

**BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
EMMETT TILL GRANT PROGRAM
PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

GENERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION

1. Is this the **last reporting period** for which the award will have data to report? *For example, were all funds expended and is the award in the process of closing out in the Grants Management System?*
 - A. Yes/No (If Yes, answer the semiannual narrative questions.)

2. Was there **grant activity** during the reporting period? *There is grant activity when the grantee has obligated, expended, or drawn down grant funds to implement objectives proposed in the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)-approved grant application. If you select Yes, the program becomes operational and should remain so until the grant closes out.*

Reason(s) for no grant activity during the reporting period	Select all that apply
In procurement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project or budget not approved by agency, county, city, or state governing agency	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seeking subcontractors (Request for Proposal stage only)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waiting to hire project manager, additional staff, or coordinating staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paying for the program using prior federal funds	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administrative hold (e.g., court case pending)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Still seeking budget approval from BJA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waiting for partners or collaborators to complete agreements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Other, please explain.	

COLLABORATION BETWEEN FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION AGENCIES

3. During the reporting period, indicate which partners were actively engaged with your grant-funded program.
 - A. State law enforcement
 - B. Local law enforcement
 - C. Federal law enforcement (e.g., Federal Bureau of Investigation)
 - D. State prosecutors
 - E. Local prosecutors
 - F. Federal prosecutors (e.g., Assistant U.S. Attorney)
 - G. Civil rights organizations
 - H. Institutions of higher education
 - I. Victim service providers (e.g., victim advocacy)
 - J. Other

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4. Since the beginning of the grant, please describe how collaboration has aided in the development of processes or policies that will aid in future Civil Rights Cold Case investigations.
5. During the reporting period, please describe how new investigative techniques or tools (e.g., DNA evidence, CODIS, etc.) has led to the identification of a previously unknown suspect(s).

STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS OF CIVIL RIGHTS COLD CASE MURDERS

6. Have you completed a census of the number of Civil Rights Cases eligible for review?
 - A. Yes/No (If No, skip to question 8.)
7. If Yes, as of the last day of the reporting period, how many cases are eligible for review?
8. During the reporting period, were any new cases identified (or brought to the attention of the investigative team)?
9. Since the beginning of the grant program, please enter the status of your cases:
 - A. Number of cases re-opened for investigation ____
 - B. Number of cases resulting in an arrest ____
 - C. Number of cases resulting in an indictment ____
 - D. Number of cases dismissed ____
 - E. Number of cases resulting in a plea bargain ____
 - F. Number of cases resolved with a conviction ____
 - G. Number of cases ended with an acquittal ____
 - H. Number of cases ended in mistrial ____
10. Since the beginning of the grant program, please enter the number cases declined for prosecution based on the following reasons:
 - A. Insufficient evidence ____
 - B. Expired statute of limitations ____
 - C. Offender already serving a long sentence for another crime ____
 - D. Offender is deceased ____
 - E. Other (explain) ____

JUSTICE AND SUPPORT TO FAMILIES AND STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED BY THESE NUMBERS

11. Since the beginning of the grant program, please enter the number of victim's family members identified from active investigations.
 - A. Of those, enter the number of victim's family members contacted by project personnel ____
 - B. Of those, enter the number of victim's family members agreeing to participate in the investigation ____

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FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGICAL DNA ANALYSIS AND/OR FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGICAL DNA ANALYSIS AND SEARCHING QUESTIONS

12. Please indicate if you used, or plan to use, funds to conduct forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis (FGG) and/or forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and searching (FGGS)¹. [Carry forward]
- A. Yes/No (If No, skip to end/next section.)
13. Please enter the amount of federal funding used to conduct FGG/FGGS since the beginning of the grant program. _____
14. Since the beginning of the grant program, how many new forensic samples and referenced samples were subjected to FGG?
- A. Forensic samples _____
- B. Reference samples _____
15. Since the beginning of the grant program, how many investigations began utilizing grant funds for FGG/FGGS? _____
16. Since the beginning of the grant program, how many cases resulted in searchable profiles obtained from FGG? _____
17. Please enter the number investigations initiated since the beginning of the grant program for each type of crime.
- A. Homicide _____
- B. Sexual assault _____
- C. Unidentified human remains _____
- D. Other (explain) _____
18. Since the beginning of the grant program, how many investigations resulted in a new arrest that relied, in part, on the use of FGG/FGGS? _____
19. Since the beginning of the grant program, how many suspects identified through the use of FGG/FGGS were prosecuted? _____
20. Since the beginning of the grant program, how many cases were closed/cleared by exceptional means through the use FGG/FGGS? *To be "cleared by exceptional means" the agency must have identified the offender and gathered enough evidence to support an arrest or conviction. Examples may include the identification of a deceased offender or the identification of an offender who is already serving a life sentence for an unrelated conviction and it is determined that prosecution will not be pursued.* _____
21. Please identify the vendor laboratory/laboratories used to conduct FGG: _____
22. Please provide the names of any genetic genealogy service(s) used to search the FGG profile(s): _____

¹ <https://sakitta.org/webinars/webinar-view.cfm?id=62>

SEMIANNUAL NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

In this module, you will identify the goals you hope to achieve with your funding. Once submitted, these goals cannot be changed without approval from your grant manager.

Set **S·M·A·R·T** goals to clarify the scope of your priorities.

- *Specific*
- *Measurable*
- *Achievable*
- *Relevant*
- *Time-bound*

If you have multiple goals, please provide updates on each one separately.

Please answer the following questions every semiannual reporting period (January and July of each year), based on your grant-funded activities.

1. What were your accomplishments during the reporting period?

2. What goals were accomplished, as they relate to your grant application?

3. What problems/barriers did you encounter, if any, within the reporting period that prevented you from reaching your goals or milestones?

4. Is there any assistance that BJA can provide to address any problems/barriers identified in question 3?

A. Yes/No

B. If Yes, please explain. ____

5. Are you on track to fiscally and programmatically complete your program as outlined in your grant application?

A. Yes/No

B. If No, please explain. ____

6. What major activities are planned for the next 6 months?

7. Based on your knowledge of the criminal justice field, are there any innovative programs/accomplishments that you would like to share with BJA?

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