

**Oklahoma District Attorneys Council
Federal Grants Division**

2016 Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Awards

The purpose of the Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant is to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic sciences and toxicology examiner services for the criminal justice system in Oklahoma and to reduce the backlog of forensic science cases. In 2016, the State of Oklahoma received \$102,140.00 of which \$91,926.00 was passed through to four (4) forensic science labs and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

The Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Task Force has used, and continues to use, a consensus decision-making process in determining the use of the grant funds. The foundation of the Task Force has been to utilize the Coverdell funds in a manner that achieves the broadest impact for the State. As such, the funds are awarded based on the number of analysts within each agency compared to the total number of analysts combined. A baseline is set for the smallest agencies in order for these labs to effectively participate in the grant program. The following is a summary of the projects that were funded.

Congressional District I

Award Recipient	Location	Award Amount
Tulsa Police Department	Tulsa	\$13,481.89
Grant funds will be used to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic services by staying current with accreditation fees, training a new forensic scientist, and requiring overtime.		

Congressional District 4

Award Recipient	Location	Award Amount
Norman Police Department	Norman	\$3,000.00

Grant funds will be used to cover costs of maintaining accreditation for the forensic laboratory.

Ardmore Police Department	Ardmore	\$3,000.00
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Grant funds will be used to maintain current ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation fees, assessment team fees, and laboratory equipment.

Congressional District 5

Award Recipient	Location	Award Amount
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	Oklahoma City	\$7,578.67

Grant funds will be used for mandated ABFT and NAME continuing education requirements, and individual board certifications.

Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation	Oklahoma City	\$64,865.54
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Grant funds will enable the OSBI to continue improving the quality and timeliness of forensic services through overtime, personnel, training, certification, and improved equipment.