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GRANT AWARD NOTICE

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SUBJECT:

FY 15 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program

**Department of Justice****Office of Justice Programs**

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*Washington, D.C. 20531***GRANT NOTIFICATION**

Grant Number: 2015-DN-BX-0005

Name & Address of Recipient: Richland County
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City, State & ZIP: Columbia, South Carolina 29204-1002

Recipient Project Director/Contact:
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Title of Program: FY 15 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program

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Amount of Award: \$ 162,211 Date of Award: 09/18/2015

Awarding Agency: National Institute of Justice
Sherry Cochran

Supplement: No

Statutory Authority for Program:

FY15(NIJ - S&LLEA DNA/Other Forensics) Pub. L. No. 113-235, 128 Stat. 2130, 2193; 28 USC 530C

Impact/Focus: National CFDA Number: 16.741

Project Description:

The Richland County Sheriff's Department is currently seeking funds to enhance its capacity for DNA analysis through the DNA Backlog Reduction Program Formula Grant FY 2015. With the implementation of this grant, the following goals will be achieved; reduction of backlogged DNA cases and increase laboratory capacity with the objective of an overall reduction in violent and nonviolent crimes in Richland County through a continuation of current analyst throughput (26 cases/month). Without the grant-funded re-employment of the full time analyst and the full time technician, laboratory case throughput will be reduced by approximately 30 percent. The project plan/method is to utilize the grant-funded full time analyst and full time technician along with the two county-funded full time DNA analysts and existing laboratory infrastructure to coordinate and process DNA backlogged cases during the grant period. The new instrumentation will decrease the footprint of laboratory and will bring this component of the DNA process up-to-date to better increase capacity. Annual training for the DNA Analysts will allow for continuing education. Funds will be used to provide the quality assurance audit of the casework laboratory in accordance with the FBI's Quality Assurance Standards. nca/ncf.

For more information about this grant, contact the Office of Justice Program's Office of Communications at 202/307-0703.