



## Federal Fund Grant Subaward Assurances

### Information and Instructions

This document is a binding affirmation that, in addition to the requirements and restrictions outlined in the Subrecipient Handbook, Subrecipients will comply with the assurances required by the federal program/fund source.

**The Official Designee (see SRH Section 3.030) must sign this form.**

Complete all sections of this form and then submit:

- As part of the Grant Subaward Application,
- With a Grant Subaward Amendment (Cal OES Form 2-213) if a new federal fund source is being added to the Grant Subaward, and/or
- With a Grant Subaward Modification (Cal OES Form 2-223) if the assurances are received by Cal OES after the execution of the applicable Grant Subaward. Cal OES will notify Subrecipients when this is required.



**Federal Fund Grant Subaward Assurances  
Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (FSIA) Grant Program**

Subrecipient: \_\_\_\_\_

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Subrecipients agree to adhere to the following and ensure these assurances are passed down to Second-Tier Subrecipients.

**1. Required Audits and Financial Statements (SRH Section 14.005)**

Subrecipients expending \$750,000 or more in federal funds annually must comply with the single audit requirement established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and arrange for a single audit by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) firm annually. Audits conducted under this section will be performed using the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) for such audits.

- Subrecipient expends \$750,000 or more in federal funds annually.
- Subrecipient does not expend \$750,000 or more in federal funds annually.

**2. Applicability of Part 200 Uniform Requirements**

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by the DOJ in 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (together, the "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") apply to this Grant Subaward.

The Part 200 Uniform Requirements were first adopted by DOJ on December 26, 2014. If this FY 2021 award supplements funds previously awarded by OJP under the same award number (e.g., funds awarded during or before December 2014), the Part 200 Uniform Requirements apply with respect to all funds under that award number (regardless of the award date, and regardless of whether derived from the initial award or a supplemental award) that are obligated on or after the acceptance date of this FY 2021 award.

For more information and resources on the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as they relate, see the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Part200UniformRequirements.htm>.

### **3. Record Retention and Access**

All grant records must be retained for seven years from the end of the Grant Subaward performance period. If the Subrecipient's source documentation records are retained in a database system, it must cover the entire performance period and be retrievable. If an audit, investigation, review, litigation, or any other action occurs during the Subrecipient's seven year retention period, the Subrecipient shall retain the records until the resolution of such process, or until the end of the seven year period, whichever is longer.

### **4. Requirement to Report Actual or Imminent Breach of Personally Identifiable Information**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must have written procedures in place to respond in the event of an actual or imminent "breach" (OMB M-17-12) if they:

- Create, collect, use, process, store, maintain, disseminate, disclose, or dispose of "Personally Identifiable Information (PII)" (2 CFR 200.1) within the scope of an OJP grant-funded program or activity, or
- Use or operate a "Federal information system" (OMB Circular A-130).

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must have breach procedures that must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to Cal OES no later than 24 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

### **5. Compliance with DOJ Regulations Pertaining to Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 38**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38 (as may be applicable from time to time), specifically including any applicable requirements regarding written notice to program beneficiaries and prospective program beneficiaries.

Currently, among other things, 28 C.F.R. Part 38 includes rules that prohibit specific forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Part 38, currently, also sets out rules and requirements that pertain to Subrecipient organizations (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient organizations) that engage in or

conduct explicitly religious activities, as well as rules and requirements that pertain to Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) that are faith-based or religious organizations.

The text of 28 C.F.R. Part 38 is available via the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (currently accessible at <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse>), by browsing to Title 28-Judicial Administration, Chapter 1, Part 38, under e-CFR "current" data.

**6. Compliance with DOJ Regulations Pertaining to Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 42**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 42, specifically including any applicable requirements in Subpart E of 28 C.F.R. Part 42 that relate to an equal employment opportunity program.

**7. Compliance with DOJ Regulations Pertaining to Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination - 28 C.F.R. Part 54**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, that relate to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain "educational programs."

**8. Compliance with 41 U.S.C. 4712 (including prohibitions on reprisal; notice to employees)**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with, and are subject to, all applicable provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712, including all applicable provisions that prohibit, under specified circumstances, discrimination against an employee as reprisal for the employee's disclosure of information related to gross mismanagement of a federal grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal grant.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) also must inform their employees, in writing (and in the predominant native language of the workforce), of employee rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

**9. Compliance with Applicable Rules Regarding Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conferences, Meetings, Trainings, and Other Events**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and official DOJ guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences (as that term is defined by DOJ),

including the provision of food and/or beverages at such conferences, and costs of attendance at such conferences.

Information on the pertinent DOJ definition of conferences and the rules applicable to this Grant Subaward appears in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (currently, as section 3.10 of "Postaward Requirements" in the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide").

## **10. Requirement for Data on Performance and Effectiveness under the Grant Subaward**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must collect and maintain data that measure the performance and effectiveness of work under this Grant Subaward. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must provide data (within the required timeframes) specified by OJP in the program solicitation or other applicable written guidance. Data collection supports compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010, and other applicable laws.

## **11. Determination of Suitability to Interact with Participating Minors**

This condition applies to the Grant Subaward (if it is indicated) when some or all of the activities to be carried out under the Grant Subaward (whether by Subrecipients, or Second-Tier Subrecipients) is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status.

The details of this requirement are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm>.

## **12. Compliance with DOJ Grants Financial Guide**

Subrecipients (and any Second Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable sections of the DOJ Financial Guide. References to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide are to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide as posted on the OJP website (currently, the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide" available at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm>), including any updated version that may be posted during the period of performance. Subrecipients agree to comply with the DOJ Grants Financial Guide.

## **13. Encouragement of Policies to Ban Text Messaging while Driving**

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), the DOJ encourages Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course

of performing work funded by this Grant Subaward, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

#### **14. Compliance with General Appropriations-law Restrictions on the use of Federal Funds**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of federal funds set out in federal appropriations statutes. Pertinent restrictions, including from various "general provisions" in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, are set out at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/FY21AppropriationsRestrictions.htm>.

Should a question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) would or might fall within the scope of an appropriations or law restriction, Subrecipients are to contact Cal OES for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of Cal OES.

#### **15. Potential Imposition of Additional Requirements**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) during the period of performance for this Grant Subaward, if Subrecipients are designated as "high-risk" for purposes of the DOJ high-risk grantee list.

#### **16. Employment Eligibility Verification for Hiring under the Grant Subaward**

a. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must:

- 1) Ensure that, as part of the hiring process for any position within the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with Grant Subaward funds, Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) properly verify the employment eligibility of the individual who is being hired, consistent with the provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).
- 2) Notify all persons associated with Subrecipients (or any Second-Tier Subrecipients) who are or will be involved in activities under this Grant Subaward of both:
  - a) This Grant Subaward requirement for verification of employment eligibility, and

- b) The associated provisions in 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) that, generally speaking, make it unlawful, in the United States, to hire (or recruit for employment) certain aliens.
- 3) Provide training (to the extent necessary) to those persons required by this condition to be notified of the Grant Subaward requirement for employment eligibility verification and of the associated provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).
- 4) As part of the recordkeeping for the Grant Subaward (including pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements), maintain records of all employment eligibility verifications pertinent to compliance with this Grant Subaward condition in accordance with Form I-9 record retention requirements, as well as records of all pertinent notifications and trainings.

b. Monitoring

Subrecipients' monitoring responsibilities include monitoring Second-Tier Subrecipients' compliance with this condition.

c. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, Grant Subaward funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

d. Rules of construction

1) Staff involved in the hiring process

For purposes of this condition, persons "who are or will be involved in activities under this Grant Subaward" specifically includes (without limitation) any and all Subrecipient officials or other staff who are or will be involved in the hiring process with respect to a position that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with Grant Subaward funds.

2) Employment eligibility confirmation with E-Verify

For purposes of satisfying the requirement of this condition regarding verification of employment eligibility, Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) may choose to participate in, and use, E-Verify ([www.e-verify.gov](http://www.e-verify.gov)), provided an appropriate person authorized to act on behalf of the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) uses E-Verify (and follows the proper E-Verify procedures, including in the event of a "Tentative Nonconfirmation" or a "Final Nonconfirmation") to confirm employment

eligibility for each hiring for a position in the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with Grant Subaward funds.

- 3) "United States" specifically includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- 4) Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), or any person or other entity, to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.
- 5) Nothing in this condition, including in paragraph 4.B., shall be understood to relieve Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) or any person or other entity, of any obligation otherwise imposed by law, including 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1).

Questions about E-Verify should be directed to DHS. For more information about E-Verify visit the E-Verify website (<https://www.e-verify.gov/>).

## **17. Restrictions and Certifications Regarding Non-disclosure Agreements and Related Matters**

No Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) under this Grant Subaward, or entity that receives a procurement contract or subcontract with any funds under this Grant Subaward, may require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The foregoing is not intended, and shall not be understood by the agency making this Grant Subaward, to contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (which relates to classified information), Form 4414 (which relates to sensitive compartmented information), or any other form issued by a federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

a. In accepting this Grant Subaward, Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients):

- 1) Represent that they neither require, nor have required, internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and



- 2) Certify that, if they learn, or are notified, that they have, or have been, requiring their employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, they will immediately stop any further obligations of Grant Subaward funds, will provide prompt written notification to Cal OES, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by Cal OES.
- b. If Subrecipients are authorized under this award to make Second-Tier Subawards, procurement contracts, or both:
- 1) Subrecipients represent that:
    - a) No other entity (whether through a Second-Tier Subaward ("subgrant"), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) that they pass funds to either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and
    - b) Appropriate inquiry has been made, or otherwise Subrecipients have an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and
  - 2) If learned or notified that any Second-Tier Subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this Grant Subaward is, or has been, requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, they will immediately stop any further obligations of Grant Subaward funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to Cal OES, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by Cal OES.

## **18. Reclassification of Various Statutory Provisions to a New Title 34 of the United States Code**

On September 1, 2017, various statutory provisions previously codified elsewhere in the U.S. Code were editorially reclassified (that is, moved and renumbered) to a new Title 34, entitled "Crime Control and Law Enforcement." The reclassification encompassed a number of statutory provisions pertinent to OJP awards (that is, OJP grants and cooperative agreements), including many provisions previously codified in Title 42 of the U.S. Code.

Effective as of September 1, 2017, any reference in this award document to a statutory provision that has been reclassified to the new Title 34 of the U.S. Code is to

be read as a reference to that statutory provision as reclassified to Title 34. This rule of construction specifically includes references set out in award conditions, references set out in material incorporated by reference through award conditions, and references set out in other award requirements.

## **19. OJP Training Guiding Principles**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree that they will adhere to the OJP Training Guiding Principle for Grantee and Subgrantees (available at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Implement/TrainingPrinciplesForGrantees-Subgrantees.htm>) for all training or training materials developed or delivered with these funds.

## **20. Federal Authorization**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements for authorization of any Grant Subaward. This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a "Grant Subaward" (and therefore does not consider a procurement "contract").

The details of the requirement for authorization of any Grant Subaward are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SubawardAuthorization.htm>.

## **21. Requirements Related to System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with applicable requirements regarding the System for Award Management (SAM), currently accessible at <https://www.sam.gov/>. This includes applicable requirements regarding registration with SAM, as well as maintaining the currency of information in SAM.

Subrecipients also must comply with applicable restrictions for Second-Tier Subawards, including restrictions on Grant Subawards to entities that do not acquire and provide (to Subrecipients) the unique entity identifier required for SAM registration.

The details of the Subrecipients' obligations related to SAM and to unique entity identifiers are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SAM.htm>.

This condition does not apply to a Grant Subaward to an individual who received the Grant Subaward as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

## **22. Restrictions on "lobbying"**

In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds awarded by OJP may not be used by Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), either directly or indirectly, to support or oppose the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government. See 18 U.S.C. 1913. (There may be exceptions if an applicable federal statute specifically authorizes certain activities that otherwise would be barred by law.)

Another federal law generally prohibits federal funds awarded by OJP from being used by Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), to pay any person to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal agency, a Member of Congress, or Congress (or an official or employee of any of them) with respect to the awarding of a federal grant or cooperative agreement, subgrant, contract, subcontract, or loan, or with respect to actions such as renewing, extending, or modifying any such award. See 31 U.S.C. 1352. Certain exceptions to this law apply, including an exception that applies to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

## **23. Specific Post-award Approval Required to Use a Noncompetitive Approach in any Procurement Contract that would Exceed \$250,000**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements to obtain specific advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in any procurement contract that would exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently, \$250,000). This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a procurement "contract" (and therefore does not consider a subaward).

The details of the requirement for advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in a procurement contract under an OJP award are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/NoncompetitiveProcurement.htm>.

## **24. Requirements Pertaining to Prohibited Conduct Related to Trafficking in Persons (including reporting requirements and OJP Authority to Terminate Grant Subaward)**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with all applicable requirements (including requirements to report allegations) pertaining to prohibited conduct related to the trafficking of persons, whether on the part of Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients), or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients).

The details of the Subrecipients' obligations related to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/ProhibitedConduct-Trafficking.htm>.

## **25. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must promptly refer to Cal OES any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, Subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this Grant Subaward-- (1) submitted a claim that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct.

Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct involving or relating to funds under this Grant Subaward should must also be reported to Cal OES. Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline>.

## **26. Limit on Use of Grant Funds for Grantees' Employees' Salaries**

With respect to this award, federal funds may not be used to pay cash compensation (salary plus bonuses) to any employee of the award recipient at a rate that exceeds 110% of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. (An award recipient may compensate an employee at a higher rate, provided the amount in excess of this compensation limitation is paid with non-federal funds.)

This limitation on compensation rates allowable under this award may be waived on an individual basis at the discretion of the OJP official indicated in the program announcement under which this award is made.

## **27. Information and/or Data Requests**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to cooperate with any assessments, national evaluation efforts, or information or data collection requests, including, but not limited to, the provision of any information required for the assessment or evaluation of any activities within this project.

## **28. Published Written and Web-based Materials**

Subrecipients shall provide the Cal OES Program Specialist with a copy of any curricula, training materials, proposed publications, reports, or any other written materials that will be published, including web-based materials and website content, resulting from this Subaward at least forty-five working days prior to the targeted dissemination date. Any written, visual, or audio publications, with the exception of press releases, whether published at the grantee's or government's expense, shall contain the following statements: "This project was supported by Grant No. \_\_\_\_\_, awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of 2-109g Federal Fund Grant Subaward Assurances - FSIA (Revised 12/2021)

Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the SMART Office. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice."

## **29. Press Releases**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) shall transmit to the Cal OES Program Specialist copies of all official award-related press releases at least fifteen working days prior to public release. Advance notice permits time for coordination of release of information by Cal OES where appropriate and to respond to press or public inquiries.

## **30. Copyright; Data rights**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) acknowledge that OJP reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use (in whole or in part, including in connection with derivative works), for Federal purposes: (1) any work subject to copyright developed under a Subaward; and (2) any rights of copyright to which a Subrecipient (at any Second-Tier Subrecipient) purchases ownership with Federal support.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) acknowledge that OJP has the right to (1) obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data first produced under a Subaward; and (2) authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data for Federal purposes. "Data" includes data as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision 52.227-14 (Rights in Data - General).

It is the responsibility of the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) to ensure that the provisions of this condition are included in any Subaward under this Subaward.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) have the responsibility to obtain from Subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors (if any) all rights and data necessary to fulfill the recipient's obligations to the Government under this Subaward. If a proposed Subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor refuses to accept terms affording the Government such rights, the Subrecipient shall promptly bring such refusal to the attention of the Cal OES Program Specialist for the Subaward and not proceed with the agreement in question without further authorization from Cal OES.

## **31. Generally Accepted Laboratory Practices**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) shall ensure that any forensic laboratory, forensic laboratory system, medical examiner's office, or coroner's office

that will receive any portion of the Subaward uses generally accepted laboratory practices and procedures as established by accrediting organizations or appropriate certifying bodies.

a. External Investigations

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) shall ensure that requirements associated with 34 U.S.C. section 10562(4) (which relate to processes in place to conduct independent external investigations into allegations of serious negligence or misconduct by employees or contractors) are satisfied with respect to any forensic laboratory system, medical examiner's office, coroner's office, law enforcement storage facility, or medical facility in the State that will receive a portion of the grant amount.

b. Accreditation

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) shall ensure that any forensic laboratory or forensic laboratory system (not including any medical examiner's office or coroner's office) that will receive any portion of the award either is accredited, or will use a portion of this award to prepare and apply for accreditation by not more than two years from the award date of this award.

Additionally, with respect to accreditation, the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) shall ensure that for any Subaward it makes under this award, it will require in a legally-binding and enforceable writing, such as the Subaward documentation (for example, Subaward terms and conditions), that its Subrecipient: (1) if accredited, must continue to demonstrate such accreditation as a condition of receiving or using the Subaward funds; or (2) if not accredited, must use the Subaward funds to prepare and apply for accreditation.

The Coverdell statute (see 34 U.S.C. section 10562(2)) and the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program solicitation state certain requirements and guidance associated with proper accreditation and regarding what BJA will consider to be acceptable documentation of accreditation. The Subrecipient is to contact the Cal OES Program Specialist for clarification or guidance if it should have any question as to what constitutes proper accreditation for the purposes of the Coverdell program. Subaward funds may not be used under this Subaward by a forensic laboratory or forensic laboratory system with accreditation (or by such laboratory to obtain accreditation) that BJA determines not to be consistent with the Coverdell law and the solicitation or to be otherwise deficient.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to notify Cal OES promptly upon any change in the accreditation status of any forensic science laboratory or forensic laboratory system that receives funding under this Subaward.

### **32. Use of Funds; No Research**

Funds provided under this Subaward shall be used only for the purposes and types of expenses set forth in the Request for Application. Funds shall not be used for general law enforcement functions or non-forensic investigatory functions, and shall not be used for research or statistical projects or activities. Use of Subaward funds for construction of new facilities is restricted by statute. Any questions concerning this provision should be directed to the Cal OES Program Specialist prior to incurring the expense or commencing the activity in question.

To ensure compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (Pub. L. No. 103-62) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-352), program performance under this Subaward is measured by the following: (1) percent reduction in the average number of days from the submission of a sample to a forensic science laboratory to the delivery of test results to a requesting office or agency (calculated by reporting the average number of days to process a sample at the beginning of the grant period versus the average number of days to process a sample at the end of the grant period); (2) percent reduction in the number of backlogged forensic cases (calculated by reporting the number of backlogged forensic cases at the beginning of the grant period versus the number of backlogged forensic cases at the end of grant period), if applicable to the Subaward; and (3) the number of forensic science or medical examiner/coroner's office personnel who completed appropriate training or educational opportunities with these Coverdell funds, if applicable to the Subaward. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) are required to collect and report data relevant to these measures.

### **33. Forensic Science or Medical Examiner Services Fees**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) understand and agree that, throughout the Subaward period, it must promptly notify Cal OES if it either starts or stops charging fees for forensic science or medical examiner services, or if it revises its method of allocating fees received for such services to program income. Notice must be provided in writing to the Cal OES Program Specialist within fifteen business days of implementation of the change.

### **34. External Investigations**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) acknowledge that, as stated in the solicitation for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program, BJA assumes that Subrecipients (and Second-Tier Subrecipients) of Coverdell funds will make use of the process referenced in their certification as to external investigations and will refer allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results to government entities with an appropriate process in place to conduct independent external investigations, such as the government entity (or entities) identified in the grant application. The

Subrecipient shall submit the following information as part of its final report: (1) the number and nature of any allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results received during the 12-month period of the award; (2) information on the referrals of such allegations (e.g., the government entity or entities to which referred, the date of referral); (3) the outcome of such referrals (if known as of the date of the report); and (4) if any such allegations were not referred, the reason(s) for the non-referral. Should the project period for this award be extended, the Subrecipient shall submit the above information as to subsequent twelve-month periods every twelve months thereafter (as part of a semi-annual progress report) until the close of the award period, at which point the Subrecipient shall submit the required information as to any period not covered by prior reports as part of its final report. The Subrecipient understands and agrees that funds may be withheld (including funds under future awards), or other related requirements may be imposed, if the required information is not submitted on a timely basis.

### **35. Subrecipient Integrity and Performance Matters**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) must comply with any and all applicable requirements regarding reporting of information on civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings connected with (or connected to the performance of) either this OJP award or any other grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the federal government. Under certain circumstances, Subrecipients of OJP awards are required to report information about such proceedings, through the federal System for Award Management (known as "SAM"), to the designated federal integrity and performance system (currently, "FAPIS").

The details of Subrecipient obligations regarding the required reporting (and updating) of information on certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings to the federal designated integrity and performance system (currently, "FAPIS") within SAM are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/FAPIS.htm> (Award condition: Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters, including Recipient Reporting to FAPIS), and are incorporated by reference here.

### **36. Gross Income**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) understand and agree that gross income (revenues) from fees charged for forensic science or medical examiner services constitutes program income (in whole or in part), and that program income must be determined, used, and documented in accordance with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. 200.307, including as applied in the Department of Justice (DOJ) Grants Financial Guide, as it may be revised from time to time. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) further understand and agree that both program income earned during the Subaward period and expenditures of such program income must be reported to Cal OES and are subject to monitoring.



Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) understand and agree that program income earned during the Subaward period may be expended only for permissible uses of funds specifically identified in the solicitation for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program. The Subrecipient further understands and agrees that program income earned during the award period may not be used to supplant State or local government funds, but instead may be used only to increase the amount of funds that would, in the absence of Federal funds or program income, be available from State or local government sources for the permissible uses of funds listed in the solicitation.

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) understand and agree that program income that is earned during the final one hundred twenty (120) days of the award period may, if appropriate, be obligated (as well as expended) for permissible uses during the one hundred twenty-day (120-day) period following the end of the award period. The Subrecipient further understands and agrees that any program income earned during the award period that is not obligated and expended within one hundred twenty (120) days of the end of the award period must be returned to Cal OES.

### **37. Federal, State and Local Environmental Laws and Regulations**

Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree to comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations applicable to the development and implementation of the activities to be funded under this Subaward.

#### **a. Environmental Assessment (EA)**

The activities the Subrecipient (and any Second-Tier Subrecipient) has proposed to conduct under this Subaward fall within the scope of a BJA Programmatic EA that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These activities have been determined not to have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

#### **b. Modifications**

Throughout the term of this Subaward, Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) agree that for any activity that is the subject of a completed EA, it will inform Cal OES of (1) any change(s) that it is considering making to the previously assessed activity that may be relevant to environmental impact; or (2) any proposed new activities or changed circumstances that may require assessment as to environmental impact, such as new activities that involve the use of chemicals or involve construction or major renovation. Subrecipients (and any Second-Tier Subrecipients) will not implement a proposed change or new activity until BJA, with the assistance of Cal OES, has determined whether the proposed change or new activity (or changed circumstances) will require additional review under NEPA. Approval for implementation will not be

unreasonably withheld as long as any requested modification(s) is consistent with eligible program purposes and found acceptable under a BJA-conducted environmental impact review process.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify the Subrecipient identified above will comply with the requirements of the Subrecipient Handbook and the federal fund Grant Subaward assurances outlined above.

Official Designee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Designee's Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Designee's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Executed: \_\_\_\_\_