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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS \$45 MILLION TO SUPPORT TESTING, TRACKING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs today announced that it has awarded more than \$45 million to increase the number of sexual assault kits submitted to crime labs and help law enforcement agencies and crime labs process sexual assault evidence, therefore enabling them to solve more crimes, including cold cases.

The awards are made through the **National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)** and the **Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence – Inventory, Tracking and Reporting Program (SAFE-ITR)**, both managed by OJP’s Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

BJA National Sexual Assault Initiative (\$43.4 million)

Category I: Comprehensive Approach to Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kits

| State | Awardee | Amount |
|---------------|---|---------------|
| Alabama | Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office | \$2,000,000 |
| California | City of Fresno | \$2,186,109 |
| Florida | City of Fort Lauderdale | \$218,496 |
| Florida | City of Jacksonville | \$1,000,000 |
| Georgia | Criminal Justice Coordinating Council | \$2,500,000 |
| Georgia | Fulton County Board of Commissioners | \$2,000,000 |
| Kentucky | Justice and Public Safety Cabinet | \$1,500,000 |
| Louisiana | Orleans Parish District Attorney | \$1,949,672 |
| Massachusetts | Office of Grants and Research | \$1,500,000 |
| Minnesota | City of Minneapolis Police Department | \$2,000,000 |
| Minnesota | State of Minnesota | \$2,000,000 |
| Mississippi | City of Jackson | \$1,179,593 |
| Missouri | Office of the Attorney General | \$2,000,000 |
| Montana | Department of Justice | \$992,072 |
| Nebraska | City of Omaha | \$966,882 |
| New Mexico | Second Judicial District Attorney | \$2,141,147 |
| Tennessee | City of Memphis | \$2,000,000 |
| Utah | Department of Public Safety | \$1,500,000 |

| State | Awardee | Amount |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Virginia | Office of the Attorney General | \$2,084,762 |
| West Virginia | Justice and Community Services | \$252,860 |

Category II: SAKI for Small Agencies (fewer than 250 sworn officers)

| State | Awardee | Amount |
|-------|----------------|----------|
| Texas | City of Irving | \$79,902 |

Category III: Expansion of DNA Databases to Assist with Sexual Assault Investigations and Prosecutions: Collection of Lawfully Owed DNA from Convicted Offenders and Arrestee DNA Collections

| State | Awardee | Amount |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Minnesota | City of Duluth | \$662,659 |
| Tennessee | Bureau of Investigation | \$1,000,000 |
| Washington | State Attorney General | \$670,000 |

Category IV: Investigation and Prosecution of Cold Case Sexual Assaults

| State | Awardee | Amount |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Illinois | City of Chicago | \$1,000,000 |
| Maryland | County of Baltimore | \$911,108 |
| Michigan | Charter County of Wayne | \$999,755 |
| Minnesota | City of Duluth | \$678,502 |
| New Jersey | Department of Law & Public Safety | \$918,058 |
| New Mexico | Second Judicial District Attorney | \$993,979 |
| Nevada | Attorney General's Office | \$261,599 |
| North Carolina | City of Charlotte | \$587,891 |
| North Carolina | City of Durham | \$518,667 |
| North Carolina | City of Fayetteville | \$1,000,000 |
| Ohio | City of Akron | \$150,000 |
| Ohio | Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office | \$1,000,000 |

BJA Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence – Inventory, Tracking and Reporting (\$2.2 million)

Funding through the SAFE-ITR program enables agencies to document their unanalyzed sexual assault kits, efficiently process sexual assault evidence and upload DNA profiles to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) – steps that are effective in reducing violent crime.

Funds may be requested to help defray costs for all three of the following tasks or, if an inventory has already been completed, for two and three only:

Task 1: Inventory. “Inventory” refers to a detailed and descriptive list of sexual assault kits containing information such as, but not limited to, item identifiers, quantity and location.

Task 2: Tracking. “Tracking” refers to the monitoring and accounting of sexual assault kits through the course of their movement from collection through final disposition.

Task 3: Reporting. “Reporting” refers to delivering a written report to the appropriate entity within the prescribed period and with the applicable data provided.

| State | Awardee | Tasks | Amount |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Alaska | Department of Public Safety | 2 | \$998,791 |
| Maryland | County of Baltimore | 1, 2, 3 | \$218,180 |
| Minnesota | Bureau of Criminal Apprehension | 2, 3 | \$982,232 |

More information about the programs and awards announced today is available here: [OJP Awards Data webpage](#).

The Office of Justice Programs, directed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan, provides federal leadership, grants, training and technical assistance, and other resources to improve the nation’s capacity to prevent and reduce crime, assist victims and enhance the rule of law by strengthening the criminal and juvenile justice systems. More information about OJP and its components can be found at www.ojp.gov.

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