

**Connecticut Department of Public Safety
Recovery Act:
Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant**

A. PROJECT ABSTRACT

The Connecticut Forensic Laboratory provides forensic service for the Connecticut State Police, all 169 municipalities, all State agencies and federal investigative agencies. Forensic services support these initiatives by providing investigative leads, including confirming the identity of suspects or victims of crime. Physical evidence may come in many different forms and material from many different sources. The nature of the evidence and type of request will determine which area of the laboratory will provide the most beneficial forensic analysis to assist the investigators.

One of the most important aspects of forensic analysis to crime scene and other investigators is the turnaround time for a case, i.e. the amount of time required to process, evaluate and compare evidence and to produce an analytical result. The additional Forensic Science Examiners (FSE) and Connecticut Career Trainees and Evidence Control Officers would have an impact in this area by assisting in the processing of the evidence and allowing seasoned analysis' to conclude the case and speedup case turnaround time. Under **CATEGORY V: ENHANCING FORENSIC AND CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS**, we are requesting 9 positions for a total cost of \$643,091.64 per year in salary and fringe benefits as well as \$3300.00 for travel and training.

