

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
SECOND CHANCE ACT PAY FOR SUCCESS INITIATIVE
PERFORMANCE MEASURES QUESTIONNAIRE

GENERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION

1. Is this the last reporting period for which the award will have data to report? *For example, all funds have been expended and the award is in the process of closing out in the Justice Grants system (JustGrants).*
- A. Yes/No *(If Yes, answer the Semiannual Narrative questions and create a final report)*

GRANT ACTIVITY

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 BJA-approved grant application. If you select Yes, the program becomes operational and should remain so until the grant closes out.*
- A. Yes/No *(If No, select reasons for no grant activity during reporting period)*

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waiting for partners or collaborators to complete the application	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Other, explain:	

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

3. What is the target population that your program serves? *Select all that apply.*
- A. Males
 - B. Females
 - C. Youth (under 18 years)
 - D. Young adults (18–25 years)
 - E. Adults (over 25 years)
 - F. High risk (based on criminogenic risks/needs)
 - G. Medium risk (based on criminogenic risks/needs)
 - H. Low risk (based on criminogenic risks/needs)
 - I. There are no specific characteristics for target population
 - J. Other
 - K. If Other, describe: _____

BASELINE RECIDIVISM

4. Have you calculated a baseline recidivism rate?
- A. Yes
 - B. If No, explain: _____ *(If No, skip to the next section)*
5. What is the baseline recidivism rate? *Provide a rate for a population that most closely represents the grantee's target population. If the grantee does not have a baseline rate similar to the target population, use a recidivism rate for individuals who have been released from a state facility, local prison, or jail.*
- _____
6. What population was the baseline recidivism rate calculated for? *Select one.*
- A. Individuals similar to the target population
 - B. Individuals from a county/local jail facility
 - C. Individuals from a prison facility
 - D. Individuals from the entire state
 - E. Other
 - F. If Other, explain: _____
7. What type of baseline recidivism rate is being provided? *Select one.*
- A. Rearrest rate
 - B. Reconviction rate
 - C. Reincarceration rate
 - D. Revocation that led to reincarceration
 - E. Other
 - F. If Other, explain: _____

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8. How long was the follow-up period for the baseline rate (in months)? _____
9. What percentage reduction in recidivism is the grantee trying to achieve? _____
10. Is there any other additional information you would like to provide about the baseline rate or your recidivism-reduction goal? *If No, write N/A.*

OUTCOME RESULTS

11. Enter the number of new Second Chance Act (SCA) outcome-based contracts executed during the reporting period. _____
12. Report each active SCA outcome-based contracts during the reporting period in which it is executed. _____
13. Identify the number of outcome benchmarks established within all contracts since the beginning of the program. _____
14. Of those, how many were achieved during the reporting period? _____
15. Of those, how many were not achieved during the reporting period? _____

PARTICIPANT SERVICES

16. Since the beginning of the SCA outcome-based contract(s), enter the number of people receiving contracted services (i.e., total number of people who received a service).

17. Since the beginning of the SCA outcome-based contract(s), enter the number of people receiving contracted services (i.e., housing). _____
18. Since the beginning of the SCA outcome-based contract(s), enter the number of people receiving contracted services (i.e., recovery support services). _____
19. Since the beginning of the SCA outcome-based contract(s), enter the number of people receiving contracted services (i.e., substance use treatment). _____

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

20. Enter the number of people involved in the SCA outcome-based contract project that received training or were involved in a technical assistance engagement during the reporting period. _____

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BASE YEAR CHANGES

21. Since the beginning of the SCA outcome-based contract, when compared to the base year, what is the percentage change in the following: Average length of stay in local jails involved in the project? *Only report those metrics that you are actively tracking.*

22. Since the beginning of the SCA outcome-based contract, when compared to the base year, what is the percentage change in the following: People receiving housing services with stable housing for more than 6 months (percentage)? *Only report those metrics that you are actively tracking.*

RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

23. Is your grant project working with an internal or external researcher or evaluator? *An internal researcher/evaluator is someone who is considered a full-time employee of the agency responsible for the operation of the program. This could include a crime analyst, internal statistics department employee, or someone from a research arm of the organization. An external researcher/evaluator is considered someone who is not organizationally affiliated with the agency responsible for the operation of the program. This typically includes research professors at universities or personnel hired from for-profit research or evaluation agencies.*

- A. Yes, internal
- B. Yes, external
- C. No *(If No, skip to next section)*

24. In what ways did your researcher contribute to the project during the reporting period? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Conducted data analysis (data collection, analysis, visualization, etc.)
- B. Defined the problem of focus the project will address
- C. Defined programmatic activities, procedures, or practices
- D. Developed logic models
- E. Developed an evaluation or data collection plan
- F. Conducted a process evaluation of the project
- G. Conducted an outcome evaluation of the project
- H. Evaluated the project's impact
- I. Evaluated the project's efficiency (cost/benefit)
- J. Evaluated the project's fidelity
- K. Assisted with performance measure reporting
- L. Shared analytical findings, recommendations, and promising practices with peer agencies or other researchers
- M. Shared analysis results and/or recommendations with project personnel
- N. Shared project successes with community members or the media
- O. Other, describe: _____

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25. During the reporting period, were adjustments made to the project's operating procedures based on research/evaluation findings?

- A. Yes/No (*If No, skip to next section*)
- B. If Yes, describe: _____

COURT AND CRIMINAL INVOLVEMENT (CLOSEOUT ONLY)

The next set of questions is about court and criminal involvement for all individuals who have ever participated in the SCA program. This section is to be completed at the close of the grant.

Note that individuals can be included in more than one category. For example, an individual can have an arrest and a conviction and then be reincarcerated, and therefore should be included in each category. However, do not count the frequency of events (e.g., numbers of arrests or convictions). If an individual has multiple arrests or convictions, count that individual only once. Pending charges that the individual had before entering the program should not be counted.

26. Since the start of the award, how many individuals:

- A. Are still participating in post-release services? _____
- B. Have successfully completed post-release services? _____
- C. Did not complete post-release services? _____

27. What is the average number of days that have elapsed since individuals have been released from prison or jail? *Calculate this rate by averaging the number of days since release for each individual.*

28. Since the start of the award, enter the total number of individuals who are still participating in the program and have had a court and/or criminal involvement event.

- A. Arrest and booking on a new charge _____
- B. Conviction on a new charge _____
- C. Revocation of the terms of supervised release _____
- D. Reincarceration _____

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29. Since the start of the award, enter the total number of individuals who successfully completed the program and have had a court and/or criminal involvement event.
- A. Arrest and booking on a new charge _____
 - B. Conviction on a new charge _____
 - C. Revocation of the terms of supervised release _____
 - D. Reincarceration _____
30. Since the start of the award, enter the total number of individuals who unsuccessfully exited the program and have had a court and/or criminal involvement event.
- A. Arrest and booking on a new charge _____
 - B. Conviction on a new charge _____
 - C. Revocation of the terms of supervised release _____
 - D. Reincarceration _____
31. How was the information obtained for those individuals who were arrested and booked on a new charge? *Select the best option that describes how the information was obtained.*
- A. The grantee is a criminal justice agency such as the department of corrections, probation, or parole and has access to this information
 - B. The grantee has a memorandum of understanding (MOU), a memorandum of agreement (MOA), or a linkage agreement with a correctional agency that has access to this information
 - C. The grantee conducts public record jail/prison searches online
 - D. The grantee entered unofficial data (through word of mouth or from participants who reported the incident)
 - E. The grantee does not have access to official justice information
 - F. Other, specify: _____
32. How was the information obtained for those individuals who were convicted on a new charge? *Select the best option that describes how the information was obtained.*
- A. The grantee is a criminal justice agency such as the department of corrections, probation, or parole and has access to this information
 - B. The grantee has an MOU, an MOA, or a linkage agreement with a correctional agency that has access to this information
 - C. The grantee conducts public record jail/prison searches online
 - D. The grantee entered unofficial data (through word of mouth or from participants who reported the incident)
 - E. The grantee does not have access to official justice information
 - F. Other, specify: _____

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33. How was the information obtained for individuals who had a revocation of the terms of supervised release? *Select the best option that describes how the information was obtained.*
- A. The grantee is a criminal justice agency such as the department of corrections, probation, or parole and has access to this information
 - B. The grantee has an MOU, an MOA, or a linkage agreement with a correctional agency that has access to this information
 - C. The grantee conducts public record jail/prison searches online
 - D. The grantee entered unofficial data (through word of mouth or from participants who reported the incident)
 - E. The grantee does not have access to official justice information
 - F. Other, specify: _____
34. How was the information obtained for those individuals who were reincarcerated? *Select the best option that describes how the information was obtained.*
- A. The grantee is a criminal justice agency such as the department of corrections, probation, or parole and has access to this information
 - B. The grantee has an MOU, an MOA, or a linkage agreement with a correctional agency that has access to this information
 - C. The grantee conducts public record jail/prison searches online
 - D. The grantee entered unofficial data (through word of mouth or from participants who reported the incident)
 - E. The grantee does not have access to official justice information
 - F. Other, specify: _____
35. For which population(s) is the grantee able to obtain official justice information? *Select all that apply.*
- A. Individuals who are still participating in the program
 - B. Individuals who successfully completed the program
 - C. Individuals who unsuccessfully exited the program
36. Was the information for each individual verified? *Verified is defined as assessing whether each individual has had a court or criminal involvement event since the start of the BJA SCA award.*
- A. Yes
 - B. No *(If No, skip to question 38)*
37. How was the information for individuals verified? *Verified is defined as assessing whether each individual has had a court or criminal involvement event since the start of the BJA SCA award.*
- _____
38. Provide any additional information or comments about your court or criminal involvement data. _____

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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 of 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, provide updates on each on separately.

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 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, explain: _____
5. Are you on track to complete your program fiscally and programmatically as outlined in your grant application?
 - A. Yes/No
 - B. If No, 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?

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

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