

May 29, 2024

Renee Higgins
Chief Operating Officer
Ventura County - Medical Examiner's Office
3100 Foothill Road
Ventura, CA 93003-3099

Subject: **Grant Subaward Application Approval**
Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program
Grant Subaward #: CQ23 06 0560

Dear Renee Higgins:

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has approved your Grant Subaward application in the amount of \$50,655, subject to enactment of applicable State Budget Act. A copy of your approved Grant Subaward is enclosed for your records.

Cal OES will make every effort to process payment requests within 45 days of receipt of your Report of Expenditures & Request for Funds (Cal OES Form 2-201).

This Grant Subaward is subject to the Cal OES Subrecipient Handbook. You are encouraged to read and familiarize yourself with the Cal OES Subrecipient Handbook, which can be viewed on the Cal OES website at www.caloes.ca.gov.

Please contact your Program Specialist Emily Garcia, at emily.garcia@caloes.ca.gov with questions.

Sincerely,

Victim Services Grants Processing Unit

cc: Subrecipient's file
Program Specialist

Cal OES #	111-00000-24	FIPS #	111-00000	VS#		Subaward #	CQ23 06 0560
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CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT SUBAWARD FACE SHEET

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) hereby makes a Grant Subaward of funds to the following:

1. **Subrecipient:** County of Ventura **1a. UEI#:** HG2JKZYUUT3

2. **Implementing Agency:** Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office **2a. UEI#:** HG2JKZYUUT3

3. **Implementing Agency Address:** 3100 Foothill Road Ventura 93003-3099
(Street) (City) (Zip+4)

4. **Location of Project:** Ventura Ventura 93003-3099
(City) (County) (Zip+4)

5. **Disaster/Program Title:** CQ - Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program **6. Performance/**
Budget Period: 4/1/2024 to 06/30/2025
(Start Date) (End Date)

7. **Indirect Cost Rate:** N/A **Federally Approved ICR (if applicable):** %

Item Number	Grant Year	Fund Source	A. State	B. Federal	C. Total	D. Cash Match	E. In-Kind Match	F. Total Match	G. Total Cost
8.	2023	FSIA		\$50,655					\$50,655
9.	Select	Select							
10.	Select	Select							
11.	Select	Select							
12.	Select	Select							
Total	Project	Cost		\$50,655	\$50,655				\$50,655

13. Certification - This Grant Subaward consists of this title page, the application for the grant, which is attached and made a part hereof, and the Assurances/Certifications. I hereby certify I am vested with the authority to enter into this Grant Subaward, and have the approval of the City/County Financial Officer, City Manager, County Administrator, Governing Board Chair, or other Approving Body. The Subrecipient certifies that all funds received pursuant to this agreement will be spent exclusively on the purposes specified in the Grant Subaward. The Subrecipient accepts this Grant Subaward and agrees to administer the grant project in accordance with the Grant Subaward as well as all applicable state and federal laws, audit requirements, federal program guidelines, and Cal OES policy and program guidance. The Subrecipient further agrees that the allocation of funds may be contingent on the enactment of the State Budget.

14. CA Public Records Act - Grant applications are subject to the California Public Records Act, Government Code section 6250 et seq. Do not put any personally identifiable information or private information on this application. If you believe that any of the information you are putting on this application is exempt from the Public Records Act, please attach a statement that indicates what portions of the application and the basis for the exemption. Your statement that the information is not subject to the Public Records Act will not guarantee that the information will not be disclosed.

15. Official Authorized to Sign for Subrecipient:

Name: Chrisopher Young MD Title: Chief Medical Examiner

Payment Mailing Address: 3100 Foothill Road City: Ventura Zip Code+4: 93003-3099

Signature: [Signature] Date: 01/03/24

16. Federal Employer ID Number: 056000944

(FOR Cal OES USE ONLY)

I hereby certify upon my personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purposes of this expenditure stated above.

Declassified by: Mary Rucker 5/24/2024
(Cal OES Fiscal Officer) (Date)

Declassified by: Eric Swanson 5/24/2024
(Cal OES Director or Designee) (Date)

ENY: 2023-24 Chapter: 12 SL: 18623
Item: 0690-102-0890 Pgm: 0385
FAIN #: 15PBJA-23-GG-00938-COVE 10/01/23-09/30/25
Fund: Federal Trust AL#: 16.742
Program: Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program
Match Req.: None
Project ID: OES23FSIA000012
SC: 2023-18623 Amount: \$50,655

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Received by CalOES 01/09/2024

Grant Subaward Face Sheet Cal OES 2-101 (Revised 11/2023)

**CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT SUBAWARD INFORMATION**

1. Cal OES Contact Information Section:

Governor's Office of Emergency Services
Nancy Ward, Director
3650 Schriever Avenue
Mather, CA 95655
(916) 845-8506 (phone)

2. Federal Awarding Agency Section:

Fund Year	Federal Program Fund / AL#	Federal Awarding Agency	Total Federal Award Amount	Total Local Assistance Amount
2023	Forensic Sciences Improvement Act (FSIA) / 16.742	Office of Justice Program	\$2,504,308	\$2,253,877

3. Project Description Section:

- Project Acronym (Please choose from drop down):
Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program (CQ)
- Project Description:
The Program provides funding to acquire and maintain accreditation for crime labs, reduce backlogs, and improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner/coroner services.

4. Research & Development Section:

- Is this Subaward a Research & Development grant?
Yes ☐ No ☒



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Grant Subaward Contact Information

Grant Subaward #: CQ 23 06 0560

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Subrecipient: Ventura County ~~Medical Examiner's Office~~

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1. **Grant Subaward Director:**

Name: Renee Higgins Title: Chief Operating Officer
Telephone #: 805-641-4406 Email Address: renee.higgins@ventura.org
Address/City/ Zip Code (9-digit): 3100 Foothill Road, Ventura, CA 93003-3099

2. **Financial Officer:**

Name: Bryan Friedman Title: Executive Officer - Fiscal
Telephone #: 805-477-7203 Email Address: bryan.friedman@ventura.org
Address/City/ Zip Code (9-digit): 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1960

3. **Programmatic Point of Contact:**

Name: Renee Higgins Title: Chief Operating Officer
Telephone #: 805-641-4406 Email Address: renee.higgins@ventura.org
Address/City/ Zip Code (9-digit): 3100 Foothill Road, Ventura, CA 93003-3099

4. **Financial Point of Contact:**

Name: Cholnusorn Asawesna Title: Accountant
Telephone #: 805-654-3601 Email Address: cholnusorn.asawesna@ventura.org
Address/City/ Zip Code (9-digit): 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA 93003-1960

5. **Executive Director** of a Non-Governmental Organization or the **Chief Executive Officer** (i.e., chief of police, superintendent of schools) of the implementing agency:

Name: Christopher R. Young MD Title: Chief Medical Examiner
Telephone #: 805-641-4400 Email Address: christopher.young@ventura.org
Address/City/ Zip Code (9-digit): 3100 Foothill Road, Ventura, CA 93003-3099

6. **Official Designee**, as stated in Section 15 of the Grant Subaward Face Sheet:

Name: Christopher R. Young MD Title: Chief Medical Examiner
Telephone #: 805-641-4400 Email Address: christopher.young@ventura.org
Address/City/ Zip Code (9-digit): 3100 Foothill Road, Ventura, CA 93003-3099

7. **Chair** of the **Governing Body** of the Subrecipient:

Name: Matt LeVere Title: Chair - Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Telephone #: 805-654-2703 Email Address: matt.lavere@ventura.org
Address/City/ Zip Code (9-digit): 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA 93009-1960



Grant Subaward Signature Authorization

Grant Subaward #: CQ 23 06 0560

Subrecipient: County of Ventura

Implementing Agency: Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office

The **Grant Subaward Director** and **Financial Officer** are **REQUIRED** to sign this form.

Grant Subaward Director:

Printed Name: Renee Higgins

Signature: 

Date: 01/05/2024

Financial Officer:

Printed Name: Bryan Friedman

Signature: 

Date: 1/9/24

Digitally signed by Bryan Friedman
Date: 2024.01.09 08:21:18 -08'00'

The following persons are authorized to
sign for the **Grant Subaward Director**:

Signature: 

Printed Name: Christopher Young MD

The following persons are authorized to
sign for the **Financial Officer**:

Signature: 

Printed Name: Cholnusorn Asawesna

Digitally signed by Cholnusorn
Asawesna
Date: 2024.01.08 19:33:36
-08'00'

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Grant Subaward Certification of Assurance of Compliance

Subrecipient: County of Ventura (~~Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office~~)

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	Cal OES Program Name	Grant Subaward #:	Grant Subaward Performance Period
1	Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program	CQ 23 06 0560	04/01/2024-06/30/2025
2			06/30
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I, Christopher Young, MD (Official Designee; same person as Section 15 of the Grant Subaward Face Sheet) hereby certify that the above Subrecipient is responsible for reviewing the Subrecipient Handbook (SRH) and adhering to all of the Grant Subaward requirements as directed by Cal OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Proof of Authority – SRH 1.055

The Subrecipient certifies they have written authority by the governing board (e.g., County Board of Supervisors, City Council, or Governing Board) granting authority for the Subrecipient/Official Designee (see Section 3.030) to enter into a specific Grant Subaward (indicated by the Cal OES Program name and initial Grant Subaward performance period) and applicable Grant Subaward Amendments with Cal OES. The authorization includes naming of an Official Designee (e.g., Executive Director, District Attorney, Police Chief) for the agency/organization who is granted permission to sign Grant Subaward documents on behalf of the Subrecipient. Written proof of authority includes one of the following: signed Board Resolution or approved Board Meeting minutes.

II. Civil Rights Compliance – SRH Section 2.020

The Subrecipient acknowledges awareness of, and the responsibility to comply with all state and federal civil rights laws. The Subrecipient certifies it will not discriminate in the delivery of services or benefits based on any protected class and will comply with all requirements of this section of the SRH.

III. Equal Employment Opportunity – SRH Section 2.025

The Subrecipient certifies it will promote Equal Employment Opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of any status protected by state or federal law and will comply with all requirements of this section of the SRH.



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IV. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – SRH Section 2.030

The Subrecipient certifies it will comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 and all other requirements of this section of the SRH.

V. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – SRH Section 2.035

The Subrecipient certifies that, if the activities of the Grant Subaward meet the definition of a "project" pursuant to the CEQA, Section 20165, it will comply with all requirements of CEQA and this section of the SRH.

VI. Lobbying – SRH Sections 2.040 and 4.105

The Subrecipient certifies it will not use Grant Subaward funds, property, or funded positions for any lobbying activities and will comply with all requirements of this section of the SRH.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the Subrecipient and available for Cal OES upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the Grant Subaward(s), termination of the Grant Subaward(s), and/or ineligibility for future Grant Subawards if Cal OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Subrecipient has made false certification, or (2) the Subrecipient violated the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Subaward [Section 15 on Grant Subaward Face Sheet], and hereby affirm that I am duly authorized legally to bind the Subrecipient to the above-described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Official Designee's Signature: _____

Official Designee's Typed Name: Christopher Young, MD

Official Designee's Title: Chief Medical Examiner

Date Executed: 12/19/2022

AUTHORIZED BY:

I grant authority for the Subrecipient/Official Designee to enter into the specific Grant Subaward(s) (indicated by the Cal OES Program name and initial Grant Subaward performance period identified above) and applicable Grant Subaward Amendments with Cal OES.

☐ City Financial Officer

☐ County Financial Officer

☐ City Manager

☒ County Manager

☐ Governing Board Chair

Signature: _____

Typed Name: Sever Johnson

Title: County Executive Officer

Date Executed: 12/20/2022



Federal Fund Grant Subaward Assurances
Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (FSIA) Grant Program

Subrecipient: County of Ventura (~~Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office~~)

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	Cal OES Program Name	Grant Subaward #	Grant Subaward Performance Period
1.	Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program	CQ 23 060560	04/01/2024 03/31 /2025
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Subrecipients agree to adhere to the following and ensure these assurances are passed down to Second-Tier Subrecipients.

1. Required Audits and Financial Statements (SRH Section 14.005)

Subrecipients expending \$750,000 or more in federal funds annually must comply with the single audit requirement established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F and arrange for a single audit by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) firm annually. Audits conducted under this section will be performed using the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) for such audits.

☐ Subrecipient expends \$750,000 or more in federal funds annually.

☒ Subrecipient does not expend \$750,000 or more in federal funds annually.

2. Compliance with Restrictions on the Use of Federal Funds—Prohibited and Controlled Equipment under OJP awards

Consistent with Executive Order 14074, "Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices To Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety," OJP has prohibited the use of federal funds under this award for purchases or transfers of specified equipment by law enforcement agencies. In addition, OJP requires the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) to put in place specified controls prior to using federal funds under this award to acquire or transfer any property identified on the "controlled equipment" list. The details of the requirement are posted on the OJP web site at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/prohibited-and-controlled-equipment>. (Award condition: Compliance with restrictions on the

use of federal funds--prohibited and controlled equipment under OJP awards), and are incorporated by reference here.

3. Applicability of Part 200 Uniform Requirements

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by the DOJ in 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (together, the "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") apply to this Grant Subaward.

The Part 200 Uniform Requirements were first adopted by DOJ on December 26, 2014. If this FY 2023 Grant Subaward supplements funds previously awarded by OJP under the same Grant Subaward number (e.g., funds awarded during or before December 2014), the Part 200 Uniform Requirements apply with respect to all funds under that award number (regardless of the award date, and regardless of whether derived from the initial Grant Subaward or a supplemental Grant Subaward) that are obligated on or after the acceptance date of this FY 2023 award.

For more information and resources on the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as they relate to OJP awards and subawards ("subgrants"), see the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Part200UniformRequirements.htm>.

Record retention and access: Records pertinent to the Grant Subaward that the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must be retained for a period of seven years after the Subrecipient makes final payments and all other pending matters are closed, unless a different retention period applies. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must provide access to performance measurement information, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other pertinent records indicated at 2 C.F.R. 200.334.

In the event that an Grant Subaward-related question arises from documents or other materials prepared or distributed by OJP that may appear to conflict with, or differ in some way from, the provisions of the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, the Subrecipient is to contact Cal OES promptly for clarification.

4. Requirement to Report Actual or Imminent Breach of Personally Identifiable Information

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must have written procedures in place to respond in the event of an actual or imminent "breach" (OMB M-17-12) if they:

- Create, collect, use, process, store, maintain, disseminate, disclose, or dispose of "Personally Identifiable Information (PII)" (2 C.F.R. 200.1) within the scope of an OJP grant-funded program or activity, or
- Use or operate a "Federal information system" (OMB Circular A-130).

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must have breach procedures that must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to Cal OES no later than 18 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

5. Compliance with DOJ Regulations Pertaining to Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 38

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38 (as may be applicable from time to time), specifically including any applicable requirements regarding written notice to program beneficiaries and prospective program beneficiaries.

Among other things, 28 C.F.R. Part 38 includes rules that prohibit specific forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Part 38, currently, also sets out rules and requirements that pertain to Subrecipient organizations (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient organizations) that engage in or conduct explicitly religious activities, as well as rules and requirements that pertain to Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) that are faith-based or religious organizations.

The text of 28 C.F.R. Part 38 is available via the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (currently accessible at <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse>), by browsing to Title 28-Judicial Administration, Chapter 1, Part 38, under e-CFR "current" data.

6. Compliance with DOJ Regulations Pertaining to Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 42

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 42, specifically including any applicable requirements in Subpart E of 28 C.F.R. Part 42 that relate to an equal employment opportunity program.

7. Compliance with DOJ Regulations Pertaining to Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 54

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, that relate to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain "educational programs."

8. Compliance with 41 U.S.C. 4712 (including prohibitions on reprisal; notice to employees)

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with, and are subject to, all applicable provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712, including all applicable

provisions that prohibit, under specified circumstances, discrimination against an employee as reprisal for the employee's disclosure of information related to gross mismanagement of a federal grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal grant.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) also must inform their employees, in writing (and in the predominant native language of the workforce), of employee rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

Should a question arise as to the applicability of the provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712 to this Grant Subaward, the Subrecipient is to contact the Cal OES for guidance.

9. Compliance with Applicable Rules Regarding Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conferences, Meetings, Trainings, and Other Events

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and official DOJ guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences (as that term is defined by DOJ), including the provision of food and/or beverages at such conferences, and costs of attendance at such conferences.

Information on the pertinent DOJ definition of conferences and the rules applicable to this Grant Subaward appears in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (currently, as section 3.10 of "Postaward Requirements" in the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide").

10. Grant Monitoring Guidelines, Protocols, and Procedures

The Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agrees to comply with OJP grant monitoring guidelines, protocols, and procedures, and to cooperate with BJA and OCFO on all grant monitoring requests, including requests related to desk reviews, enhanced programmatic desk reviews, and/or site visits. The Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agrees to provide to Cal OES all documentation necessary to complete monitoring tasks, including documentation related to any Grant Subawards made under this award. Further, the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agrees to abide by reasonable deadlines set by Cal OES for providing the requested documents. Failure to cooperate with Cal OES grant monitoring activities may result in sanctions affecting the recipient's DOJ awards, including, but not limited to: withholdings and/or other restrictions on the recipient's access to grant funds; referral to the Office of the Inspector General for audit review; designation of the recipient as a DOJ High Risk grantee; or termination of an award(s).

11. Requirement for Data on Performance and Effectiveness under the Grant Subaward

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must collect and maintain data that measure the performance and effectiveness of work under this Grant Subaward. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must provide data (within the required timeframes) specified by OJP, Cal OES, and other applicable written guidance. Data collection supports compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010, and other applicable laws.

12. Determination of Suitability to Interact with Participating Minors

This condition applies to the Grant Subaward (if it is indicated) when some or all of the activities to be carried out under the Grant Subaward (whether by Subrecipients, or Second-Tier Subrecipients) is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status.

The details of this requirement are posted on the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm>. (Award condition: Determination of suitability required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors) and are incorporated by reference here.

13. Compliance with DOJ Grants Financial Guide

Subrecipients (and any Second Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable sections of the DOJ Financial Guide. References to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide are to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide as posted on the OJP website (currently, the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide" available at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm> including any updated version that may be posted during the period of performance. Subrecipients agree to comply with the DOJ Grants Financial Guide.

14. Encouragement of Policies to Ban Text Messaging while Driving

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), the DOJ encourages Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this Grant Subaward, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

15. Compliance with General Appropriations-law Restrictions on the use of Federal Funds

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of federal funds set out in federal appropriations statutes. Pertinent restrictions, including from various "general provisions" in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, are set out at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/FY22AppropriationsRestrictions.htm>.

Should a question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) would or might fall within the scope of an appropriations or law restriction, Subrecipients are to contact Cal OES for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of Cal OES.

16. Potential Imposition of Additional Requirements

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) during the period of performance for this Grant Subaward, if Subrecipients are designated as "high-risk" for purposes of the DOJ high-risk grantee list.

17. Employment Eligibility Verification for Hiring under the Grant Subaward

a. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must:

- 1) Ensure that, as part of the hiring process for any position within the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with Grant Subaward funds, Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) properly verify the employment eligibility of the individual who is being hired, consistent with the provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).
- 2) Notify all persons associated with Subrecipients (or any Second-Tier Subrecipients) who are or will be involved in activities under this Grant Subaward of both:
 - a) This Grant Subaward requirement for verification of employment eligibility, and
 - b) The associated provisions in 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) that, generally speaking, make it unlawful, in the United States, to hire (or recruit for employment) certain aliens.

- 3) Provide training (to the extent necessary) to those persons required by this condition to be notified of the Grant Subaward requirement for employment eligibility verification and of the associated provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).
- 4) As part of the recordkeeping for the Grant Subaward (including pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements), maintain records of all employment eligibility verifications pertinent to compliance with this Grant Subaward condition in accordance with Form I-9 record retention requirements, as well as records of all pertinent notifications and trainings.

b. Monitoring

Subrecipients' monitoring responsibilities include monitoring Second-Tier Subrecipients' compliance with this condition.

c. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, Grant Subaward funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

d. Rules of construction

1) Staff involved in the hiring process

For purposes of this condition, persons "who are or will be involved in activities under this Grant Subaward" specifically includes (without limitation) any and all Subrecipient officials or other staff who are or will be involved in the hiring process with respect to a position that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with Grant Subaward funds.

2) Employment eligibility confirmation with E-Verify

For purposes of satisfying the requirement of this condition regarding verification of employment eligibility, Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) may choose to participate in, and use, E-Verify (www.e-verify.gov), provided an appropriate person authorized to act on behalf of the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) uses E-Verify (and follows the proper E-Verify procedures, including in the event of a "Tentative Nonconfirmation" or a "Final Nonconfirmation") to confirm employment eligibility for each hiring for a position in the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with Grant Subaward funds.

- 3) "United States" specifically includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- 4) Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), or any person or other entity, to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.
- 5) Nothing in this condition, including in paragraph 4.B., shall be understood to relieve Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) or any person or other entity, of any obligation otherwise imposed by law, including 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).

Questions about E-Verify should be directed to DHS. For more information about E-Verify visit the E-Verify website (<https://www.e-verify.gov/>).

18. Restrictions and Certifications Regarding Non-disclosure Agreements and Related Matters

No Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) under this Grant Subaward, or entity that receives a procurement contract or subcontract with any funds under this Grant Subaward, may require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The foregoing is not intended, and shall not be understood by the agency making this Grant Subaward, to contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (which relates to classified information), Form 4414 (which relates to sensitive compartmented information), or any other form issued by a federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

a. In accepting this Grant Subaward, Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients):

- 1) Represent that they neither require, nor have required, internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and
- 2) Certify that, if they learn, or are notified, that they have, or have been, requiring their employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of

waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, they will immediately stop any further obligations of Grant Subaward funds, will provide prompt written notification to Cal OES, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by Cal OES.

b. If Subrecipients are authorized under this award to make Second-Tier Subawards, procurement contracts, or both:

1) Subrecipients represent that:

a) No other entity (whether through a Second-Tier Subaward ("subgrant"), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) that they pass funds to either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and

b) Appropriate inquiry has been made, or otherwise Subrecipients have an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and

2) If learned or notified that any Second-Tier Subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this Grant Subaward is, or has been, requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, they will immediately stop any further obligations of Grant Subaward funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to Cal OES, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by Cal OES.

19. Reclassification of Various Statutory Provisions to a New Title 34 of the United States Code

On September 1, 2017, various statutory provisions previously codified elsewhere in the U.S. Code were editorially reclassified (that is, moved and renumbered) to a new Title 34, entitled "Crime Control and Law Enforcement." The reclassification encompassed a number of statutory provisions pertinent to OJP awards (that is, OJP grants and cooperative agreements), including many provisions previously codified in Title 42 of the U.S. Code.

Effective as of September 1, 2017, any reference in this award document to a statutory provision that has been reclassified to the new Title 34 of the U.S. Code is to be read as a reference to that statutory provision as reclassified to Title 34. This rule of construction specifically includes references set out in award conditions, references

set out in material incorporated by reference through award conditions, and references set out in other award requirements.

20. OJP Training Guiding Principles

Any training or training materials that the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) – develops or delivers with OJP award funds must adhere to the OJP Training Guiding Principle for Grantee and Subgrantees available at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Implement/TrainingPrinciplesForGrantees-Subgrantees.htm>.

21. All Grant Subawards must have Specific Federal Authorization

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements for authorization of any Grant Subaward. This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a "Grant Subaward" (and therefore does not consider a procurement "contract").

The details of the requirement for authorization of any Grant Subaward are posted on the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SubawardAuthorization.htm>.

22. Requirements Related to System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with applicable requirements regarding the System for Award Management (SAM), currently accessible at <https://www.sam.gov/>. This includes applicable requirements regarding registration with SAM, as well as maintaining the currency of information in SAM.

Subrecipients also must comply with applicable restrictions for Second-Tier Subawards, including restrictions on Grant Subawards to entities that do not acquire and provide (to Subrecipients) the unique entity identifier required for SAM registration.

The details of the Subrecipients' obligations related to SAM and to unique entity identifiers are posted on the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SAM.htm>. (Award condition: System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here.

This condition does not apply to a Grant Subaward to an individual who received the Grant Subaward as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

23. Restrictions on "Lobbying"

In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds awarded by OJP may not be used by Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), either directly or indirectly, to support or oppose the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government. See 18 U.S.C. 1913. (There may be exceptions if an applicable federal statute specifically authorizes certain activities that otherwise would be barred by law.)

Another federal law generally prohibits federal funds awarded by OJP from being used by Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), to pay any person to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal agency, a Member of Congress, or Congress (or an official or employee of any of them) with respect to the awarding of a federal grant or cooperative agreement, subgrant, contract, subcontract, or loan, or with respect to actions such as renewing, extending, or modifying any such award. See 31 U.S.C. 1352. Certain exceptions to this law apply, including an exception that applies to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Should any question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a Subrecipient (or any Second-Tier Subrecipient) would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the Subrecipient is to contact Cal OES for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of Cal OES.

24. Specific Post-award Approval Required to Use a Noncompetitive Approach in any Procurement Contract that would Exceed \$250,000

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements to obtain specific advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in any procurement contract that would exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently, \$250,000). This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a procurement "contract" (and therefore does not consider a subaward).

The details of the requirement for advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in a procurement contract under an OJP award are posted on the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/NoncompetitiveProcurement.htm>.

25. Requirements Pertaining to Prohibited Conduct Related to Trafficking in Persons (including reporting requirements and OJP Authority to Terminate Grant Subaward)

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements (including requirements to report allegations) pertaining to prohibited conduct related to the trafficking of persons, whether on the part of Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients).

The details of the Subrecipients' obligations related to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons are posted on the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/ProhibitedConduct-Trafficking.htm>. (Award condition: Prohibited conduct by recipients and subrecipients related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OJP authority to terminate award)), and are incorporated by reference here.

26. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must promptly refer to Cal OES any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, Subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this Grant Subaward-- (1) submitted a claim that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct.

Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct involving or relating to funds under this Grant Subaward must also be reported to Cal OES. Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline>.

27. Limit on Use of Grant Funds for Grantees' Employees' Salaries

With respect to this Grant Subaward, federal funds may not be used to pay cash compensation (salary plus bonuses) to any employee of the Grant Subaward recipient at a rate that exceeds 110% of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. (A Grant Subaward recipient may compensate an employee at a higher rate, provided the amount in excess of this compensation limitation is paid with non-federal funds.)

This limitation on compensation rates allowable under this Grant Subaward may be waived on an individual basis at the discretion of the OJP official indicated in the program announcement under which this Grant Subaward is made.

28. Uploading DNA Profiles to Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to upload eligible DNA profiles to Combined DNA Index System ("CODIS," the DNA database operated by the FBI) by a government DNA laboratory with access to CODIS if award funds are used for DNA testing of evidentiary materials. With the exception of Forensic Genetic Genealogy, no profiles generated under this award may be entered or uploaded into any non-governmental DNA database without prior express written approval from BJA. Award funds may not be used for the purchase of DNA equipment and supplies unless the resulting DNA profiles may be accepted for entry into CODIS. Booking agencies should work with their state CODIS agency to ensure all requirements are met for participation in Rapid DNA (see National Rapid DNA Booking Operational Procedures Manual).

29. Use of Funds for Forensic Genealogy Testing

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to adhere to the United States Department of Justice Interim Policy Forensic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Searching (<https://www.justice.gov/olp/page/file/1204386/download>), and must collect and report the metrics identified in Section IX of that document to Cal OES when utilizing award funds for forensic genealogy testing must adhere to the United States Department of Justice Interim Policy Forensic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Searching (<https://www.justice.gov/olp/page/file/1204386/download>), and must collect and report the metrics identified in Section IX of that document to Cal OES.

30. Information and/or Data Requests

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to cooperate with any assessments, national evaluation efforts, or information or data collection requests, including, but not limited to, the provision of any information required for the assessment or evaluation of any activities within this project.

31. Published Written and Web-based Materials

Subrecipients shall provide the Cal OES Program Specialist with a copy of any curricula, training materials, proposed publications, reports, or any other written materials that will be published, including web-based materials and website content, resulting from this Grant Subaward at least forty-five working days prior to the targeted dissemination date. Any written, visual, or audio publications, with the exception of press releases, whether published at the grantee's or government's expense, shall contain the following statements: "This project was supported by Grant No. _____, awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the SMART Office. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice."

32. Press Releases

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) shall transmit to the Cal OES Program Specialist copies of all official award-related press releases at least fifteen working days prior to public release. Advance notice permits time for coordination of release of information by Cal OES where appropriate and to respond to press or public inquiries.

33. Copyright; Data rights

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) acknowledge that OJP reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use (in whole or in part, including in connection with derivative works), for Federal purposes: (1) any work subject to copyright developed under a Grant Subaward; and (2) any rights of copyright to which a Subrecipient (at any Second-Tier Subrecipient) purchases ownership with Federal support.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) acknowledge that OJP has the right to (1) obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data first produced under a Grant Subaward; and (2) authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data for Federal purposes. "Data" includes data as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision 52.227-14 (Rights in Data – General).

It is the responsibility of the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) to ensure that the provisions of this condition are included in any Grant Subawards (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) under this award.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) have the responsibility to obtain from Subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors (if any) all rights and data necessary to fulfill the Subrecipient's obligations to the Government under this Grant Subaward. If a proposed Subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor refuses to accept terms affording the Government such rights, the Subrecipient shall promptly bring such refusal to the attention of the Cal OES Program Specialist for the Grant Subaward and not proceed with the agreement in question without further authorization from Cal OES.

34. Generally Accepted Laboratory Practices

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) shall ensure that any forensic laboratory, forensic laboratory system, medical examiner's office, or coroner's office that will receive any portion of the Grant Subaward uses generally accepted laboratory practices and procedures as established by accrediting organizations or appropriate certifying bodies.

a. External Investigations

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) shall ensure that requirements associated with 34 U.S.C. section 10562(4) (which relate to processes in place to conduct independent external investigations into allegations of serious negligence or misconduct by employees or contractors) are satisfied with respect to 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.

b. Accreditation

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) shall ensure that any forensic laboratory or forensic laboratory system (not including any medical examiner's office or coroner's office) that will receive any portion of the award either is accredited, or will use a portion of this award to prepare and apply for accreditation by not more than two years from the award date of this award.

Additionally, with respect to accreditation, the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) shall ensure that for any Grant Subaward it makes under this award, it will require in a legally-binding and enforceable writing, such as the Grant Subaward documentation (for example, Grant Subaward terms and conditions), that its Subrecipient: (1) if accredited, must continue to demonstrate such accreditation as a condition of receiving or using the Grant Subaward funds; or (2) if not accredited, must use the Grant Subaward funds to prepare and apply for accreditation.

The Coverdell statute (see 34 U.S.C. section 10562(2)) and the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program solicitation state certain requirements and guidance associated with proper accreditation and regarding what BJA will consider to be acceptable documentation of accreditation. The Subrecipient is to contact the Cal OES Program Specialist for clarification or guidance if it should have any question as to what constitutes proper accreditation for the purposes of the Coverdell program. Grant Subaward funds may not be used under this Grant Subaward by a forensic laboratory or forensic laboratory system with accreditation (or by such laboratory to obtain accreditation) that BJA determines not to be consistent with the Coverdell law and the solicitation or to be otherwise deficient.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to notify Cal OES promptly upon any change in the accreditation status of any forensic science laboratory or forensic laboratory system that receives funding under this Grant Subaward.

35. Use of Funds; No Research

Funds provided under this Grant Subaward shall be used only for the purposes and types of expenses set forth in the Request for Application. Funds shall not be used for general law enforcement functions or non-forensic investigatory functions, and shall not be used for research or statistical projects or activities. Use of Grant Subaward funds for construction of new facilities is restricted by statute. Any questions concerning this provision should be directed to the Cal OES Program Specialist prior to incurring the expense or commencing the activity in question.

To ensure compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (Pub. L. No. 103-62) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-352), program performance under this Grant Subaward is measured by the following: (1) percent reduction in the average number of days from the submission of a sample to a forensic science laboratory to the delivery of test results to a requesting office or agency (calculated by reporting the average number of days to process a sample at the beginning of the grant period versus the average number of days to process a sample at the end of the grant period); (2) percent reduction in the number of backlogged forensic cases (calculated by reporting the number of backlogged forensic cases at the beginning of the grant period versus the number of backlogged forensic cases at the end of grant period), if applicable to the Grant Subaward; and (3) the number of forensic science or medical examiner/coroner's

office personnel who completed appropriate training or educational opportunities with these Coverdell funds, if applicable to the Grant Subaward. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) are required to collect and report data relevant to these measures.

36. Forensic Science or Medical Examiner Services Fees

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) understand and agree that, throughout the Grant Subaward Performance Period, it must promptly notify Cal OES if it either starts or stops charging fees for forensic science or medical examiner services, or if it revises its method of allocating fees received for such services to program income. Notice must be provided in writing to the Cal OES Program Specialist within fifteen business days of implementation of the change.

37. External Investigations

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) acknowledge that, as stated in the solicitation for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program, BJA assumes that Subrecipients (and Second-Tier Subrecipients) of Coverdell funds will make use of the process referenced in their certification as to external investigations and will refer allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results to government entities with an appropriate process in place to conduct independent external investigations, such as the government entity (or entities) identified in the grant application. The Subrecipient shall submit the following information as part of its final report: (1) the number and nature of any allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results received during the Grant Subaward; (2) information on the referrals of such allegations (e.g., the government entity or entities to which referred, the date of referral); (3) the outcome of such referrals (if known as of the date of the report); and (4) if any such allegations were not referred, the reason(s) for the non-referral. Should the project period for this award be extended, the Subrecipient shall submit the above information as to subsequent twelve-month periods every twelve months thereafter (as part of a semi-

annual progress report) until the close of the Grant Subaward, at which point the Subrecipient shall submit the required information as to any period not covered by prior reports as part of its final report. The Subrecipient understands and agrees that funds may be withheld (including funds under future awards), or other related requirements may be imposed, if the required information is not submitted on a timely basis.

38. Subrecipient Integrity and Performance Matters

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with any and all applicable requirements regarding reporting of information on civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings connected with (or connected to the performance of) either this OJP award or any other grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the federal government. Under certain circumstances, Subrecipients of OJP awards are required to report information about such proceedings, through the federal System for Award Management (known as "SAM"), to the designated federal integrity and performance system (currently, "FAPIS").

The details of Subrecipient obligations regarding the required reporting (and updating) of information on certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings to the federal designated integrity and performance system (currently, "FAPIS") within SAM are posted on the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/FAPIS.htm> (Award condition: Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters, including Recipient Reporting to FAPIS), and are incorporated by reference here.

39. Gross Income

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) understand and agree that gross income (revenues) from fees charged for forensic science or medical examiner services constitutes program income (in whole or in part), and that program income must be determined, used, and documented in accordance with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. 200.307, including as applied in the Department of Justice (DOJ) Grants Financial Guide, as it may be revised from time to time. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) further understand and agree that both program income earned during the Grant Subaward Performance Period and expenditures of such program income must be reported to Cal OES and are subject to monitoring.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) understand and agree that program income earned during the Grant Subaward Performance Period may be expended only for permissible uses of funds specifically identified in the Request for Application for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program. The Subrecipient further understands and agrees that program income earned during the Grant Subaward Performance Period may not be used to supplant State or local government funds, but instead may be used only to increase the amount of funds that would, in the absence of Federal funds or program income, be available from State or local government sources for the permissible uses of funds listed in the

Request for Application.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) understand and agree that program income that is earned during the final one hundred twenty (120) days of the Grant Subaward Performance Period may, if appropriate, be obligated (as well as expended) for permissible uses during the one hundred twenty-day (120-day) period following the end of the Grant Subaward Performance Period. The Subrecipient further understands and agrees that any program income earned during the Grant Subaward Performance Period that is not obligated and expended within one hundred twenty (120) days of the end of the Grant Subaward Performance Period must be returned to Cal OES.

40. Federal, State and Local Environmental Laws and Regulations

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations applicable to the development and implementation of the activities to be funded under this Grant Subaward.

a. Environmental Assessment (EA)

The activities the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) has proposed to conduct under this Grant Subaward fall within the scope of a BJA Programmatic EA that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These activities have been determined not to have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

b. Modifications

Throughout the term of this Grant Subaward, Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree that for any activity that is the subject of a completed EA, it will inform Cal OES of (1) any change(s) that it is considering making to the previously assessed activity that may be relevant to environmental impact; or (2) any proposed new activities or changed circumstances that may require assessment as to environmental impact, such as new activities that involve the use of chemicals or involve construction or major renovation. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) will not implement a proposed change or new activity until BJA, with the assistance of Cal OES, has determined whether the proposed change or new activity (or changed circumstances) will require additional review under NEPA. Approval for implementation will not be unreasonably withheld as long as any requested modification(s) is consistent with eligible program purposes and found acceptable under a BJA-conducted environmental impact review process.

41. Unmanned Aircraft Systems

The Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agrees that no funds under this Grant Subaward (including via subcontract or subaward, at any tier) may be used

for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), which includes unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), or for any accompanying accessories to support UAS.

42. Federal Funding Accounting and Transparency Act (FFATA)

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Has the Subrecipient received \$25,000,000 or more in federal funds in the preceding fiscal year? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If the answer is yes, does the amount of federal funds received equal 80% or more of the Subrecipient's annual gross revenue? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If the answer is yes to the above two questions, did the Subrecipient report to the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission? |

For additional information reference: Award Condition: Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation (Updated as of September 2016) | Office of Justice Programs (ojp.gov).

CERTIFICATION

I certify the Subrecipient identified above will comply with the requirements of the Subrecipient Handbook and the federal fund Grant Subaward assurances outlined above.

Official Designee's Signature: _____

Official Designee's Typed Name: Christopher Young MD

Official Designee's Title: Chief Medical Examiner

Date Executed: 1/3/24



Grant Subaward Budget Pages
Single Fund Source

Subrecipient: County of Ventura Medical Examiner		Grant Subaward #: ^{23 06} CQ22-05 0560	
A. Personnel Costs - Line-item description and calculation		Total Amount 23FSIA Allocated	
Internship Salary (approximately 24.35 per hour X 2080 hours) Opioid related 1 intern (non-benefitted)		\$50,655	
PERSONNEL COSTS CATEGOTY TOTAL		\$50,655	

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Grant Subaward Budget Pages
Single Fund Source

Subrecipient: County of Ventura Medical Examin		Grant Subaward #: CQ ^{23 06} 22-05 0560
B. Operating Costs - Line-item description and calculation		23FSIA Total Amount Allocated
none		
OPERATING COSTS CATEGORY TOTAL		\$0

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Grant Subaward Budget Pages
Single Fund Source

Subrecipient: County of Ventura Medical Examiner		Grant Subaward #: CQ22-05 0560	
C. Equipment Costs - Line-item description and calculation		23FSIA Total Amount Allocated	
none			
EQUIPMENT COSTS CATEGORY TOTAL			
Total Project Cost (Must match the Grant Subaward Face Sheet)		\$50,655	

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Budget Summary Report

CQ23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program	Subaward#: CQ23 06 0560
Ventura County	Subaward Period: 04/01/24 - 06/30/25
Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program	Latest Request:

A Personnel Services - Salaries/Employee Benefits

<u>F/S/L</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	Budget Amount	Paid/Expended	Balance	Pending	Pending Balance
F	23FSIA	50,655	0	50,655	0	50,655
Total A Personnel Services - Salaries/Employee Benefits		50,655	0	50,655	0	50,655

B. Operating Expenses

<u>F/S/L</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	Budget Amount	Paid/Expended	Balance	Pending	Pending Balance
F	23FSIA	0	0	0	0	0
Total B. Operating Expenses		0	0	0	0	0

C. Equipment

<u>F/S/L</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	Budget Amount	Paid/Expended	Balance	Pending	Pending Balance
F	23FSIA	0	0	0	0	0
Total C. Equipment		0	0	0	0	0

<u>F/S/L</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	Budget Amount	Paid/Expended	Balance	Pending	Pending Balance
Total						

Budget Summary Report

CQ23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program

Subaward#: CQ23 06 0560

Ventura County

Subaward Period: 04/01/24 - 06/30/25

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program

Latest Request:

	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Paid/Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Pending Balance</u>
Total Local Match:	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funded:	50,655	0	50,655	0	50,655
Total Project Cost:	50,655	0	50,655	0	50,655



Grant Subaward Budget Narrative

Grant Subaward #: CQ23 06 0560

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Subrecipient: Ventura County ~~Medical Examiner's Office~~

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The Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office' (VCMEO) continues to be committed to excellence. In an effort to maintain forensic science improvement, the VCMEO requests funding to continue the support of a Medical Examiner forensic intern. The proposed budget supports the objectives and activities of our internship program.

The jurisdiction that the VCMEO covers has approximately 850,000 residents. The number of investigations overall has continued to climb annually. The current year will most likely exceed last year. This increase has a direct effect on our staff, facility and workload. The main cause of the increase is the opioid epidemic and also, we believe, those people who may have not been able to see their doctor during the pandemic resulting in decreased healthcare in the subsequent years. There is most likely a similar experience across the nation with the ever-increasing opioid epidemic. The ME forensic intern has been and will continue to enhance our office as well as assist new interested candidates into the world of death investigation.

The new intern will learn and work alongside all MEO staff which will help to bolster our front and back-line efforts. The new forensic intern will have opportunities to work closely with all levels of staff gaining well-rounded experience. Tasks will include assisting the forensic technicians and pathologists



Grant Subaward Budget Narrative

Grant Subaward #: CQ23 06 0560 CJ

Subrecipient: Ventura County ~~Medical Examiner's Office~~ JG

in the autopsy suite by assisting in exams, collecting evidence such as Urine Dip Screens for drug presence in decedents, data mining and assisting with drug statistics that are compiled, analyzed and released to the public on a regular basis. They will also participate in the Rx and Heroin Task Force initiative which is a collaborating group of county agencies composed of law enforcement, DA, Schools, Hospitals, Ambulatory Care Clinics, Public Health, Behavioral Health and Community based organizations and advocates coming together to combat drug abuse and the prevention of overdoses. The intern will also work with administration learning about case triaging, data processing and operations. The intern will attend learning opportunities and educational events as they pertain to the field of forensic pathology as well as assist in death investigations when needed and as opportunities as well as help decrease in any backlogged case work.

The forensic intern position may have a county job description of Technical Specialist III or IV with an employment status of "Extra Help" thus this classification is not entitled to county benefits. The hourly rate will be approximately in the range of \$20-27 of which will be allocated toward the grant award not to exceed that of \$50,655 over the course of the grant period.



Grant Subaward Programmatic Narrative

Grant Subaward #: CQ23 06 0560

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Subrecipient: County of Ventura ~~Medical Examiner's Office~~

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The Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office (VCMEO) is dedicated to aiding and maintaining forensic science improvement efforts for the County of Ventura. For the past couple of years, VCMEO has developed, refined and implemented a strong internship program. VCMEO continues to provide opportunities for interns to work alongside our professionals, immersing themselves in forensic science and medicolegal death investigation.

The opioid epidemic continues to challenge those of us involved in criminal justice. This year at our six-month check, we had reached overdose deaths that had surpassed the previous year at that mark. As a result, the office has experienced increased scene responses as well as examinations.

The new intern will learn and work alongside our forensic pathologists, morgue assistants, medicolegal death investigators and the Administration staff offering a well-rounded experience. Tasks will include assisting in the autopsy suite which includes training during exams, collecting evidence such as Urine Dip Screens for drug presence in decedents, and body handling. Other tasks are assisting with statistical data for reporting purposes and distribution to stakeholders on a regular basis. One of these important tasks is to ensure the overdose data provided by the pathologists in the autopsy suite are relayed into the database



Grant Subaward Programmatic Narrative

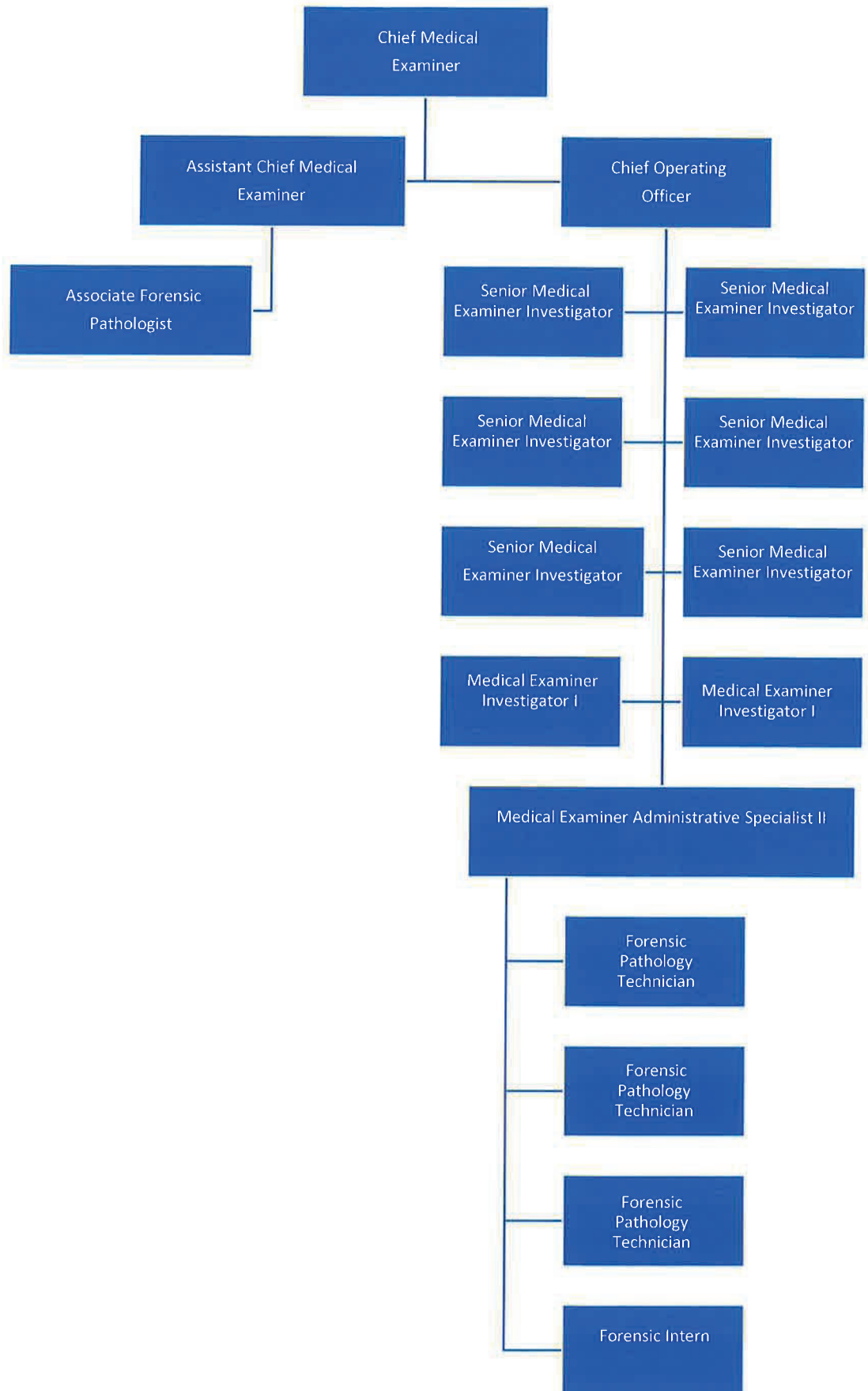
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Subrecipient: County of Ventura ~~Medical Examiner's Office~~ JG

that interfaces with the state health department. The intern will have the opportunity to travel with the medicolegal death investigators in the field at death scenes as well as assist in the investigations to help prevent backlogs. The intern will also be able to accompany physician and administrative staff to various collaborative meetings that target the opioid crisis and other county and office initiatives.

The implementation of the forensic intern program will also be guided by Ventura County human resources personnel rules and regulations. This position will be a paid unbenefited position and supported by and within the county Human Resources parameters outside of Civil Service. The internship program will assist the turnaround time of analysis, reporting and hopefully lower any backlog of casework.

The forensic intern position may have a county job description of Technical Specialist (I-4) with an employment status of "Extra Help" The hourly rate will be approximately in the range of \$20-27 of which will be allocated toward the grant award not to exceed that of the award over the course of the grant performance period.





2023 CALIFORNIA COVERDELL PROGRAM BASELINE DATA SHEET

The data presented on this document will establish the baseline for the 2023 Grant Subaward progress reporting. Please complete and submit the information requested below with your application.

PLEASE NOTE: ONCE A DISCIPLINE(S) IS SELECTED, YOU MUST REPORT STATISTICS ON THAT DISCIPLINE(S) THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF THE CQ23 GRANT SUBAWARD PERFORMANCE PERIOD. PLEASE DO NOT SWITCH THE DISCIPLINE(S) MID-GRANT SUBAWARD PERFORMANCE PERIOD.

1. Identify the number of qualifying staff related to CQ23 FSIA funds.

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2. What are the project disciplines for the CQ23 Grant Subaward program?

PLEASE NOTE: Toxicology and Forensic Alcohol are now ONE discipline

Please check the box(es) that are applicable for your program Grant Subaward funds.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Controlled Substances/Drug Chemistry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toxicology/Forensic Alcohol | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Scene |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trace | <input type="checkbox"/> Latent Prints |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firearms | <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Questioned Documents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pathology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biology/DNA | <input type="checkbox"/> NIBIN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Evidence | <input type="checkbox"/> Impression Evidence |

3. Based on the selected disciplines above, please show the number of cases pending in the following chart.

Discipline	Turn-Around-Time	Back Log
Controlled Substances/Drug Chemistry		
Toxicology/Forensic Alcohol		
Trace		
Firearms		
Questioned Documents		
Biology/DNA		
Fire Evidence		
Crime Scene		
Latent Prints		
Digital Media		
Pathology	<60 days	24
NIBIN		
Impression Evidence		

4. Grant Subaward funding will **only** be used for training: Yes ☐ No ☒

Signature: Renee Higgins

Date: 12/05/2023

2023 CALIFORNIA COVERDELL PROGRAM

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 and to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES):

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 Subaward.

I agree to notify Cal OES Coverdell Program Staff regarding any and all complaints and/or allegations of serious negligence and/or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results committed by employees or contractors of the forensic laboratory system.

At the *initiation*, *duration of*, and at the *conclusion* of the investigative review process and all appropriate action has been fulfilled, I will notify Cal OES Coverdell Program Staff as to the resolution and that the matter has been resolved.

I have read and reviewed the section entitled "Eligibility" in the FY 2023-24 in California Paul Coverdell Program announcement.

I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I also acknowledge that the Office of Justice Programs and/or Cal OES Grant Subawards, including certifications provided in connection with such Grant Subawards, are subject to review by the Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, and Cal OES.



Signature of Certifying Official

Chief Medical Examiner
Title of Certifying Official

Ventura County Medical Examiner
Name of Applicant Agency

1/5/24
Date

Ventura County District Atty
Name of External Investigative
Agency

Erik Nasarenko
Contact at External Investigative
Agency

District Attorney
Title

805-654-2501
Phone #

**CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
SUBRECIPIENT GRANTS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT**

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JG Subrecipient: Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office		UEI #HG2JKZYYTUT3	FIPS #: 06141	9
Grant Disaster/Program Title: CQ-Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program				
Performance Period: 04/01/24		to 06/30/25	Subaward Amount Requested: \$ 50,655	
Type of Non-Federal Entity (Check Applicable Box)		<input type="checkbox"/> State Govt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Govt <input type="checkbox"/> JPA <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Tribe		

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Per Title 2 CFR § 200.332, Cal OES is required to evaluate the risk of noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations and grant terms and conditions posed by each subrecipient of pass-through funding. This assessment is made in order to determine and provide an appropriate level of technical assistance, training, and grant oversight to subrecipients for the award referenced above.

The following are questions related to your organization's experience in the management of federal grant awards. This questionnaire must be completed and returned with your grant application materials.

For purposes of completing this questionnaire, *grant manager* is the individual who has primary responsibility for day-to-day administration of the grant, *bookkeeper/accounting staff* means the individual who has responsibility for reviewing and determining expenditures to be charged to the grant award, and *organization* refers to the subrecipient applying for the award, and/or the governmental implementing agency, as applicable.

Assessment Factors	Response
1. How many years of experience does your current grant manager have managing grants?	>5 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. How many years of experience does your current bookkeeper/accounting staff have managing grants?	>5 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. How many grants does your organization currently receive?	1-3 grants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. What is the approximate total dollar amount of all grants your organization receives?	\$ 50,655
5. Are individual staff members assigned to work on multiple grants?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you use timesheets to track the time staff spend working on specific activities/projects?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. How often does your organization have a financial audit?	Annual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Has your organization received any audit findings in the last three years?	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Do you have a written plan to charge costs to grants?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. Do you have written procurement policies?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11. Do you get multiple quotes or bids when buying items or services?	Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12. How many years do you maintain receipts, deposits, cancelled checks, invoices?	>5 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13. Do you have procedures to monitor grant funds passed through to other entities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Certification: This is to certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the data furnished above is accurate, complete and current.

Signature: (Authorized Agent)



Date: 01/03/24

Print Name and Title: Renee Higgins, COO

Phone Number: 805-641-4406

Cal OES Staff Only: SUBAWARD # CQ23 06 0560



Grant Subaward Service Area Information

Grant Subaward #: CQ 23 06 0560

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Subrecipient: County of Ventura (~~Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office~~)

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1. County or Counties Served:
County of Ventura

County where principal office is located: Ventura

2. U.S. Congressional District(s) Served:
24th Congressional District
25th Congressional District
26th Congressional District
33rd Congressional District

U.S. Congressional District where principal office is located: 26th

3. State Assembly District(s) Served:
37th State Assembly District
38th State Assembly District
44th State Assembly District

State Assembly District where principal office is located: 37th

4. State Senate District(s) Served:
19th State Senate District
27th State Senate District

State Senate District where principal office is located: 19th

5. Population of Service Area: 843,843