

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

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

FY 2024 DNA CEBR

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) That the applicant entity
- a. Is a state¹ or unit of local government with an existing crime laboratory or laboratory systems that conduct forensic DNA and/or DNA database sample analysis;
 - b. 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 (FBI);
 - c. Is accredited by a nonprofit professional organization actively involved in forensic science that is nationally recognized within the forensic science community;
 - d. Participates in the National DNA Index System (NDIS), or has an agreement with an NDIS participating laboratory to upload their data;
 - e. Enters all eligible DNA profiles obtained with funding from this program into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) and, where applicable, those profiles are uploaded 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 BJA.
 - f. 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.)
 - g. 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);
 - h. Prioritizes, to the extent practicable consistent with public safety considerations, DNA testing of samples from rape kits, samples from 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;

¹ For purposes of this solicitation, 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.

- (C) Assures 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) Assures 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 Administration
Title of Certifying Official

Pinellas County (Florida) dba Board of County Commissioners
Name of Applicant Agency (including name of State)

May 7, 2024
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM
By: Cody J. Ward
Office of the County Attorney