

# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: Oc	tober 21, 2014	[x]	Consent	[]	Regular
Department:			Ordinance		Public Hearing
Submitted By: Submitted For:			Sheriff's Office Sheriff's Office		
		1.	EXECUTIVE BRIEF		
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**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to (A) Accept** the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Cooperative Agreement for a FY2014 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program Grant in the amount of \$125,000 for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016; and **(B) Approve** a budget amendment of \$125,000 increasing the Sheriff's Grant Fund.

**Summary:** On September 18, 2014 the Palm County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) received an award for the Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program. The objective of this grant is to combine the efforts of the PBSO Violent Crimes Cold Case Unit, the experience of the PBSO Crime Laboratory, and contracted forensic laboratories to solve Cold Cases with DNA analysis. These funds, which have been approved by NIJ, will be used to pay for contractual services in support of solving cold cases with DNA. There is no match requirement associated with this award. No additional positions are needed and no County funds are required. Countywide. (PGE)

**Background and Justification:** The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), National Institute of Justice (NIJ) 2007 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program furthers the Department's mission by offering assistance to States and units of local government to identify, review, and investigate Uniform Crime Report (UCR), Part 1 Violent Crime "cold cases" that have the potential to be solved through DNA analysis, and to locate and analyze biological evidence associated with these cases. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number is 16.560 and the grant number is 2014-DN-BX-K082.

### Attachments:

1. Budget Amen 2. Cooperative A		
RECOMMENDED BY:		10/9/14
	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	DATE /
APPROVED BY:	ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	( )( 1) ( Y

### II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

### A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact: Fiscal Years 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 Capital Expenditures 0 **Operating Costs** \$125,000 External Revenues (\$125,000)Program Income (County) In-Kind Match (County) Net Fiscal Impact 0 # Additional FTE **Positions** 0 (Cumulative) Is Item Included in Current Budget: YES NO X Budget Account No.: Fund 1152 Agency 160 Org \_2269 Object <u>31</u>29 Reporting Category Recommended Sources of Funds / Summary of Fiscal Impact: The "Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program" Grant is funded through the National Institute of Justice. There is no match requirement associated with this award. No additional positions are needed and no additional County funds are required. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program <u>\$125,000</u> Total Program Budget \$125,000 REVIEW COMMENTS A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments: BURRE Legal Sufficiency: В. Other Department Review: C.

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

Department Director

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Use this form to provide budget for items not anticipated in the budget.

FUND 1152 - Sheriff's Grants Fund

ACCT.NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED	REMAINING BALANCE
Revenues								
Solving Cold Cases wit								
160-2269-3129	Federal Grant - Other Public Safety	0	0	125,000	. 0	125,000		
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,519,975	\$2,175,190	\$125,000	\$0	\$2,300,190	-	
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Expenditures								
Expenditures								
Solving Cold Cases wit								
160-2269-9498	Transfer to Sheriff's Fund 1902	0	0	125,000	0.	125,000		
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,519,975	\$2,175,190	\$125,000	\$0	\$2,300,190		
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Palm Beach County Sh	neriff's Office	Signatures		Date			By Board of County At Meeting of Oct	
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Administration/Budget Department Approval							Board of County Co	ommissioners
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Office of Justice Programs	
National Institute of Justice	Cooperative Agreement PAGE 1 OF 10
1. RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS (Including Zip Code)	4. AWARD NUMBER: 2014-DN-BX-K082
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office 3228 Gun Club Road West Palm Beach, FL 33406-3001	5, PROJECT PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2014 TO 09/30/2016
	BUDGET PERIOD; FROM 10/01/2014 TO 09/30/2016
	6. AWARD DATE 09/18/2014 7. ACTION
1A. GRANTEE IRS/VENDOR NO. 596000786	8. SUPPLEMENT NUMBER Initial 00
	9. PREVIOUS AWARD AMOUNT \$ 0
3. PROJECT TITLE	
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Solving Cold Cases with DNA	10. AMOUNT OF THIS AWARD \$ 125,000
	11. TOTAL AWARD \$ 125,000
12, SPECIAL CONDITIONS	
THE ABOVE GRANT PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO SUCH COON THE ATTACHED PAGE(S).	INDITIONS OR LIMITATIONS AS ARE SET FORTH
13. STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR GRANT	
This project is supported under FY14(NIJ - S&LLEA DNA/Other Forensics)	Pub. L. No. 113-76, 128 Stat. 5, 62-63; 28 USC 530C
15. METHOD OF PAYMENT	
GPRS	
AGENCY APPROVAL	GRANTEB ACCEPTANCE
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#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 1. The recipient agrees to comply with the financial and administrative requirements set forth in the current edition of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Guide.
- 2. The recipient acknowledges that failure to submit an acceptable Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (if recipient is required to submit one pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Section 42.302), that is approved by the Office for Civil Rights, is a violation of its Certified Assurances and may result in suspension or termination of funding, until such time as the recipient is in compliance.
- 3. The recipient agrees to comply with the organizational audit requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and further understands and agrees that funds may be withheld, or other related requirements may be imposed, if outstanding audit issues (if any) from OMB Circular A-133 audits (and any other audits of OJP grant funds) are not satisfactorily and promptly addressed, as further described in the current edition of the OJP Financial Guide.
- 4. Recipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, without the express prior written approval of OJP.
- 5. The recipient must promptly refer to the DOJ OIG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subgrantee, subcontractor, or other person has either 1) submitted a false claim for grant funds under 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 involving grant funds. This condition also applies to any subrecipients. Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct should be reported to the OIG by

mail:

Office of the Inspector General U.S. Department of Justice Investigations Division 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Room 4706 Washington, DC 20530

e-mail: oig.hotline@usdoj.gov

hotline: (contact information in English and Spanish): (800) 869-4499

or hotline fax: (202) 616-9881

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at www.usdoj.gov/oig.

- 6. Recipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of any contract or subaward to either the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries, without the express prior written approval of OJP.
- 7. The recipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed during the grant performance period if the agency determines that the recipient is a high-risk grantee. Cf. 28 C.F.R. parts 66, 70.



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- 8. The recipient agrees to comply with applicable requirements regarding registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (or with a successor government-wide system officially designated by OMB and OJP). The recipient also agrees to comply with applicable restrictions on subawards to first-tier subrecipients that do not acquire and provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The details of recipient obligations are posted on the Office of Justice Programs web site at http://www.ojp.gov/funding/sam.htm (Award condition: Registration with the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here. This special condition does not apply to an award to an individual who received the award 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).
- 9. Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), the Department encourages recipients and sub-recipients to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this grant, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.
- 10. The recipient agrees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences, meetings, trainings, and other events, including the provision of food and/or beverages at such events, and costs of attendance at such events. Information on pertinent laws, regulations, policies, and guidance is available in the OJP Financial Guide Conference Cost Chapter.
- 11. The recipient understands and agrees that any training or training materials developed or delivered with funding provided under this award must adhere to the OJP Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/ojptrainingguidingprinciples.htm.
- 12. The recipient agrees that if it currently has an open award of federal funds or if it receives an award of federal funds other than this OJP award, and those award funds have been, are being, or are to be used, in whole or in part, for one or more of the identical cost items for which funds are being provided under this OJP award, the recipient will promptly notify, in writing, the grant manager for this OJP award, and, if so requested by OJP, seek a budget-modification or change-of-project-scope grant adjustment notice (GAN) to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.
- 13. The recipient understands and agrees that award funds may not be used to discriminate against or denigrate the religious or moral beliefs of students who participate in programs for which financial assistance is provided from those funds, or of the parents or legal guardians of such students.
- 14. The recipient understands and agrees that (a) No award funds may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography, and (b) Nothing in subsection (a) limits the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.



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- 15. Due to the substantial Federal involvement contemplated in completion of this project, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has elected to enter into a cooperative agreement rather than a grant. This decision is based on NIJ's ongoing responsibility to assist and coordinate projects that relate to DNA analysis and capacity enhancement, and certain other forensic activities. NIJ will provide input and re-direction to the project, as needed, in consultation with the recipient, and will actively monitor the project by methods including, but not limited to, ongoing contact with the recipient. In meeting programmatic responsibilities, NIJ and the recipient will be guided by the following principles: responsibility for the day-to-day operations of this project rests with the recipient in implementation of the recipient's approved proposal, the recipient's budget (as approved by NIJ and OJP), and the terms and conditions specified in this award. Responsibility for general oversight and redirection of the project, if necessary, rests with NIJ. In addition to its programmatic reporting requirements, the recipient agrees to provide necessary information as requested by OJP and NIJ. These information requests may include, but are not limited to, specific submissions related to: performance, including measurement of project outputs/outcomes; meeting performance specifications; developmental decision points; changes in project scope or personnel; budget modifications; and/or coordination of related projects.
- 16. Unless otherwise authorized by NIJ in writing, expenses charged to this award must directly relate to: (a) identification, review, and prioritization of Uniform Crime Report (UCR), Part 1 Violent Crime "cold cases" (cases for which all significant investigative leads have been exhausted) that have the potential to be solved through DNA analysis; (b) identification, collection, retrieval, or evaluation of biological evidence from such cases that may reasonably be expected to contain DNA; or (c) performance of DNA analyses on such biological evidence, including the handling or screening of this evidence.

Unless otherwise expressly authorized in writing (in advance) by NIJ, funds provided under this award shall not be used for expenses relating to the following cases: (a) cases that were deemed "inactive" or closed by the agency for any reason before DNA analysis was performed on any physical evidence from the offense, or in which a sexual assault evidence kit was collected and biological evidence within it was not processed or analyzed; (b) cases that already have a profile uploaded to CODIS, but have not yielded a CODIS hit; (c) cases where CODIS hits were obtained but no follow up investigation was conducted.

The identification of new, probative evidence or case information upon the re-opening of a case, or the availability of a new DNA technology, may form the basis for an appropriate re-examination of a previously "inactive" or agency-closed case, and for the use of funds under this award for permissible case review, evidence location, or DNA analysis activities under this program. In such cases, the recipient must provide a detailed, written justification to NIJ for consideration and approval prior to incurring any expense or commencing any activity.

Any questions concerning this provision should be directed to the NIJ Program Manager prior to incurring any expense or commencing the activity in question.



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17. (a) Accreditation and Privacy Requirements; CODIS; No Research

The recipient shall ensure that each DNA analysis conducted under this award will be performed either—(1) by accredited government-owned laboratories, or (2) through an accredited fee-for-service vendor. The accreditation must be by a nonprofit professional association of persons actively involved in forensic science that is nationally recognized within the forensic science community. The laboratory must undergo external audits not less than once every 2 years that demonstrate compliance with the DNA Quality Assurance Standards established by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The recipient shall maintain each DNA analysis conducted under this award, and each stored DNA sample that results from this award, in accordance with the privacy requirements and restrictions on disclosure described in 42 U.S.C. section 14132(b)(3).

The recipient agrees to notify NIJ promptly upon any change in the accreditation status of any of its forensic science laboratories, if applicable.

The recipient shall ensure that all eligible forensic DNA profiles obtained with funding under this award will be entered into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), and, where applicable, uploaded to the National DNA Index System (NDIS).

The recipient shall ensure that none of the funds provided under this award are used for research or statistical projects or activities as defined by 28 C.F.R. Part 22, or for research as defined by 28 C.F.R. Part 46. Any questions concerning this provision should be directed to the NIJ program manager for the award.

(b) Nonsupplanting of State or Local Funds

The recipient shall ensure that federal funds made available through this award will not supplant State or local government funds, but instead will be used to increase the amount of funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be available from State or local government sources for activities funded through this award.

The recipient agrees to notify NIJ promptly if the recipient receives new State or local government funding for any of the purposes included in the approved application for this award.

(c) Evaluations

The recipient agrees 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.

- 18. The recipient shall submit a report within 90 days of the end of the award period that, at a minimum-- (1) includes a summary and assessment of the program carried out with the funds made available under this Fiscal Year 2014 award, and (2) cites the number of additional "violent crime cold cases" reviewed for DNA evidence, the number of such cases in which biological evidence still existed, the number subjected to DNA analysis, the number that yielded viable DNA profiles, the number of resulting profiles entered into CODIS, and the number of CODIS hits as a result of this Fiscal Year 2014 award. The recipient shall ensure that all data and information necessary for the report are collected throughout the award period. The report must be submitted to the Office of Justice Programs, on-line through https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/.
- 19. The recipient agrees that it will submit quarterly financial status reports to OJP on-line (at https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov) using the SF 425 Federal Financial Report form (available for viewing at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/standard\_forms/ff\_report.pdf), not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The final report shall be submitted not later than 90 days following the end of the award period.

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- 21. Within 45 calendar days after the end of any conference, meeting, retreat, seminar, symposium, training activity, or similar event funded under this award, and the total cost of which exceeds \$20,000 in award funds, the recipient must provide the program manager with the following information and itemized costs:
  - 1) name of event
  - 2) event dates;
  - 3) location of event;
  - 4) number of federal attendees;
  - 5) number of non-federal attendees;
  - 6) costs of event space, including rooms for break-out sessions;
  - 7) costs of audio visual services;
  - 8) other equipment costs (e.g., computer fees, telephone fees);
  - 9) costs of printing and distribution;
  - 10) costs of meals provided during the event;
  - 11) costs of refreshments provided during the event;
  - 12) costs of event planner;
  - 13) costs of event facilitators; and
  - 14) any other costs associated with the event.

The recipient must also itemize and report any of the following attendee (including participants, presenters, speakers) costs that are paid or reimbursed with cooperative agreement funds:

- 1) meals and incidental expenses (M&IE portion of per diem);
- 2) lodging;
- 3) transportation to/from event location (e.g., common carrier, Privately Owned Vehicle (POV)); and,
- 4) local transportation (e.g., rental car, POV) at event location.

Note that if any item is paid for with registration fees, or any other non-award funding, then that portion of the expense does not need to be reported.

Further instructions regarding the submission of this data, and how to determine costs, are available in the OIP Financial Guide Conference Cost Chapter.





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- To assist in information sharing, the award recipient shall provide the NIJ program manager with a copy of publications (including those prepared for conferences and other presentations) resulting from this award, prior to or simultaneous with their public release. NIJ defines publications as any written, visual or sound material substantively based on the project, formally prepared by the award recipient for dissemination to the public. Submission of publications prior to or simultaneous with their public release aids NIJ in responding to any inquiries that may arise. Any publications excluding press releases and newsletters whether published at the recipient's or government's expense, shall contain the following statement: "This project was supported by Award No..., awarded by the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect those of the Department of Justice." This statement shall appear on the first page of written publications. For audio and video publications, it shall be included immediately after the title of the publication in the audio or video file.
- 23. The recipient shall transmit to the NII program manager copies of all official award-related press releases at least ten (10) working days prior to public release. Advance notice permits time for coordination of release of information by NII where appropriate and to respond to press or public inquiries.
- 24. The Project Director and key program personnel designated in the application shall be replaced only for compelling reasons. Successors to key personnel must be approved, and such approval is contingent upon submission of appropriate information, including, but not limited to, a resume. OJP will not unreasonably withhold approval. Changes in other program personnel require only notification to OJP and submission of resumes, unless otherwise designated in the award document.
- 25. Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Part 18, OJP may suspend or terminate funding under this award before the completion of the project funded by this award, for the recipient's failure to comply with these special conditions or with the project's goals, plans and methodology set forth in the approved application. In the case of suspension, the recipient will be unable to draw down funds until OJP determines that the recipient is in compliance.
- 26. The recipient acknowledges that the Office of Justice Programs (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 an award or subaward; and (2) any rights of copyright to which a recipient or subrecipient purchases ownership with Federal support.

The recipient acknowledges that OJP has the right to (1) obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data first produced under an award or 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 recipient (and of each subrecipient, if applicable) to ensure that this condition is included in any subaward under this award.

The recipient has 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 award. If a proposed subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor refuses to accept terms affording the Government such rights, the recipient shall promptly bring such refusal to the attention of the OJP program manager for the award and not proceed with the agreement in question without further authorization from the OJP program office.

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#### 27. Patents and Inventions.

The clauses at 37 C.F.R. section 401.14 (together, the "Patents Rights Clause") are incorporated by reference, with the following modifications.

- (1) Where italicized, the terms "contract," "contractor," and "contracting officer" are replaced, respectively, by the terms "award," "award recipient," and "OJP program manager";
- (2) Patent Rights Clause paragraph (f) is modified by adding the following at the end:
- "(5) The award recipient agrees to provide a report prior to the close out of the award listing all subject inventions or stating that there were none.
- (6) The award recipient agrees to provide, upon request, the filing date, patent application number and title; a copy of the patent application; and patent number and issue date for any subject invention in any country in which the award recipient has applied for a patent.";
- (3) Patent Rights Clause paragraph (g) is modified to read as follows:
- "(g) Subawards and Subcontracts

"The award recipient will include this Patent Rights Clause, suitably modified to identify the parties, in all subawards and subcontracts, regardless of tier, for experimental, developmental, or research work. The subaward recipient or subcontractor will retain all rights provided for the award recipient in this clause, and the award recipient will not, as a part of the consideration for awarding the subaward or subcontract, obtain rights in the subaward recipient's or subcontractor's subject inventions."; and

- (4) Patent Rights Clause paragraph (1) is modified to read as follows:
- "(1) Communications

"Communications on matters relating to this Patent Rights Clause should be directed to the General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice."

With respect to any subject invention in which the award recipient, or a subaward recipient or subcontractor, retains title, the Federal government shall have a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice or have practiced for or on behalf of the United States the subject invention throughout the world.

28. Approval of this award does not indicate approval of any consultant rate in excess of \$650 per day. A detailed justification must be submitted to and approved by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) program office prior to obligation or expenditure of such funds.





#### Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20531

Memorandum To: Official Grant File

From: Charles Heurich, Program Manager

Subject: Environmental Assessment for Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

The recipient agrees 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 award.

Environmental Assessment (EA): The recipient agrees and understands that funded activities (whether conducted by the recipient or subrecipients or contractors) may require the preparation of an EA as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), found at 40 CFR Part 1500. An EA is a concise public document that briefly provides sufficient analysis for determining whether to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) or a finding of no significant impact for the proposed activity. If in completing an EA for a proposed activity, potential adverse environmental impacts are identified, the EA will serve as a vehicle for developing either alternative approaches or mitigation measures for avoiding or reducing the identified adverse environmental impacts.

Modifications: Throughout the term of this award, the recipient agrees that for any activity that is the subject of a completed EA, it will inform NIJ 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. The recipient will not implement a proposed change or new activity until NIJ, with the assistance of the recipient, has determined whether the proposed change or 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 an NIJ-conducted environmental impact review process.