



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT**  
**CONTRACTS / AWARDS / GRANTS**

☐ Award ☐ Contract ☒ Grant

Requested Board Meeting Date: 05/04/2021

*\* = Mandatory, Information must be provided*

or Procurement Director Award ☐

**\*Contractor/Vendor Name/Grantor (DBA):**

Cold Case Coalition

**\*Project Title/Description:**

Rosie Tapia Identification Project (RTIP)

**\*Purpose:**

This is a non-cash technical assistance grant. The Cold Case Coalition provides free extraction of DNA and Next Generation Sequencing through the nonprofit Intermountain Forensics laboratory.

**\*Procurement Method:**

This is a grant and not subject to Procurement rules.

**\*Program Goals/Predicted Outcomes:**

Making identifications from DNA submitted.

**\*Public Benefit:**

Cases could be solved by submitting DNA samples.

**\*Metrics Available to Measure Performance:**

How many identifications are made.

**\*Retroactive:**

No.

*GM Approved 4-21-21 JLS*

Revised 5/2020

**Contract / Award Information**

Document Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Number (i.e.,15-123): \_\_\_\_\_

Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Prior Contract Number (Synergen/CMS): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Expense Amount: \$\* \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Revenue Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**\*Funding Source(s) required:**Funding from General Fund? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes \$ \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_Contract is fully or partially funded with Federal Funds? ☐ Yes ☐ No**If Yes, is the Contract to a vendor or subrecipient?** \_\_\_\_\_Were insurance or indemnity clauses modified? ☐ Yes ☐ No*If Yes, attach Risk's approval.*Vendor is using a Social Security Number? ☐ Yes ☐ No*If Yes, attach the required form per Administrative Procedure 22-10.***Amendment / Revised Award Information**

Document Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Number (i.e.,15-123): \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment No.: \_\_\_\_\_ AMS Version No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Contract No. (Synergen/CMS): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Expense or ☐ Revenue ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease Amount This Amendment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_Is there revenue included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes \$ \_\_\_\_\_**\*Funding Source(s) required:**Funding from General Fund? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes \$ \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_**Grant/Amendment Information** (for grants acceptance and awards) ☐ Award ☐ Amendment

Document Type: GTAW Department Code: SD Grant Number (i.e.,15-123): 21\*142

Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Match Amount: \$ 0.00 ☐ Revenue Amount: \$ 0.00**\*All Funding Source(s) required:** Cold Case Coalition - Intermountain Forensics - Rosie Tapia Identification Project (RTIP)**\*Match funding from General Fund?** ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes \$ \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_**\*Match funding from other sources?** ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes \$ \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_**\*Funding Source:** \_\_\_\_\_**\*If Federal funds are received, is funding coming directly from the Federal government or passed through other organization(s)?**

Non-cash technical assistance from Intermountain Forensics

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Director Signature/Date: *Julia Guter* 4/15/2021

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

County Administrator Signature/Date: *C. R. [Signature]* 4/21/21

(Required for Board Agenda/Addendum Items)

## Bonnie Schaeffer

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**From:** Emily Harris <emily@intermountainforensics.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 2:18 PM  
**To:** Kabee Wells  
**Subject:** Re: RTIP

Hi Kabee,

Thank you for reaching out. We are thrilled to be able to help Sheriff's offices identify unidentified bodies. You can send me another email letting me know how many samples you plan to send and what you are needing from each sample. You will then go into our portal (you can access it through our website) and upload each of the sample's information and in the description, section be sure to mention that this sample is to be paid by RTIP. One of our staff will reach out to the contact you entered in the portal to get your samples started.

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you!

*Warm regards,*

**Emily Harris**

**Executive Director | MBA-HA, M.Ed.**

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**From:** Kabee Wells <Kabee.Wells@sheriff.pima.gov>  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 2:04 PM  
**To:** Emily Harris <emily@intermountainforensics.com>  
**Subject:** RTIP

Good Afternoon,

My name is Kabee Wells and I work for the Pima County Sheriff' Department (Grants section) in Tucson Arizona.

We are interested in the Rosie Tapia Identification Project (RTIP) opportunity for law enforcement/forensics. Is there a formal application that is required to be submitted or just an email with information about our case.

If it is just an email, could you provide the exact information required to be submitted to be considered for this opportunity?

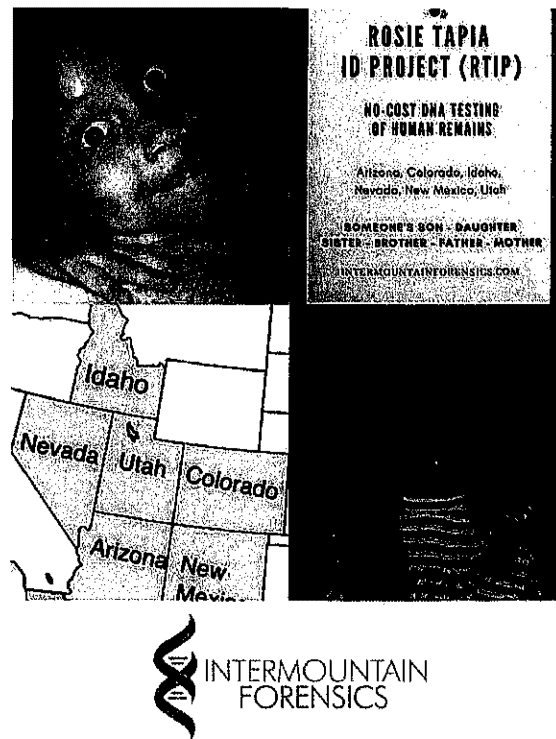
Thank you and have a great afternoon.

Kabee Wells

Pima County Sheriff's Department – Grants

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Work (520)351.4626



## ROSIE TAPIA IDENTIFICATION PROJECT (RTIP)<sup>1</sup>

### What is RTIP?

**WHAT IS IT:** The Rosie Tapia Identification Project is a grant-type program for law enforcement in 6 intermountain states wanting to identify human remains. Sponsored by the Cold Case Coalition (us), it provides free extraction of DNA and Next Generation Sequencing through the nonprofit Intermountain Forensics laboratory.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** Law enforcement in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.

**DEADLINE:** REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 31, 2021.

**WHAT IS COVERED:** RTIP covers free testing of 1 sample per unidentified person. Testing of additional samples is available at the lab's regular nonprofit prices (posted on its website). It also covers up to 40 hours of Investigative Genetic Genealogy through the lab's IGG division.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://coldcasehelp.com/rtip-grants>

HOW TO APPLY: Email [Emily@IntermountainForensics.com](mailto:Emily@IntermountainForensics.com) with information about your case. Please include RTIP in the subject line or body of the email.

## Who is Rosie Tapia?

Rosie Tapia was a 6-year-old girl murdered in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1995. It was her family's need for answers that led to the formation of the Cold Case Coalition in 2017.  
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## COLD CASE COALITION

### WHO WE ARE<sup>1</sup>

The Cold Case Coalition is a 501(c)3 nonprofit incorporated in Utah. We arose out of a mother's need for answers 22 years after the murder of her 6-year-old daughter. Through our efforts, the case was reactivated and is near resolution. Other cases include a rape-murder reopened when we proved the person who confessed could not have been the killer, location of missing persons, uncovering new evidence, presentation of suspect information to law enforcement, identification of bodies, etc.

The Coalition is working on more than 400 cases as well as helping others investigate cold cases on their own. We operate the country's only nonprofit forensic DNA lab. Founded by an attorney (Karra Porter), private investigator (Jason K. Jensen), and retired journalist (Tom Harvey), the Cold Case Coalition has the experience and passion to help with these cases.

#### Cold case publicity

We have extensive national and local media contacts. We can often help maximize public awareness of cold cases to help generate leads, or help you work with the media directly.

#### Other cold case assistance

We have a wide range of expert consultants (volunteers or working at reduced rates), such as DNA analysts, polygraphers, sketch artists, and cadaver dogs. Other ways to investigate a cold case can be found on the Where to Get Help link above.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://coldcasehelp.com/about-us>