

Collin County Authorization Request to Submit Grant Application

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| Department Name District Attorney's Office | Submit completed form to the Budget Office no less than 14 days prior to the scheduled Commissioner Court meeting. If you have any questions contact Pat Skipper at (972) 548-4796 . |
| Contact Person / Title Deborah Harrison/Civil Division Chief | |
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Grant Information

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| Grant Title / Funding Year Testing of Forensic Evidence Grant Program FY2027 | Funding Source | Application Type |
| Grantor (include sub-granting agencies) Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| Grant Period 9/1/2026-8/31/2027 | <input type="checkbox"/> Local | <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| Agenda Item# #59497 | Application Deadline February 12, 2026 | Funding Receipt |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Reimbursement <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| | | Estimated Grant Amount: |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Required County Match <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Match |

Grant Description
Funds may be used for costs associated with the forensic analysis of certain evidence. Specifically seized drugs which must be processed through an accredited laboratory. In particular testing drugs which the DPS labs do not test, or testing drugs in amounts that the DPS labs will not test.

How Do You Intend to Utilize The Grant Funding
All law enforcement agencies will be able to drop off seized drugs to Armstrong Laboratories, who has the contract for testing drugs under this grant. Once the District Attorney's Office receives the lab report, it will authorize payment from the grant funding. The completed lab will allow the District Attorney's Office to evaluate the case for prosecution, draft the appropriate charging document if appropriate, file the case, submit the case to the Grand Jury, refuse the case in appropriate circumstances, or return the case for more information.

How Will This Benefit Collin County
Testing seized drugs which the DPS labs do not test or testing drugs in the amounts that DPS labs do not test, will prevent loop holes in the interdiction and prosecution of drug trafficking in Collin County. This testing grant encourages law enforcement agencies to test and file drug cases. It expedites the testing, review and filing of cases which helps curb drug trafficking in Collin County, gets dangerous criminals off the streets and/or speeds the rehabilitation of those addicted to drugs. The grant also allows us to identify major drug traffickers by testing all of their drugs, instead of the minimum levels required by DPS. This in turn allows us to show the court the volume of drugs involved with particular defendants.

The Department named above is applying for the Grant Program named above, and if awarded, will accept full responsibility for the management of any funds awarded to the County under this grant, and will adhere to any policies and procedures set forth by the Grantor and its related agencies or agents, as well as those of the County, and its financial and administrative departments.

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| Completed by: <u>Deborah F. Harrison</u> | <u>Deborah F. Harrison</u> | <u>January 9, 2026</u> |
| Department Head / Designee Printed Name | Signature | Date |