

# FY 2024 STRENGTHENING THE MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER SYSTEM PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:  
APRIL 10, 2024

JUSTGRANTS:  
APRIL 15, 2024

Who May Apply:	City, county, state, special district, or township governments; for-profit organizations other than small businesses; federally recognized Native American tribal governments; Native American tribal organizations; Nonprofits, other than institutions of higher education; private, public, and state-controlled institutions of higher education	
Why Apply:	Receive funding under Purpose Area 1 for forensic pathology fellowships (up to two per application) and under Purpose Area 2 for resources necessary for medical examiner/coroner (ME/C) offices to achieve and maintain accreditation.	
Maximum per Award:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Purpose Area 1 (Fellowships): Up to \$150,000 for one fellowship position and up to \$300,000 for two fellowship positions</li><li>Purpose Area 2 (Accreditation): Up to \$100,000 per award</li></ul>	
BJA encourages the following entities to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Agencies that have not previously received BJA funding under this program. However, previously awarded agencies are still eligible to apply.</li><li>Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.</li></ul>	
Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recruiting</li><li>Salary/stipend for the fellow and related costs</li><li>Loan repayments</li><li>Recruitment travel</li><li>Equipment and supplies</li><li>Training</li><li>Medical license reimbursement</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Personnel</li><li>Travel costs (allowable if they are incurred while supporting ME/C office's accreditation)</li><li>New and maintaining accreditation</li><li>Microgrants for ME/C offices (accreditation fees)</li><li>Certification fees</li></ul>
Where to get more information about this opportunity:	Visit <a href="https://bja.ojp.gov/doc/fact-sheet-strengthening-mec.pdf">bja.ojp.gov/doc/fact-sheet-strengthening-mec.pdf</a> to learn more about the program and <a href="https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-171979">https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-171979</a> for full funding information.	



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## Tips for Success:

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: [sam.gov/content/home](https://sam.gov/content/home).
- For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-171979.pdf> for information on who to contact.
- Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: [bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars](https://bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars) and review the "Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations."
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## How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

- (1) Register in [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by April 10, 2024.
- (2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by April 15, 2024. The application's major elements are:
  - (a) The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).
  - (b) The **proposal narrative** that describes your project's strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.
  - (c) The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.

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