



Paul Coverdell Forensic Science
Improvement Grant Program

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- Maryland's State Administering Agency for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement program, along with 22 other federal and 24 state funding streams.

History



- ▶ GOCCCP has received Coverdell Formula funding since 2004.
- ▶ GOCCCP has received Coverdell Competitive funding since 2007.



- Since 2004, GOCCCP funding has supported the following accomplishments with Coverdell Funds:
 - Salaries and overtime have reduced backlogs
 - Maryland Crime labs have achieved and maintained accreditation through ASLCD/LAB
 - Trainings have been attended to keep crime lab staff knowledgeable with information
 - Upgraded Equipment has enabled Maryland to advance to state of the art technology

Maryland's Success Stories

Personnel

- The Anne Arundel County Crime Laboratory utilized funding to hire a part-time temporary CDS Researcher to work 15-20 hrs a week.

Job Details:

- Provides administrative assistance for researching (web based and agency LIMS)
- Tracks case status for CDS evidence
 - Evidence retention
 - Destruction scheduling
 - Issues Request for Destruction/Case status letters to officers (2,300 letters annually in April)

CDS Researcher

- Currently there are 2,171 cases waiting to be destroyed.
- In the past three years over 7,000 cases have been destroyed.
- End result- backlog reduction.

Equipment

CT Scanner

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's conducted studies and confirmed the virtual autopsy as beneficial and cost effective because:

- Reduced time spent on traditional autopsies
- Reduced money spent on traditional autopsies
- Produces clear images that allow Examiner's to focus on patterns of injury.
- Provides closure to some ethnic and religious groups who are against the traditional autopsy process.

Equipment

- CT Scanner- The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's is the second medical examiner's office in the United States to implement this machine.



Equipment

Forensic Buddy Unit

The FBU enables a technician to shoot a firearm and recover the ammunition components (projectiles/cartridge cases) in pristine condition. This system is portable, compact and economical. Although purchased by Maryland State Police- the unit was loaned to other Local Law Enforcement Agencies to conduct their own testing.

Equipment

- Forensic Buddy Unit:



The Forensic Buddy Unit was purchased in 2008. Eight police departments utilized the Forensic Buddy and 211 cases have been completed.

Equipment

Gel Lift Scanner

- A high resolution scanner that digitally captures lifts from shoeprints, tire treads and fingerprints.
- It is particularly beneficial for the capture of prints from curved surfaces such as doorknobs and handles.
- The high resolution makes it possible to view lifts on screen or print enlarged details.
- The Maryland State Police-Forensic Science Division will share this new technology with other Local Law Enforcement Agencies, thereby improving forensic services provided statewide.

Equipment

- Gel Lift Scanner



Contractual Services

Accreditation fees - ASCLD/LAB

SANS Institute Flex- “One Year Annual Training Passport” provides each examiner to complete four online skill-based courses in a one year period. Time and money are saved because the examiners do not need to physically attend the locations where the trainings are being offered and can schedule the classes around their workload.

Grants Management System (GMS)

GOCCP employs a comprehensive, easy-to-use electronic grants management system to automate and encompass the full grants management life-cycle.

This cycle includes:

- Grant Application Process
- Application Review and Processing
- Grant Award and Acceptance
- Grant Monitoring and Reporting
- Final Reporting and Closeout

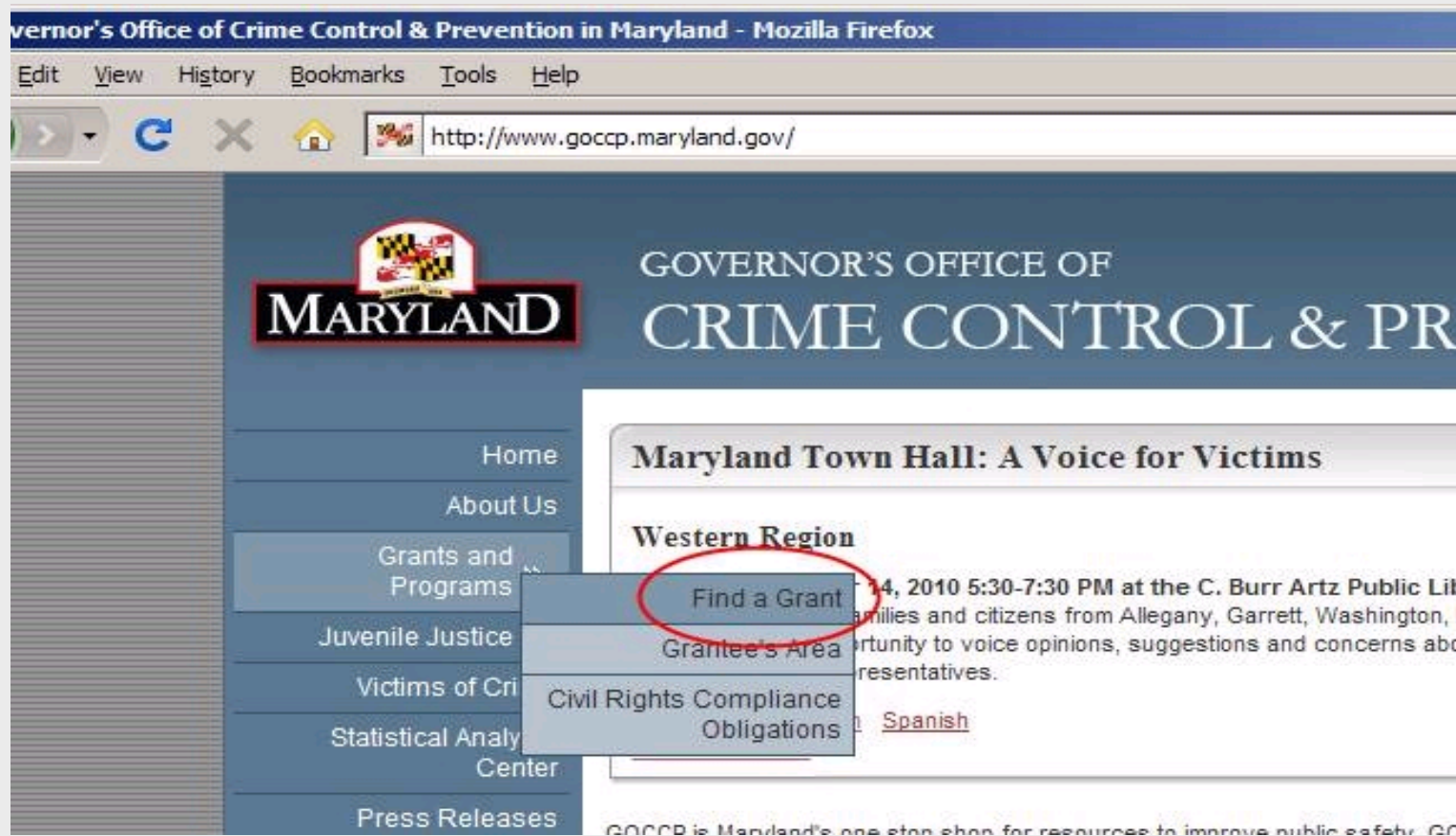
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

NOFA/Solicitation is posted on our
webpage informing applicants of:


- Date of training
- \$ amount available
- Eligibility
- Process of submitting an application
- Reporting requirements if awarded

NOFA Announcement


When new grant funding becomes available, a Notice of Funding Availability is publicly released and posted to our website.




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Grants & Programs

If you have questions about any GOCCP program, please call your county grants monitor. Select your county from the map on the [home page](#) for their contact information.

One Maryland Recovery & Reinvestment

When President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law, he opened the door to create jobs, provide tax cuts for working families in Maryland, and invest in America's infrastructure. The increased funding includes many programs maintained by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. Click on More Information to view these funding opportunities.

 [More Information](#)

- [Body Armor For Local Law Enforcement \(BARM\)](#)
- [Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program \(BJAG\)](#)
- [Bullet Proof Vest Program \(BPVP\)](#)
- [Community Crime Prevention \(CCP\)](#)
- [Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act \(CFSI\)](#)
- [Recovery Act Program \(CHSR\)](#)
- [Children's Justice Act Committee \(CJAC\)](#)
- [Crime Mapping and Analysis Project \(CMAP\)](#)

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Brief Grant Overview

The screenshot shows the website for the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. The main heading is "Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act". Below this, a paragraph describes the act's purpose: providing federal funding to improve forensic science and medical examiner services, and to eliminate backlogs in the analysis of forensic evidence. A blue box contains key information: currently funded programs (Criminal Justice Awarded Grants Database), most recent grant offering (CFSI NOFA Archive), projected submission month (April), and contact information for Linda Brookes and Edward Parker. The right sidebar includes social media links for Twitter and a "Quick Links" menu with items like "Available", "Apply", "Submit", "Security", "Promi", "Beco", "Sign u", and "GOCC".

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CRIME CONTROL & PREVENTION

Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act

The Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act provides federal funding to crime laboratories and medical examiner's offices to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. In addition, these funds are intended to eliminate backlogs in the analysis of forensic evidence, including controlled substances, firearms examination, forensic pathology, latent prints, questioned documents, toxicology, and trace evidence. The program permits funding for expenses related to facilities, personnel, computerization, equipment, supplies, accreditation, certification, education, and training. Any forensic laboratory, forensic laboratory system, medical examiner's office, or coroner's office that will receive any portion of a Coverdell grant must use generally accepted laboratory practices and procedures as established by accrediting organizations or appropriate certifying bodies.

Currently funded CFSI programs: [Criminal Justice Awarded Grants Database](#)

Most recent CFSI grant offering: [CFSI NOFA Archive](#)

Projected month to submit application: April

GOCCP Contact: Linda Brookes, Program Manager, 410-821-2846 or Edward Parker, Deputy Director Operations, 410-821-2854

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NOFA Details

CRIME CONTROL & PREVENTION

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants (CFSI) - FY 2010

Status: The application process for this grant has been closed. All applications are subject to the grant application review process established by this office, in accordance with Federal laws and guidelines.

Eligibility: To be considered eligible for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant, applicants must be a forensic science laboratory within a unit of local government or a medical examiner's office.

Organization Number: Deadline to apply for an organization number is **March 25, 2010**.

Application Deadline: **CLOSED** Deadline to submit an online copy is Thursday, **April 1, 2010** by 5:00 p.m. In addition, hardcopy of application, including one (1) original and two (2) copies, must be received in the GOCCP Office by 3:00 p.m. on **April 6, 2010**.

Contact Person: Linda Brookes, Program Manager
Phone: 410-821-2870
Email: Linda@goccp-state-md.org

General Conditions: Review the [General Conditions](#). The General Conditions apply to all grants funded by GOCCP regardless of funding source.

Technical Details: On-line submission of application is required. You will need an [organization number](#) before submitting application. *Note: the interface for the online grant submission is NOT a function of the goccp.org website. Special software is used for grant submission (see below).*

Training/Technical Assistance: This training is mandatory for all applicants who wish to apply for CFSI funds. This training will focus on important data requirements noted in the CFSI NOFA and assist applicants in submitting a successful competitive application to GOCCP. Attendees should be Coordinators, Grant Writers, Project Directors, and Fiscal Officers.

Date: February 4, 2010
Time: 9:00AM - 12:00PM
Location:
MDOT Headquarters, 7201 Corporate Drive
The Richard Trainor Room, 1st Floor
Hanover, MD 21076

On-line registration is required. For more information, please visit our [Training](#) page.

CFSI Documents

- [Fast View/Print CFSI NOFA](#) (html)
- [Download CFSI NOFA](#) (Word)

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GMS and Funding Stream Training

- ▶ Training is a major key to a successful application.
- ▶ It empowers applicants to submit a good application.
- ▶ Allows applicants the opportunity to ask questions, participate in break out sessions, and meet with the program staff.

READ THE NOFA SEVERAL TIMES



GMS - Personnel Breakdown

Using guidelines from the NOFA, users complete an online application to be submitted for review.

Grant Application Video resolution 1280 x 1024

Close Application VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

I. Face Sheet II. Summary/Narrative **III. Project Budget** IV. Audit Req V. Feedback

A. Summary **B. Personnel** C. Operating Exp D. Travel E. Cont Serv F. Equipment G. Other

Includes salaries, social security and fringe benefits for personnel required to implement the project, including full or part-time contractual staff (excluding consultants, which should be listed in Category D). Time and attendance records must be maintained for all personnel included in the grant project. In short, if you are paying the person directly, they should be in the Personnel category. For each salary notated, list fringe benefits separately. Note: Fringe benefits cannot exceed 30% of

First Prior Next Last Add Edit Delete Save Cancel Grant dollars will only fund up to 30% of Social Security and fringe benefits per person.

Description of Position	Funding Source	Salary or Daily	Percent Time/Days	Total
▶ Position #1	Grant Funds	20000	0.5	20000
Position #1 Fringe	Cash Match	20000	0.25	5000

GMS - Performance Measures

Once a grant has been awarded, grantees are able to submit financial reports online as well.

The screenshot displays the 'Goals' section of the GMS interface. At the top, a navigation menu includes 'Grant Links', 'Narrative', 'Monitor Site Visits', and 'Grant'. Below this, a sub-menu shows 'Grants List', 'Face Sheet', 'Budget', 'Goals' (highlighted), 'Project Summary', 'Special Conditions', and 'Finar'. The main area features a toolbar with navigation icons and a 'Filter' button. A list of performance measures is shown on the left, with measure #7 selected. A panel on the right, titled 'Short Description of Standard Performance Measures', lists options like 'Backlogged cases at the beginning' and 'Change in backlogged cases'. Below this is a text input area with a 1000-character limit, containing the text: 'Indicate the number of backlogged forensic cases that were able to be analyzed during this reporting period due to the use of Coverdell funds.' At the bottom, a table shows data for two sources, with columns for 'Source', 'Paper Copy Recvd', 'Begin Date', 'End Date', and ten numbered columns (#1-#10). The status 'Reviewed by Eaddy, Latonya on 01/20/2010' is also visible.

Source	Paper Copy Recvd	Begin Date	End Date	# 1	# 2	# 3	# 4	# 5	# 6	# 7	# 8	# 9	# 10
U	01/19/2010	10/01/2009	12/31/2009	78	80	2	2174	1733	441	0	1	0	0
U	04/15/2010	01/01/2010	03/31/2010	80	107	27	1733	1833	100	132	18	0	0

GMS - Progress Report

Progress Report Question 1

During this quarter, please state the status of the equipment that has been ordered. If the equipment has already been received, please describe how often it is used and what accomplishments have been achieved.

Status -U

M- Manually at GOCCP
U- Uploaded from Internet
S- Submitted for Upload
P- Pending Submission

Select a Progress Report by selecting the applicable report Begin and End date in the grid at the lower left. When adding a new report, select begin and end dates, and then you must save the dates before entering text on the tabs. The Tabs in the lower right are where you enter answers to the corresponding Progress Report Questions assigned for this grant. (A max of 4000 characters can be saved for each question.)



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Submit Progress Report

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Begin Date	End Date	Last Update	Internet S
10/01/2008	12/31/200	06/17/2009	01/28/200
01/01/2009	03/31/200	06/17/2009	06/03/200
04/01/2009	06/30/200	08/13/2009	08/04/200
07/01/2009	09/30/200	01/05/2010	10/27/200

#1 #2 #3 #4

During this past quarter, the OCME requested and received approval to modify this grant and to use \$ 28,280 in remaining funds to purchase a Gas Chromatograph (GC) to test for alcohol. This instrument was ordered and delivered. It is scheduled to be installed October 7, 2009. Once installed this instrument will be used 4 times per day. The OCME tests approximately 4,200 cases for alcohol per year.

GMS - Activity Log

Throughout the process, monitors are able to leave detailed notes accessible by all other GOCCP staff .

Daily Activity Log

Pick Primary Sort
 By Date Column
 By Text Column

Select Column for Primary Sort
 Subject
 Contact Last, First
 Emp Last, First
 App Number
 Grant Number
 Type of Entry
 Creator Emp ID
 Last Editor Emp ID

Select Date for Secondary Sort
 Activity Date (Descending)
 Activity Date (Ascending)
 Suspense Date
 Date Last Updated

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BJAG-2007-1186

Show ALL or Show [Grant Number] %LIKE%
 ALL Entries
 Only Values LIKE

Grant Number %LIKE%
BJAG-2007-1186

[Close](#)
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Activity	Application #	Grant #	Subject	Suspense	Employee Last, First	Contact Last, First
09/02/2010		BJAG-2007-1186	Sub Contact		Bailey, Felicia	Debbie
09/13/2010		BJAG-2007-1186	FYI		Popik, Irina	Ingram, Herman
09/13/2010		BJAG-2007-1186	Progress Report		Smith, Lisa	
09/15/2010		BJAG-2007-1186	GAN # 1		Bailey, Felicia	Williams/Bast
09/16/2010		BJAG-2007-1186	Programmatic Reports		Smith, Lisa	Debbie

Notes

FYI - I've received the financials for q/e 9/30/10 for the above noted grant & they aren't requesting any funds. I am going to process the financials. However, the programmatic reports are not in the GMS.

Thanks.

Moving into the future

We're working right now to provide a simpler, easy-to-use interface for our users. Hopefully, in the not too distant future, they'll be looking at screens like this:

The screenshot displays the GOCCP (Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention) website interface. The header includes the GOCCP logo, the text "GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL & PREVENTION", and a "Log Out" link. The main navigation bar contains "HOME", "GRANT APPLICATION", and "GRANT FUNDING & REPORTS".

The "GRANT APPLICATION" section is titled "Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA)". It contains a table of available grants with columns for "AVAILABLE GRANTS", "DEADLINE TO APPLY", and "APPLY".

AVAILABLE GRANTS	DEADLINE TO APPLY	APPLY
Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	July 28, 2010	APPLY
Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program	August 19, 2010	APPLY
COPS Hiring Support - Recovery Act (CHSR)	Continuous	APPLY
Law Enforcement Training Scholarship Program	Continuous	APPLY

The "GRANT FUNDING & REPORTS" section is divided into two sub-sections:

- Grant Applications:** A table showing the status of various grants.

GRANT	STATUS
Victims of Crime Assistance Grant Program	IN PROGRESS
Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Program	SUBMITTED

- Grant Funding & Reports:** A table showing awarded grants and their update due dates.

GRANT	UPDATE DUE
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	10/31/2010
Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws	10/31/2010
Gun Violence Reduction Grant	12/31/2010

The "Selected Grant Information" section provides details for the "Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) - FY 2011". It includes the status, eligibility criteria, and contact information.

Red arrows and text labels highlight specific features: "NOFA" points to the Notification of Funding Availability section; "Grant Details" points to the Selected Grant Information section; "Non-submitted grants" points to the empty rows in the Grant Applications table; and "Awarded Grants" points to the Grant Funding & Reports table.



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