

FY 2019 Paul Coverdell Forensics Science Improvement Grants Program Summary

Award period: January 01, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Federal Award \$271,960

Law Enforcement Allocation Category		
Agency	Contact	Purpose
Maine State Police Crime Lab	Lieutenant Scott A. Gosselin 26 Hospital Street Augusta, Maine 04333 Website: http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/criminal_investigation/crime_lab.html	The Maine State Police Crime Laboratory will seek to enhance the efficiency and productivity of its operations using the Coverdell funds. Funds will be used to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide training for lab personnel and funds will be used for travel costs, registration, and workshop fees. 2. Comply with all reporting requirements 3. To ensure compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (Pub. L. No. 103-62), submit Bi-annual performance measures 4. MSP Crime Laboratory will refer any allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results to government entities with an appropriate process in place to conduct an independent external investigation <p style="text-align: right;">01-01-19 \$ 93,623.00</p>
Maine Public Health and Environmental Testing Lab	Lauren Niskach 221 State Street Augusta, Maine 04333 Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/health-and-environmental-testing/	The DHHS Health & Environmental Testing Laboratory will seek to enhance the efficiency and productivity of the office by continuing training, proficiency testing, and minor equipment purchase using the Coverdell funds. Funds will be used to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide training for lab personnel, funds will be used for travel costs, registration, and workshop fees. Personnel that attends the training will provide a brief evaluation of the training they attended. 2. Purchase a Fourier-transform infrared spectrometer, an evaporator, and a benchtop centrifuge. 3. Purchase certified reference material standards. 4. DHHS Health & Environmental Testing Laboratory will refer any 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. <p style="text-align: right;">01-02-19 \$ 86,616.00</p>

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<p>Office of the Attorney General, Office of Chief Medical Examiner 01-03-17</p>	<p>Mark Belserene 6 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333 Website: http://www.maine.gov/ag/about/office_organization.html#medical</p>	<p>The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) will seek to enhance efficiency and productivity of the office for preparation of certification by the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) through the use of the Coverdell funds. Funds will be used to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contract with forensic pathologists to perform autopsies, complete associated reports, and other associated work. The additional contract forensic pathologists functioning in approximately ¼ time capacity is designed to distribute the caseload in a manner that will facilitate more efficient and timely completion of cases. 2. Purchase Twelve Panel Urine Drug Screen Field Kits and Single Panel Fentanyl Urine Field Screening Kits. 3. Collect DNA samples from every deceased person that becomes a medical examiner case. 4. Comply with all reporting requirements. 5. To ensure compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (Pub. L. No. 103-62), submit Bi-annual performance measures 6. OCME will refer any 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 <p style="text-align: right;">01-03-19 \$ 52,705.00</p>
<p>Maine Department of Public Safety</p>	<p>Robert Chicoria 104 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 Website: http://www.maine.gov/dps/</p>	<p>The Maine Department of Public Safety will perform subgrantee monitoring to ensure that the subgrant is being used for the authorized purpose, in compliance with the federal program and grant requirements, laws and regulations, and the subgrant performance goals are achieved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">01-04-19 \$ 7,119.00</p>