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# GRANT AWARD NOTICE

## IMPORTANT

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**SUBJECT:**

FY16 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program

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<b>GRANT NOTIFICATION</b>		<b>Grant Number:</b> 2016-DN-BX-0089
<b>Name &amp; Address of Recipient:</b> County Of Greenville 301 University Ridge		
<b>City, State &amp; ZIP:</b> Greenville, South Carolina 29601-3636		
<b>Recipient Project Director/Contact:</b> Joseph Kernell County Administrator  <b>Phone:</b> (864) 467-7037		
<b>Title of Program:</b> FY16 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program		
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<b>Amount of Award:</b> \$ 100,000	<b>Date of Award:</b> 09/08/2016	
<b>Awarding Agency:</b> National Institute of Justice Alissa Genovese		
<b>Supplement:</b> No		
<b>Statutory Authority for Program:</b> FY16(NIJ - S&LLEA DNA/Other Forensics) Pub. L. No. 114-113, 129 Stat. 2242, 2308; 28 USC 530C		
<b>Impact/Focus:</b> Formula	<b>CFDA Number:</b> 16.741	
<b>Project Description:</b> The County of Greenville is the agency responsible for analyzing evidential material associated with criminal investigations for local law enforcement agencies and the coroner's office within the County of Greenville, South Carolina. The County of Greenville operates one forensic science laboratory under the Greenville County-Department of Public Safety (GC-DPS). The County of Greenville designates the GC-DPS as the agency responsible for conducting forensic biology/DNA analysis on relevant samples collected from all casework requested by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Coroner's Office, and the Greenville City Police Department. The GC-DPS forensic DNA Laboratory began receiving and processing forensic biology/DNA cases from the agencies listed above after the accreditation date of March 16, 2011. The County of Greenville's budgetary constraints prevented the GC-DPS forensic DNA Laboratory from offering free services to neighboring counties and municipalities in the upstate region of South Carolina. Initially, a fee-for-service was available to these agencies, but their budgetary constraints hindered them from using the GC-DPS forensic DNA Laboratory. Through previous NIJ grant funding, the GC-DPS has provided services to process forensic biology/DNA cases for all upstate region agencies at a no-cost basis since January 2013. Supporting these "Regional Agencies" has positively affected turnaround of forensic biology/DNA casework in the upstate of South Carolina and reduced the backlog to the state DNA laboratory through reduction of upstate agency submissions.  The Federal funding from this award will be used for the following goals: (1) Continue to offer forensic biology/DNA services to regional upstate SC agencies at a no-cost basis, increasing overall capacity of GC-DPS forensic DNA Laboratory with forensic biology/DNA cases from these regional agencies;(2) Reduce the current backlog of forensic biology/DNA cases at the GC-DPS forensic DNA Laboratory; and, (3)Provide required continuing education for two DNA analysts.		

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The GC-DPS forensic DNA Laboratory expects to analyze at least 96 forensic biology and DNA cases specific to backlog and other agencies with overtime and supply funds provided during the award period. The agency also expects to satisfy continuing education requirements for two DNA analysts by providing travel funds and lodging for the 28th International Symposium for Human Identification (ISHI) in Seattle, WA on October 2-5, 2017.

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