



# Fact Sheet

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## Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (CFSI)

### Program Information:

The Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (CFSI) furthers the mission of the Department of Justice by providing States and units of local government with tools needed to meet the challenges of crime and justice. Specifically, this program seeks to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services, including services provided by laboratories operated by States and units of local government.

### The Purpose of CFSI funds is to:

- To carry out all, or a substantial part, of a program intended to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science or medical examiner services, including those services provided by laboratories operated by the State and those operated by units of local government within the State of Maryland.
- To eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic science evidence, including a backlog with respect to firearms examination, latent prints, toxicology, controlled substances, forensic pathology, questioned documents, and trace evidence.
- To train, assist, and employ forensic laboratory personnel as needed to eliminate any backlogs listed in the application.

### Eligibility:

- An established forensic science laboratory or laboratory system within a local law enforcement agency
- OR-
- A medical examiner's office

Match: Not Required

### Grant Funds Support

- Education, Training & Certification
- Personnel Overtime
- Personnel Salary
- Laboratory Equipment
- Laboratory Supplies
- Accreditation
- Contractual Services

### **Important Dates for CFSCI Grants**

<b>December</b>	NOFA posting	<b>January</b>	Hard copy applications due
<b>January</b>	Electronic applications due	<b>October 1</b>	Program start date

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Technical Assistance Videos are available at <http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/>

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