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June 3, 2026

BPC #26-142

The Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles, Room 395
c/o City Clerk's Office

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: CITY COUNCIL FILE NO. 25-0034 - NO-COST EXTENSION FOR THE 2024
DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND BACKLOG
REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, the Board APPROVED the Department's report regarding the above-referenced matter.

Accordingly, this report is respectfully submitted for your consideration and approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Munoz".

REBECCA MUNOZ
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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May 13, 2026
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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL FOR THE NO-COST EXTENSION FOR THE
2024 DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND
BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT (C.F. 25-0034)

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached grant award amendment, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.8(a)(b), to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst and to the City Clerk for Committee and City Council consideration.
3. That the Board REQUEST the Mayor and City Council:
 - A. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
 - i. ACCEPT the 12-month no-cost extension for the 2024 Deoxyribonucleic Acid Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program Grant from the United States Department of Justice, extending the grant end date from September 30, 2026, to September 30, 2027.
 - ii. Execute and enter into a grant awarded agreement for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form; and,
 - B. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Police Department to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

DISCUSSION

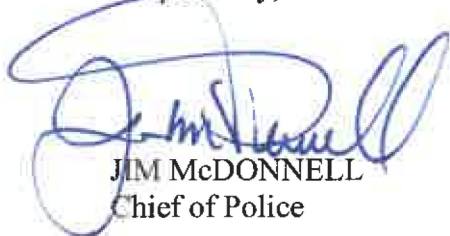
The Los Angeles Police Department (Department) is seeking approval to accept a 12-month no-cost extension for the 2024 DNA CEBR Program Grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant end date is extended for 12 months, from September 30, 2026 to September 30, 2027. The total grant award remains at \$ 1,995,862.00 with a revised performance period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027.

The 2024 DNA CEBR Program provides funding to state and local government entities with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis to process, record, screen, and analyze forensic DNA and DNA database samples. The Department was awarded \$1,995,862.00 for the 2024 DNA CEBR Program Grant on September 27, 2024. The grant program experienced an administrative setback awaiting City Council and Mayor approvals which occurred in September 2025.

The 12-month no-cost extension will enable the Forensic Science Division to meet grant deliverables including to increase the efficiency and capacity of the analysis of evidence in the Serology/DNA Unit. Grant funds are allocated for personnel overtime, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, and other related costs that will enhance the Department's ability to meet existing and future demands for DNA screening and testing.

For any questions, please contact Senior Management Analyst II Barbra Montesquieu, Officer in Charge, Grant Section, Strategic Planning and Policies Division, at (213) 486-0380.

Respectfully,



JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *June 2, 2020*
Secretary *Rebecca Munoz*

Attachments

Grant Award Modification for an award from DOJ is Change Requested

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The request for a grant award modification, GAM-619183, for award number 15PBJA-24-GG-02611-DNAX under the solicitation *BJA FY24 Formula DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program* requires a change.

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Active Funded Award

(15PBJA-24-GG-02611-DNAX) PENDING ACTIVE

Awarded Entity Legal Name (CITY OF LOS ANGELES) Doing Business As: ()

Solicitation Title:	BJA FY24 Formula DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Proc	Solicitation Category:	N/A
Project Title:	LAPD FY24 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program	Federal Award Amount:	\$1,995,862.00
Project Period:	10/1/24 - 9/30/27	Program Office:	BJA
Managing Office:	OJP	UEI:	ZRXCMMNSUEJ1
DOJ Grant Manager:	Hannah Aanenson	TIN:	*****0735
Grant Award Administrator:	Tiffany Hy		
FAW Case ID:	FAW-184880		

Assignments

Task	Assigned to	
1y Programmatic (Active)	Funded Awards	Begin
△ Performance Report (PR-724851)		
— Complete Performance Measure Survey	 Tiffany.Hy	Begin
△ Federal Financial Report (FFR-1216078)		
— CreateFFR	 Tiffany.Hy	Begin
△ Federal Financial Report (FFR-1228726)		
— CreateFFR	 Tiffany.Hy	Begin

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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March 24, 2026

Hannah Aanenson
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Ms. Hannah Aanenson:

Following a return request on GAM-619183, below is the revised request for the 12-month no-cost extension grant modification. This is the first no-cost extension request for the FY 2024 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR).

Grant Number: 15PBJA-24-GG-02611-DNAX

Grant End Date Request: September 30, 2027

Project Overview: The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Forensic Science Division's (FSD) Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) is facing a steady rise in DNA casework demand due to increases in violent crime, property crime and sexual assault kit submissions. This project seeks to expand capacity and reduce turnaround times by funding additional personnel hours, automating sexual assault sample processing through liquid handling instruments, and renovating laboratory space to support more staff and workflows. Together, these improvements will increase CODIS-eligible uploads, enhance efficiency, and ensure timely, high-quality forensic services to meet the City's growing public safety needs.

Detailed justification for the extension:

Administrative Delays

The grant was accepted in JustGrants on October 10, 2025, following the City of Los Angeles's (City) grant acceptance process which includes the review and approval the City Council and Mayor. Per the City of Los Angeles Administrative Code, the LAPD shall obtain Mayor and City Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award. This process typically takes 3-6 months. Although the City Council was deliberating the City's budget deficit during the first half of the year, it is unknown if this had a direct effect on the significant delay in this instance. Below is the process of what this approval entails and the dates that each step was completed.

- Board of Police Commissioners review and approval January 7, 2025
- City Council Public Safety Committee review and approval August 20, 2025
- City Council Budget and Finance Committee review and approval September 2, 2025
- City Council adopted recommendations for approval September 17, 2025
- Mayor approval September 29, 2025

Following the acceptance, the LAPD received financial clearance December 3, 2025, when withholding on condition #40 was released.

There were no grant activities prior to December 3, 2025, leaving only ten months to meet all objectives and goals. The 14-month delay significantly affected the ability of LAPD to complete the project by September 30, 2026.

There is insufficient time remaining in the grant period to effectively utilize allocated personnel hours for scheduling, performing, and achieving the intended increases in sample processing and DNA interpretation for CODIS uploads.

Additionally, the compressed timeline affects the procurement and implementation of liquid handling instrumentation. Equipment acquisition, validation, and integration into casework workflows require multiple phases that cannot be completed within the remaining period to achieve the anticipated gains in efficiency and turnaround time.

Projected Lapse in Funding to Support DNA Casework

With the 2025 DNA CEBR application still not awarded, there are significant concerns about the lapse in funding – specifically the funding for casework hours. Projecting that the grant is awarded on October 2026, with the estimated 6-month City grant award review and approval process, the 2025 DNA CEBR will not be available until approximately March 2027; resulting in a funding gap of at least 6 months.

Budget Status:

The total grant amount is \$ 1,995,862.00; as of the last Financial report ending December 31, 2025, the available balance is \$1,957,092.74. As of March 24, 2026, there are expenses of \$4,846.31 that has not been reported, personnel cost of \$ \$105,786.98 from January 1 – February 28, 2026 that has not been reported; and an encumbrance of \$ 256,545.65 for non-personnel expenses; resulting to total expense and encumbrances not yet reported to \$387,178.94; unobligated balance total \$1,569,913.80.

Goals & Objectives:

Once all the award conditions were cleared on December 3, 2025, the LAPD Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) has initiated multiple activities in direct support of the project's goals and objectives.

- SDU has begun allocating overtime hours for personnel to conduct DNA sample analysis and perform DNA profile interpretation for CODIS upload.
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- SDU has initiated procurement of laboratory supplies (DNA amplification kits, automated liquid handling system consumables (AutoLys tubes), and DNA quantitation kits).
- SDU has begun purchasing annual software licenses for DNA mixture interpretation (software purchased with a prior grant award).
- SDU has registered laboratory personnel for specialized training and supported travel associated with DNA training and continuing education.

Collectively, these completed activities directly advance the project's goals of improving procedures and increasing capacity to analyze crime scene samples for CODIS upload.

The following are pending activities to be completed include:

- personnel overtime to conduct DNA sample analysis and perform DNA profile interpretation for CODIS upload.
- Allocate personnel overtime to continue ongoing validation studies to support implementation of new methods, instrumentation, and workflow improvements.
- Purchase additional laboratory supplies for the processing, recording, screening, and analysis of forensic DNA casework samples.
- Purchase and install automated liquid handling instrumentation to replace aging equipment used for differential extraction, DNA quantitation and DNA amplification.
- Register laboratory personnel for specialized training and supported travel associated with DND training and continuing education.

Collectively, these activities will further advance the project's goals of improving procedures and increasing capacity to analyze crime scene samples for CODIS upload.

Timeline:

Below is the proposed timeline of activities from January 2026 through September 2027 with the requested 12-month no cost extension.

Jan-Mar 2026 – Projected Expense: \$620,910

- Continue allocation of overtime for DNA sample collection, analysis and CODIS profile interpretation and upload.
- Continue ongoing validation studies to support implementation of new methods, instrumentation, and workflow improvements.
- Initiate procurement process for updated automated liquid handling instrumentation.
- Send first group of personnel to specialized DNA training.
- Identify and register additional personnel for specialized DNA training.

Apr-Jun 2026 – Projected Expense:\$574,370

- Continue overtime-supported DNA casework and CODIS entry.
- Continue and advance validation studies associated with new instrumentation and workflow enhancements.

- Complete purchase of liquid handling instrumentation.
- Send additional personnel to specialized training, as scheduled.

Jul-Sep 2026 – Projected Expense:\$157,453

- Continue overtime-supported DNA casework and CODIS entry.
- Continue ongoing validation studies
- Complete installation of new instrumentation and develop validation plan.
- Send additional personnel to specialized training, as scheduled.

Oct-Dec 2026 – Projected Expense: \$151,090

- Begin installation and initial setup of new instrumentation (if received).
- Continue overtime-supported DNA casework and CODIS entry.
- Continue any remaining validation studies and documentation.
- Monitor performance metrics related to throughput and turnaround time.
- Send additional personnel to specialized training, as scheduled.

Jan-Mar 2027 – Projected Expense:\$151,090

- Continue overtime-supported DNA casework and CODIS entry.
- Complete any outstanding validation studies and finalize documentation.
- Review validation studies and documentation.
- Send additional personnel to specialized training, as scheduled.

Apr-Jun 2027 – Projected Expense: \$151,090

- Continue overtime-supported DNA casework and CODIS entry.
- Send additional personnel to specialized training, as scheduled.
- Evaluate the impact of validation studies, training, and new instrumentation on throughput, efficiency, and backlog reduction.

Jul-Sep 2027 – Projected Expense: \$151,090

- Continue overtime-supported DNA analysis and CODIS entry.
- Send additional personnel to specialized training, as scheduled.
- Maintain validated workflows and full operational use of updated instrumentation, including continued purchasing of laboratory supplies directly supporting the processing and analysis of forensic DNA casework samples for CODIS entry.
- Assess overall project outcomes related to improved procedures, improved turnaround time, validated methods, and increased capacity for CODIS entry.

If you have any questions, please contact Management Analyst Tiffany Hy, Grants Section, Strategic Planning and Policy Division, at (213) 486-0380.

Respectfully,

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Barbra Montesquieu
OIC, LAPD Grants Unit



Department of Justice (DOJ)

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Washington, D.C. 20531

Name and Address of Recipient:	CITY OF LOS ANGELES 200 N MAIN ST
City, State and Zip:	LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
Recipient UEI:	ZRXCMNNSUEJ1
Project Title: LAPD FY24 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program	Award Number: 15PBJA-24-GG-02611-DNAX
Solicitation Title: BJA FY24 Formula DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program	
Federal Award Amount: \$1,995,862.00	Federal Award Date: 9/27/24
Awarding Agency:	Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Opportunity Category: D Assistance Listing: 16.036 - Comprehensive Forensic DNA Analysis Grant Program	
Project Period Start Date: 10/1/24	Project Period End Date: 9/30/27
Budget Period Start Date: 10/1/24	Budget Period End Date: 9/30/27
Project Description: <p>The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Forensic Science Division (FSD) is a full-service accredited crime laboratory that serves approximately 4 million residents in the City of Los Angeles. The FSD proposes to increase the efficiency and capacity of the analysis of evidence in the Serology/DNA Unit using the FY24 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program.</p> <p>Project activities to increase sample processing include purchasing of supplies and validating a new liquid handling instrument to automate the process of sexual assault samples. To increase capacity and reduce case backlog, the program will increase personnel hours for DNA sample analysis, interpretation, and reporting. During the grant performance period, the LAPD expects to process more CODIS eligible samples in less time, allowing staff sufficient time to train personnel and validate new technologies. In addition, grant funding will allow staff to receive training to meet required continuing education requirements of accreditation.</p>	

Award Information

Application Number

GRANT14150964

Funding Instrument Type:

Grant

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Award Acceptance Date

10/10/2025 07:17 PM EDT

Assistance Listings Number

16.036

Assistance Listings Program Title

Comprehensive Forensic DNA Analysis Grant Program

Statutory Authority

Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2024 (Pub. L. No. 118-42, 138 Stat. 25, 147)

Current Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

Name of Authorized Representative

Jim McDonnell

Solicitation Information

Solicitation Title

2024 BJA FY24 Formula DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program

Project Title

LAPD FY24 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program

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Project Budget Summary

This award did not receive a budget review as indicated by the budget review selection made when publishing a solicitation.