

Season of Justice

Law Enforcement Hardcopy Grant Application Form

The Season of Justice (SOJ) corporation supports victims of unsolved violent crimes by contributing to various types of testing (including advanced DNA) performed for law enforcement professionals by private entities to assist in resolving such cases.

Season of Justice does not fund adult Doe cases where the investigative goal is limited to identifying the victim. Adult Doe cases may be funded in cases with special circumstances. Funding emphasis will be placed on Baby Doe and Juvenile Doe cases where prosecution is still viable. If you need additional guidance please contact the Season of Justice staff. *As of June 2022, Season of Justice has been generously provided with funding specifically for Adult Doe homicide victims and will accept applications until all funds have been allocated.*

Additional rounds of funding for investigations are rare. Please review all needed testing and processing required to give your agency the needed profile for follow-up and include those vendor costs in this application.

For questions about the application process or to ask for clarification please email questions to the following: Kendall@seasonofjustice.org

Fill out the form below only if you have jurisdiction over this investigation and are applying for funding.
All fields below are required to process grant applications.

1. General Information

1.1 Applicant's Information

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Email

Applicant's Phone Number

Applicant's Title/Position in Agency

Applicant/Agency Mailing Address:

Applicant's Supervisor's Name

Supervisor's Phone Number

How did you hear about Season of Justice?

Has your agency had a grant funded by Season of Justice in the past?
(Note, having a case funded in the past will not reduce the chance for this applications funding)

YES NO

Previous Victim Name

1.2 Agency Resources

Does the investigating agency have a dedicated cold case squad?

If not, is there currently an assigned investigator reviewing this investigation?

Does the investigating agency have a budget for DNA testing related to cold case investigations?

Does the investigating agency have allotted funds for testing in this case?
If yes, please list max amount of available funds:

If yes, will the agency accept a matching grant (50/50) for this case?

YES

NO

If the agency does not have the funds for a matching grant, are they willing to accept a set amount from Season of Justice and then apply their available funds for this investigation?

Has the local prosecuting authority been informed that an outside vendor (lab) may be hired for this investigation?

Has the agency of jurisdiction informed the local/state/regional forensics lab that an outside vendor (lab) is being considered for this investigation?

Is this case still prosecutable under your state's statutes and local standard operating procedures?

Are all major witnesses still alive and willing to testify?

If no, please explain:

1.3 Unit/Lead Investigator Information

Current Investigator's Name

Current Investigator's Phone Number

Current Investigator's Email Address

Agency/Department with current jurisdiction

YES

NO

Is this the original investigative agency?

If no, name of the original investigative agency

YES

NO

Has the agency/investigator applied any solvability rating system to the investigation?

If yes, what rating system, and what was the score/rating?

2. Case Information

2.1. Victim Information

Victim's Name (*Last, First*)

Race/Ethnicity Gender

Age at time of death Cause of Death

Date of incident (*mm/dd/yyyy*)

YES NO

Is a photograph of the victim available?

Is this a Doe case?

If yes, has the Doe case been entered into NamUS?

NamUS Case Number:

Is this a child Doe case?

If yes, has the Doe case been entered into the NCMEC database?

NCMEC Ref. Number:

2.2 Evidence

YES NO

Is there a person of interest in this case?

If yes, do you have a DNA sample from them?

If a person of interest exists, are they still alive?

Age:

Has suspect DNA been entered into CODIS?

Has suspect DNA been identified?

Is there untested suspect DNA?

Is there viable evidence that has not been tested for suspect DNA?

Would this grant be used to retest evidence using new technology not available during the original investigation?

If yes, please provide additional details on what evidence will be retested:

Please list the types of testing and/or services you are requesting:

How do you believe this funding and the testing/services listed above will help in this investigation?

2.3 Case Summary

Using the attached Case Summary page, please give enough information to allow our Board of Directors to make an informed decision related to the investigation and the funds needed to assist with funds needed to assist with advanced testing/genealogy services. You do not have to release any confidential information unless it would help explain the need or urgency for the grant. Any information provided during the grant application process will be kept confidential and only be seen by the Season of Justice Staff and Board of Directors.

3. Vendor/Quote Information

3.1 Vendor Information

Vendor/Company Name

Contact Person

Phone

Email

YES NO

Has the investigating agency used this vendor in the past?

3.2 Quote Information

YES NO

Has the vendor provided a quote?

Does the quote list all testing and services expected to be funded by this grant?

Does your agency anticipate requesting any additional funding related to the services and fees listed in the quote?

Please provide any additional information you believe might be helpful to our Board of Directors for grant consideration.

Case Summary Addendum A.

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