

DNA GRANT PROGRAM

Criteria and Grant Guidelines

At A Glance:

Year Established: 2020; 501(c)3

Headquarters: Zionsville, IN

Grant Dollars Awarded
\$1,177,261.50

Total Grants Awarded
172

Cases Solved
9

As of October 2023



"I've had the honor of speaking with both law enforcement officers and victims, spending countless hours hearing their stories and learning about these criminal cases that have dramatically impacted their lives. It is my hope that our nonprofit, Season of Justice, can be a valuable resource to help aid in solving cold cases and bring some sense of closure to victims and their families. I encourage anyone interested in learning more about our mission to visit seasonofjustice.org."

Ashley Flowers

Founder/CEO, audiochuck llc.
Founding Member, Season of Justice

OUR MISSION

Season of Justice (SOJ) is a nonprofit dedicated to providing funding for investigative agencies and families to help solve cold cases. SOJ provides grants for advanced DNA analysis solutions, such as forensic genealogy and next-generation sequencing, to investigative agencies. The organization also supports and funds awareness campaigns, and other initiatives for victims' families that can assist in pushing their cold cases forward. SOJ's goal is to provide financial resources for both investigative agencies and families in order to bring resolution to those impacted by unsolved violent crimes.

DNA GRANT REQUIREMENTS

All grant applications should be submitted through our website and accompanied by a detailed quote outlining the evidence testing requested from the agency's chosen lab. Grant applications are considered on a case-by-case basis, only cases meeting the requirements below will be considered.

CASE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Unsolved Violent Crimes

- Homicide with suspect DNA recovered at the scene but no match in CODIS or state DNA database.
- Homicide with possible suspect DNA recovered at the scene, but the needed tests are too expensive for the local/state lab to perform, or they do not have the capability to perform the tests.
- Other violent crimes where there is suspect DNA that has not been matched in CODIS or a state DNA database.
- Any violent crime case where suspect DNA is suspected to be present, and the evidence needs to be tested or retested using new state-of-the-art technology not accessible by local/state labs.

Unsolved Sexual Assault/Serial Rape

- Serial rape cases where suspect DNA has not been matched in CODIS or state DNA database.
- Sexual assault cases (child/adult) where suspect DNA was recovered at the scene but no match in CODIS or state DNA database.

Unidentified Victims

- At this time, Season of Justice does not fund DNA testing and analysis in UHR cases where identification is the primary goal. Special consideration may be made if suspect DNA is present.