

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

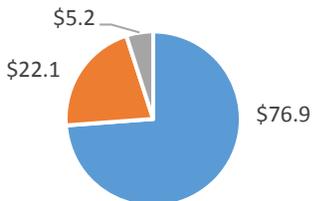
Program Name: DNA Analysis, Capacity Enhancement, and Other Forensic Activities

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$105.0M
Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: -\$20.0M

FY 2014 DNA Analysis & other Forensic Activities

(\$ in millions)



■ Direct Support of Labs & Law Enforcement

■ Research

■ Technical Assistance

Fig.1: [NIJ Forensic Science Report for FY 2014](#)

Program Description:

Purpose: To improve the quality and practice of forensic science.

Authorizing Legislation: Created through Department of Justice appropriation acts

Administering Agency: National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

DOJ Strategic Objective 3.1: Promote and strengthen relationships and strategies for the administration of justice with law enforcement agencies, organizations, prosecutors, and defenders through innovative leadership and programs

Who Can Apply for Funding: Eligibility varies by solicitation.

How Funds are Distributed: Award type, term, and amounts vary by solicitation.

Program Goals:

- To increase laboratory capacity and address backlogs;
- To support research and development to advance the field;
- To provide training and technical assistance.

Accomplishments:

- Over 2,000 cases were closed and/or solved through the *Solving Cold Cases with DNA* program. (Since 2005, over 129,000 cases have been reviewed resulting in over 5,000 CODIS uploads and more than 1,900 CODIS hits)
- Through the *Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence to Exonerate the Innocent* program, over 50,000 cases have been reviewed resulting in 24 exonerations. Two additional exonerations attributed to the program were byproducts rather than direct results of NIJ-funded DNA testing.
- Laboratories funded under the *DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction* program reported processing more than 550,000 cases since 2009. From those cases, over 247,000 DNA profiles have been uploaded to CODIS, resulting in more than 92,000 CODIS hits. In addition, more than 2 million database (convicted offender and arrestee) samples have been uploaded resulting in an additional 26,687 hits.
- Since 2009, through its core team of scientists, NIJ has supported more than 300 research and development awards related to forensic science totaling over \$125 million. These projects have resulted in more than 290 scientific publications, 760 presentations, and 90 technical reports.

DNA Analysis, Capacity Enhancement, and Other Forensic Activities Five Year Budget Authority (\$ in millions)



FY 2017 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2017 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: The FY 2017 request is the same amount as the FY 2016 request. Congress appropriated more than was requested in FY 2016.

Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated	\$116.2	\$125.0	\$125.0	\$125.0	\$105.0 Requested
Total Funding Awarded [^]	\$95.1	\$104.4	\$106.0	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	372	442	338	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	174	194	192	TBD	TBD

[^] Total Funding Awarded does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

For additional information, please visit: [NIJ Forensics](#).