

DNA Backlog Reduction Program

COUNTY OF GREENVILLE ABSTRACT

The County of Greenville is the agency that is responsible for analyzing evidential material associated with criminal investigations for all local law enforcement agencies and the coroner's office within the County of Greenville, South Carolina. The County of Greenville operates one forensic science laboratory under the Greenville County-Department of Public Safety (GC-DPS). The County of Greenville designates the GC-DPS as the agency responsible for conducting DNA analysis on DNA samples collected from all casework requested by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office and the Greenville City Police Department. The GC-DPS forensic DNA Laboratory began receiving and processing forensic biology/DNA cases from the two agencies listed above after the accreditation date of March 16, 2011.

The County of Greenville's current budgetary constraints prevents the GC-DPS forensic DNA Laboratory from offering free services to neighboring counties and municipalities in the upstate region of South Carolina. Although a fee-for-service is available to these agencies, their budgetary constraints have hindered them from using the GC-DPS forensic DNA Laboratory. The Federal funding from this award will be used for the following goals:

1. Expand services to regional upstate SC agencies at a no-cost basis.
2. Increase capacity of GC-DPS forensic DNA Laboratory with forensic biology/DNA cases from regional agencies.
3. Reduce the backlog of forensic biology/DNA cases.
4. Provide external audit funding to meet accreditation requirements.

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BUDGET

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Personnel and Fringe Benefits

Overtime and fringe benefits will support two full-time DNA casework analysts and a full-time DNA technical leader. These positions will be directly involved in the screening, analysis, and interpretation of forensic DNA cases for regional agencies and backlogged cases, as well as the review and upload of any CODIS-eligible profiles resulting from these cases.

Supplies

Supplies for DNA analysis of backlogged and regional agency casework will be acquired with these funds.

Consultants/Contracts

In order to remain accredited, the Greenville County Department of Public Safety forensic DNA laboratory is required to bring a third-party auditor to perform an external audit every two years. The auditor is expected to visit on-site for up to two full days. All associated airfare, hotel, meals and miscellaneous travel expenses will be funded through this grant.

**GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
2012 NIJ DNA BACKLOG REDUCTION GRANT
BUDGET**

Personnel	Original Budget
<i>Overtime for Casework Positions (2 DNA Analysts and 1 Tech Leader)</i>	
Overtime	62,323.80
Subtotal - Personnel	62,323.80
Fringe Benefits	
Fringe Benefits (FICA, Retirement, Worker's Compensation for Casework Positions)	16,173.03
Subtotal - Fringe Benefits	16,173.03
Travel	
Subtotal - Travel	-
Equipment	
Subtotal - Equipment	-
Supplies	
Forensic Casework Supplies	18,503.17
Subtotal - Supplies	18,503.17
Consultants/Contracts	
Auditor Consultant Fee and Associated Expenses	3,000.00
Subtotal - Contracts	3,000.00
Budget Summary	
Personnel	62,323.80
Fringe Benefits	16,173.03
Travel	-
Equipment	-
Supplies	18,503.17
Construction	-
Contracts	3,000.00
Other	-
Total Direct Costs	100,000.00
Indirect Costs	-
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	100,000.00
FUNDING SOURCE	
Federal Funds	100,000.00