, not less than once every 2 years, that demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the Quality Assurance Standards established by the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
 - ii. Is accredited by a nonprofit professional organization actively involved in forensic science that is nationally recognized within the forensic science community;
 - iii. Participates in the National DNA Index System (NDIS) or has an agreement with an NDIS-participating laboratory to upload their data;
 - iv. Enters all eligible DNA profiles obtained with funding from this program into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) and, where applicable, uploads those profiles into the National DNA Index System (NDIS). No profiles generated with funding from this program may be entered into any nongovernmental DNA database without prior express written approval from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.
 - v. Ensures that all profiles uploaded to NDIS follow NDIS DNA Data Acceptance Standards. (See <https://www.fbi.gov/services/laboratory/biometric-analysis/codis/codis-and-ndis-fact-sheet> for more information.)
 - vi. Ensures that each DNA analysis conducted and resulting profile generated under this program is maintained pursuant to all applicable federal privacy requirements, including those described in 34 U.S.C. § 12592(b)(3);
 - vii. Prioritizes, to the extent practicable consistent with public safety considerations, DNA testing of samples from rape kits, samples from

¹ For purposes of this notice of funding opportunity, the term “state” means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virginia Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

other sexual assault evidence, and samples taken in cases without an identified suspect.

- (B) That the state or unit of local government has determined, by statute, rule, or regulation, those offenses under state law that shall be treated for purposes of this program as qualifying state offenses;
- (C) That the state or unit of local government has implemented, or will implement not later than 120 days after the date of such application, a comprehensive plan for the expeditious DNA analysis of samples in accordance with the purposes of this program;
- (D) That the DNA section of the laboratory to be used to conduct DNA analyses has a written policy that prioritizes the analysis of, to the extent practicable consistent with public safety considerations, samples from homicides and sexual assaults.

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

Barry Burton

Printed Name of Certifying Official

County Administrator

Title of Certifying Official

Pinellas County dba Board of County Commissioners

Name of Applicant Agency (including name of state)

October 6, 2025

Date