

# POSTCONVICTION TESTING OF DNA EVIDENCE TO EXONERATE THE INNOCENT PROGRAM

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The “Northern California Innocence Project”, at Santa Clara University, and the “California Innocence Project”, at the California Western School of Law, are funded under the Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence to Exonerate the Innocent Program to conduct postconviction DNA testing in cases of murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible sexual assault, and all other violent felonies where actual innocence might be demonstrated.

Newer technologies have increased the successful DNA analysis of aged, degraded, limited, or otherwise compromised biological evidence. Crime scene samples once thought to be unsuitable for testing, may now yield DNA profiles. Samples that previously generated inconclusive DNA results may now be amenable to reanalysis using newer methods.

Funds are geared toward the review of such postconviction cases and to locate and analyze biological evidence associated with these cases.

The Postconviction DNA Testing Assistance Program (DNAP) is authorized under the Justice for All Act of 2004 by Public Law 108-405 (HR 108-711), which establishes enforceable rights for victims of crime, enhances DNA collection and analysis efforts, provides for postconviction DNA testing, and authorizes grants to improve the quality of representation in state capital cases.

## FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2014/15	Postconviction DNA Testing Assistance Program (DNAP) FFY14	\$ 1,271,206
FY 2015/16	Projects Chose Not to Apply	\$ 0
FY 2016/17	Unknown	

## 2014/15 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

<u>1,022</u>	Number of cases reviewed with grant funds.
<u>4,416</u>	Approximate number of hours spent on case review.
<u>116</u>	Approximate number of hours spent on locating evidence.
<u>11</u>	Number of cases in which DNA analysis was performed.
<u>10</u>	Number of cases that yielded a viable DNA profile.

## 2015/16 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

## 2016/17 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Applicable