EFA Tool Training Guide

Expanded Critical Supports Program

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1. INTRODUCTION

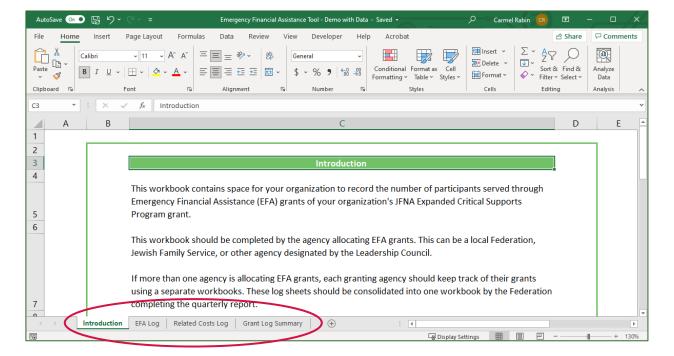
Before we get into the details of how to use the EFA Tool, let's go over some background information.

PURPOSE

The Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) Tool enables subgrantees of the Expanded Critical Supports Program to record the number and type of participants served through EFA grants. This tool complements the <u>Program Participant Report</u>, which records the number and type of participants served through activities of the Expanded Critical Supports Program. Information recorded through the EFA Tool enables The JFNA Center on Aging and Trauma to report to funders the number and type of participants served through EFA grants. This tool provides transparency in EFA spending and allows the Center and its subgrantees to learn about EFA trends.

STRUCTURE

The EFA Tool is housed in an Excel workbook composed of four worksheets, detailed below.





The worksheets include the following:

- 1. Introduction. The first worksheet of the workbook is broken into two sections. The first section includes a brief introduction to the workbook and highlights useful materials such as Emergency Financial Assistance Definitions, this EFA Training Guide, the Participant ID Generator, and the Program Participant Report.
- 2. EFA Log. The second worksheet of the workbook provides space to record each emergency financial assistance grant provided to a unique program participant. Further information about the EFA Log worksheet is detailed in Section 3 of this training guide.
- 3. Related Cost Log. The third worksheet of the workbook provides space to record each case of costs related to emergency financial assistance that cannot be entered into the EFA log as they are associated with multiple individuals. Further information about the Related Cost Log worksheet is detailed in Section 4 of this training guide.
- 4. Grant Log Summary. The fourth worksheet of the workbook provides an <u>automatically generated</u> summary of your organization's emergency financial assistance grants (both from the EFA Log and Related Cost Log). Further information about the Grant Log Summary worksheet is detailed in <u>Section 6</u> of this training guide.

USE, REVIEW, AND SUBMISSION

Data is entered into the EFA Tool by the organization responsible for providing EFA grants. This organization can be a local Federation, Jewish Family Service, or other agency designated by the Leadership Council to grant emergency financial assistance. If more than one agency is administering EFA grants, each granting agency should maintain their own log sheets through their own EFA Tool.

Regardless of who administers EFA grants and logs EFA entries, the Federation is responsible for reviewing the EFA Tool and submitting it through the Program Participant Report. If more than one agency is administering EFA grants, each granting agency should maintain their own log sheets through their own EFA Tool. If more than one agency is administering EFA grants, each granting agency's EFA Tool should be consolidated into one workbook by the Federation completing the quarterly report. Information about how to consolidate entries from multiple granting organizations is provided in Section 5 of this training guide.



Examples of use, review, and submission

Three examples of how the EFA Tool can be used, reviewed, and submitted are explained below. These examples are based on a local decision-making process by each Federation community in conjunction with each of their respective Leadership Councils.

- 1. Example of EFA Allocation Through One Sub-Subgrantee. The JFNA Center provides grant funding to a subgrantee Jewish Federation, that allocates EFA funding through one sub-subgrantee agency. In this case, the sub-subgrantee agency should enter information into the EFA Tool and submit the tool to the Jewish Federation on a guarterly basis for review and submission to The JFNA Center.
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- 3. Example of EFA Allocation Through the Jewish Federation. The JFNA Center provides grant funding to a subgrantee Jewish Federation that allocates EFA funding themselves. In this case, the Jewish Federation will enter information into the EFA Tool, as well as reviewing and submitting it to The JFNA Center on a quarterly basis.

ACCESSING THE EFA TOOL

The EFA Tool and corresponding list of Emergency Financial Assistance Definitions can be found in the Expanded Critical Supports Programs forms <u>library</u>. Additionally, the EFA Tool can be downloaded directly <u>here</u>, and the corresponding list of Emergency Financial Assistance Definitions can be downloaded directly <u>here</u>. If you have any difficulties downloading the EFA Tool and Emergency Financial Assistance Definitions through the links provided, these documents can be emailed as attachments.

2. OPEN AND SAVE

Now that we have covered the basics of what the EFA Tool is and who will use it, you are ready to open the EFA Tool file and save it to your workspace.

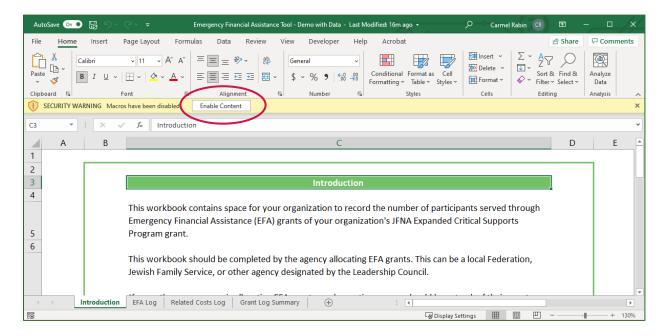
OPENING AND ENABLING CONTENT

When opening the EFA Tool, you will need to enable the Excel workbook content to access all features of the EFA Tool. To do so, you have two options.

Option 1: When opening the EFA Tool workbook, a yellow ribbon will appear at the top of the Excel window. Depending on your version of Excel, this ribbon will appear similarly as shown in the picture below.

✓ Step 1. Click 'Enable Content' on the yellow ribbon. This will allow your Excel document to use pre-set coding that automatically generates the Grant Log Summary.

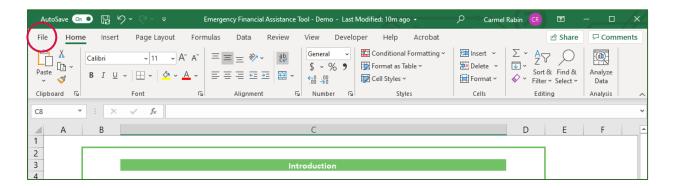
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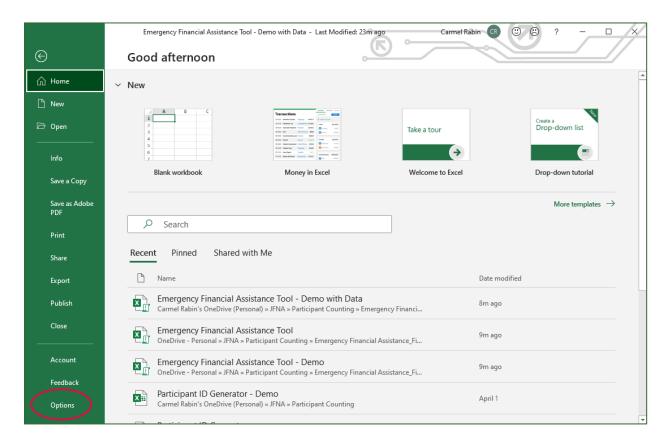


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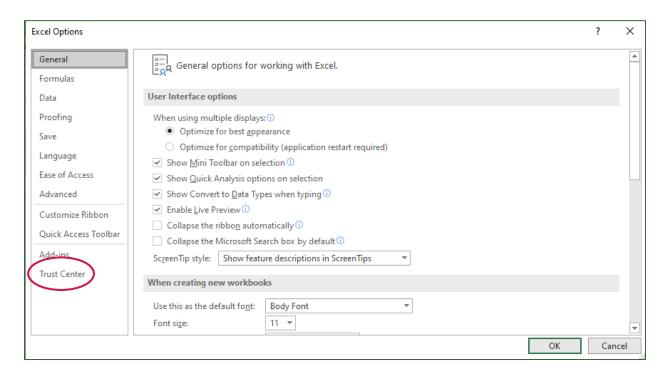
✓ Step 1. Click 'File' in the top ribbon of the Excel window.



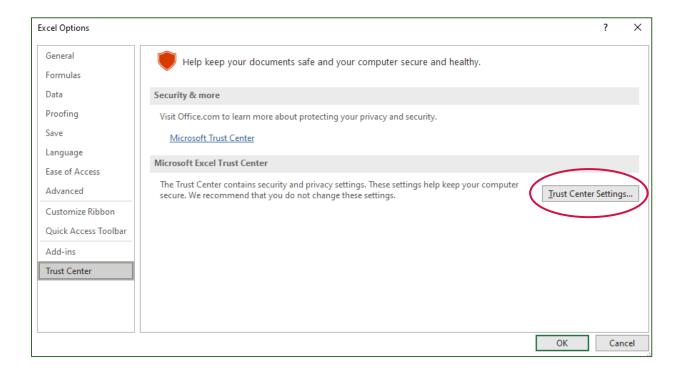
✓ Step 2. Click 'Options'. This will open a dialogue box.



Step 3. Click 'Trust Center'.

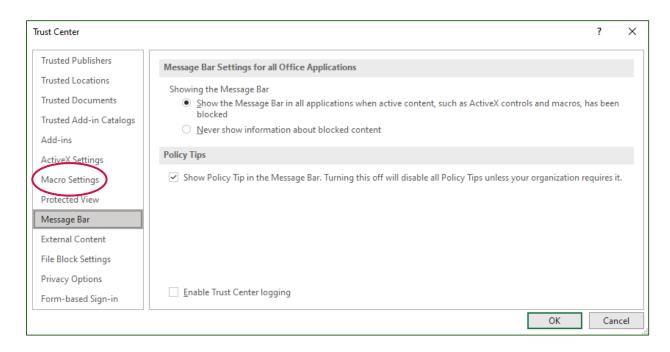


✓ Step 4. Click 'Trust Center Settings'. This will open another dialogue box.



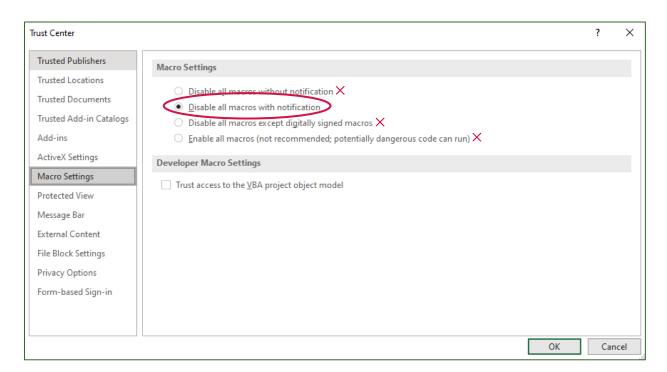


✓ Step 5. Click 'Macro Settings'.



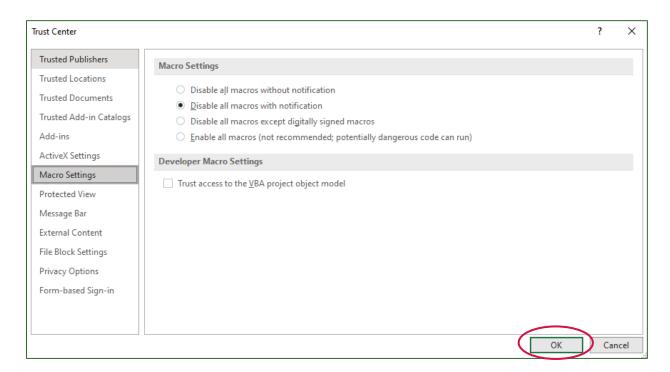
✓ Step 6. Click 'Disable all macros with notification'.

It is important to avoid selection of 'Enable all macros' as this makes your computer vulnerable to viruses and malicious attachments.

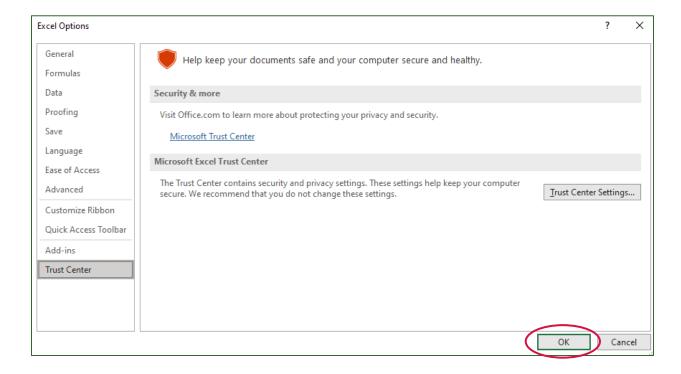




✓ Step 7. Click 'Okay'. This will close the Trust Center dialogue box.

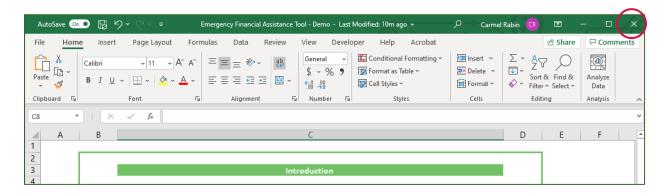


✓ Step 8. Click 'Okay'. This will close the Excel Options dialogue box.

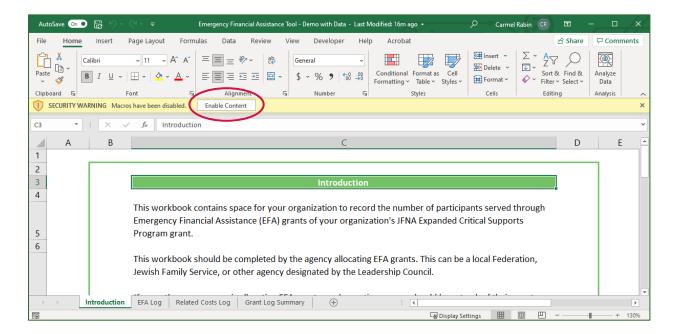




✓ Step 9. Close the Excel file, which will enable the program to retain the setting change.



✓ Step 10. Reopen the Excel file and click 'Enable Content' on the yellow ribbon.



Why is it important to enable content?

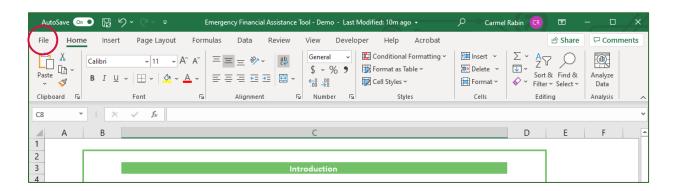
The EFA Tool has been built using a 'Macro', which enables the user to edit the document. Without enabling content, you will not be able to use the Grant Log Summary worksheet.



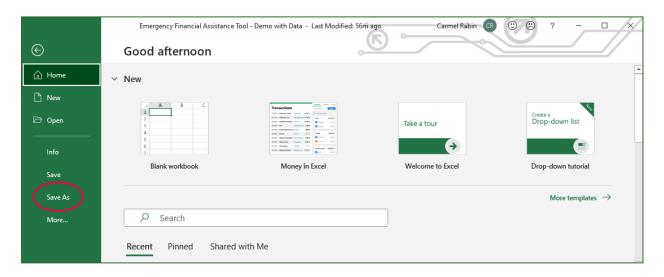
SAVING THE WORKBOOK

When saving the Excel Workbook, keep in mind that you will use the same workbook over the course of the grant. Save the workbook in a safe and reliable location where you will be able to continuously edit the workbook with new grant entries. Also, consider routinely backing up copies of the file to avoid loss of data. Avoid saving the file on your desktop as it may be harder to recover desktop files if your computer experiences hardware failure. When saving the file for the first time, follow the instructions detailed and pictured below:

✓ Step 1. Click 'File' in the top ribbon of Excel.

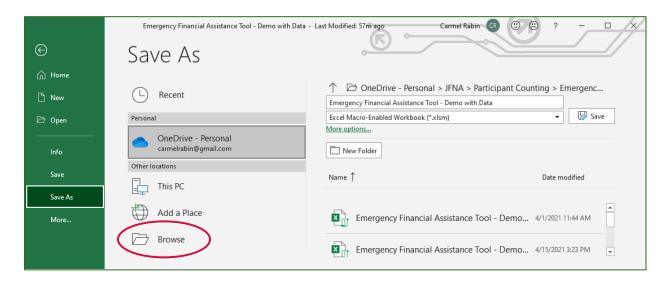


✓ Step 2. Click 'Save As'. For some Excel users this option may appear as 'Save a Copy'.



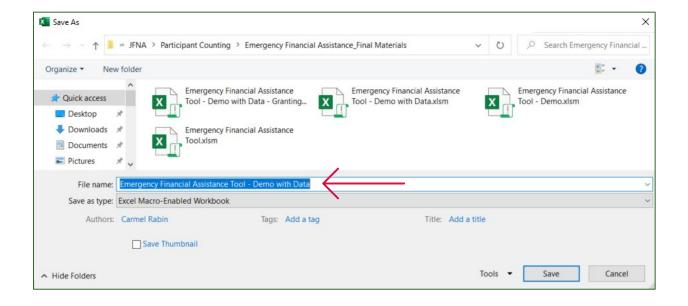


✓ Step 3. Browse your computer and select a location to save the file.



✓ Step 4. Name your file under 'File Name:' field.

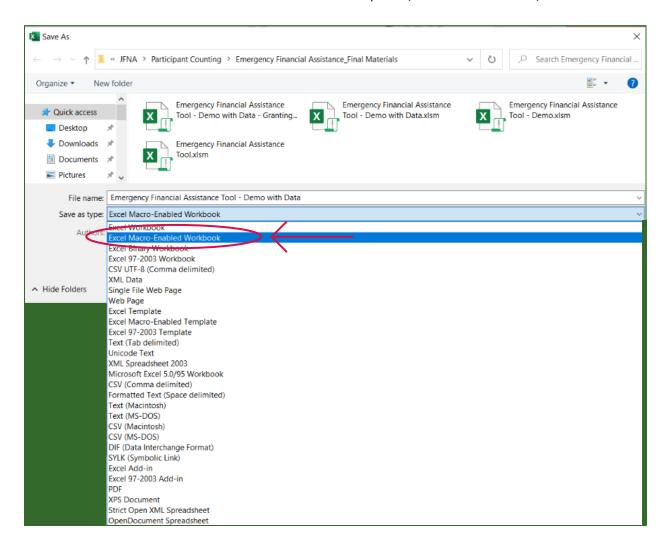
For example, you could name your file 'EFA Tool_Organization Name' so you can easily find the file later. You may use the same file throughout the grant program or use the 'Save As' function to create a new file each quarter based on the previous file.





✓ Step 5. Save your file as an 'Excel Macro-Enabled Workbook' under 'Save As Type:'

<u>This file type should be pre-selected</u>. If it does not automatically appear, select 'Excel Macro-Enabled Workbook' from the drop-down menu. Do not save this Excel Workbook as an 'Excel Macro-Enabled Template', 'Excel Workbook', or CSV file.



✓ Step 6. Click 'Save' which will close the dialogue box.

Why is it important to save the file as an 'Excel Macro-Enabled Workbook'?

When saving, be sure to save the file as an Excel Macro-Enabled Workbook so that the workbook generates the totals in the Grant Log Summary.

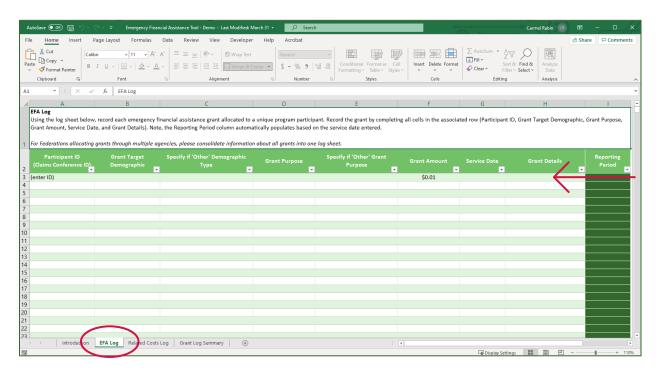


3. EFA LOG

Now that you have successfully opened and saved your EFA Tool, you are ready to start entering data into the EFA Log Sheet.

ENTERING GRANT DATA

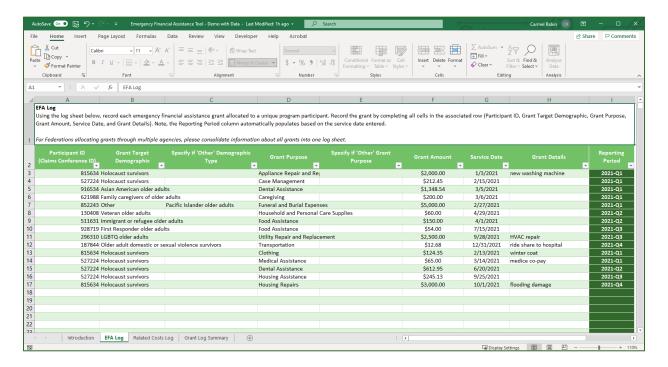
The EFA Log Sheet provides space to record grants allocated to individual participants for critical supports to prevent emergencies and homelessness. Grants recorded in this log are allocated to unique individual participants. Examples can include the installation of safety rails, replacement of a boiler, medication coverage, or utility payment for a specific participant. This part of the workbook most closely resembles the Diamond reporting system administered by the Claims Conference, as it records grant instances by participant ID, grant amount, grant type, and service date. When the EFA Log is opened for the first time, it will appear blank as shown in the image below. Simply overwrite row 3 with the first details of your first EFA grant.



When entering data, each grant provided to a unique program participant will be entered in its own row. Since participants may receive multiple grants, it is important to note that for each EFA grant allocated to a participant there will be a corresponding EFA Log entry.



A complete row of logged data includes: Participant ID, Grant Target Demographic, Grant Purpose, Grant Amount, Service Date, and Grant Details. An example of a completed EFA Log is shown below.



PARTICIPANT ID

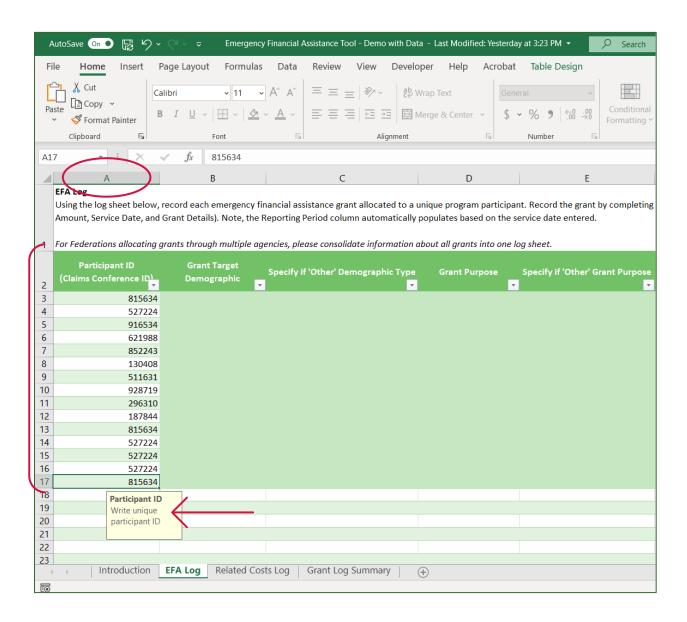
The Participant ID column is completed by manually entering a series of letters and/or numbers that distinguish unique program participants. EFA grants allocated to the same participant should be logged under the same participant ID. Since participants may receive multiple grants, the same Participant ID may appear multiple times throughout the Participant ID column of the EFA Log.

How do you determine the Participant ID? A Participant ID can be drawn from four sources:

- Claims Conference ID. If your grant participants are Holocaust survivors who receive
 funding from the Claims Conference, they will have a Claims Conference ID used for
 the Diamond data collection system. If you have access to participants' Claims
 Conference ID, you may use this to complete the Participant ID column.
- 2. Case Management ID. If your grant participants are registered through your organization's case management system, they will likely have a case management ID associated with their name. If you have access to participants' case management ID, you may use this to complete the Participant ID column.



- 3. Participant ID Generator ID. If your participants have neither a Claims Conference ID nor a case management ID, you may create a new and unique participant ID system. See <u>Appendix I</u> for instructions on how to create a unique participant ID using the Participant ID Generator Tool.
- 4. Combination of IDs. Some organizations may not have one participant ID system that records all program participants. For example, some participants may have a Claims Conference ID and others may have a Case Management ID. In such cases, a combination of ID types can be used to complete the Participant ID column. However, if combining IDs from multiple systems, please ensure there is no overlap in IDs across systems.

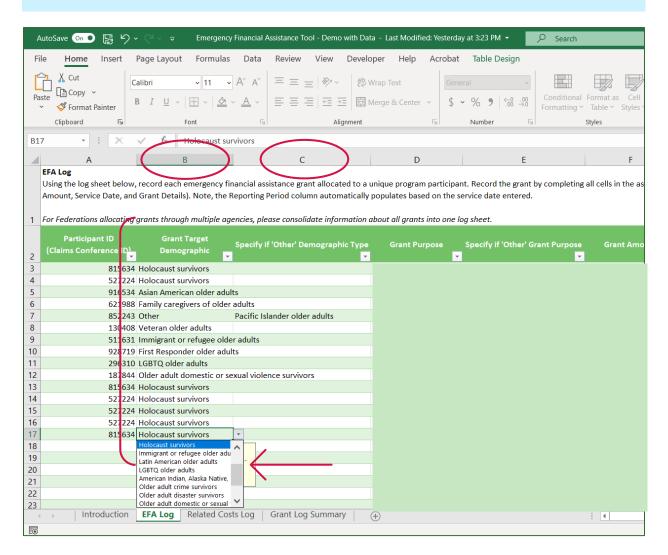


GRANT TARGET DEMOGRAPHIC

The Grant Target Demographic column is completed by selecting a demographic from the drop-down menu pictured below. If a grant is provided to a target demographic not listed in the drop-down menu, select the 'Other' option at the bottom of the menu. Then complete the column to the right – 'Specify if 'Other' Demographic Type'.

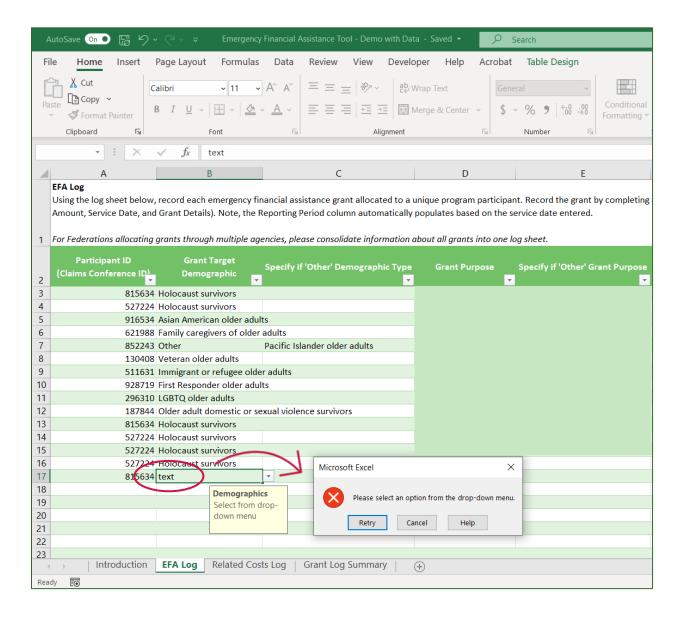
What is a Grant Target Demographic?

The grant target demographic is the intended audience of the emergency financial assistance. This can include Holocaust survivors, family caregivers, and additional populations of older adults with a history of trauma.





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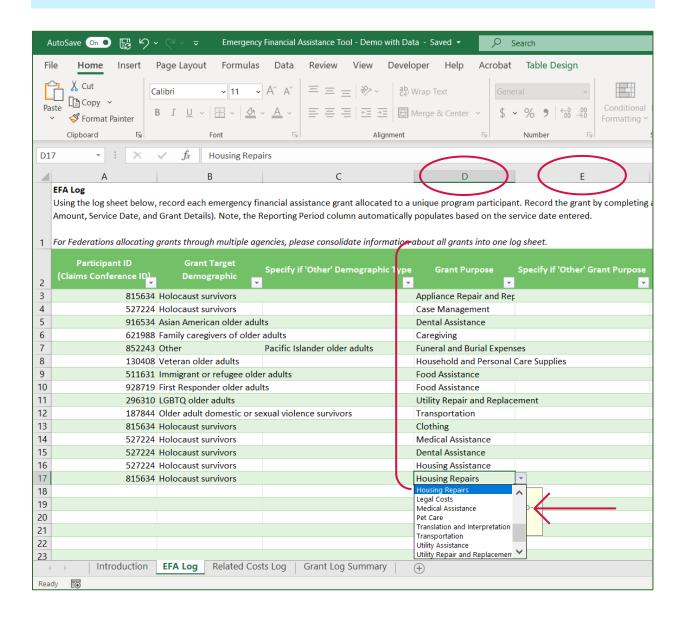
GRANT PURPOSE

The Grant Purpose column is completed by selecting a purpose from the drop-down menu pictured below. If a grant purpose is not listed in the drop-down menu, select the 'Other' option at the bottom of the menu. Then complete the column to the right – 'Specify if 'Other' Grant Purpose'.



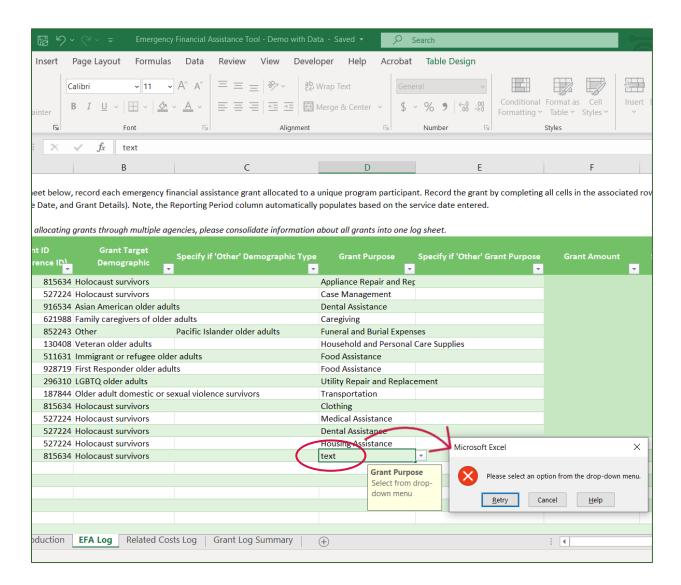
What is a Grant Purpose?

The grant purpose includes various categories of emergency financial assistance service provision. This includes categories such as appliance repair or replacement, food assistance, housing modifications, transportation, and more. For a full list of grant categories and coverage details, please see the <u>Emergency Financial Assistance Definitions.</u>





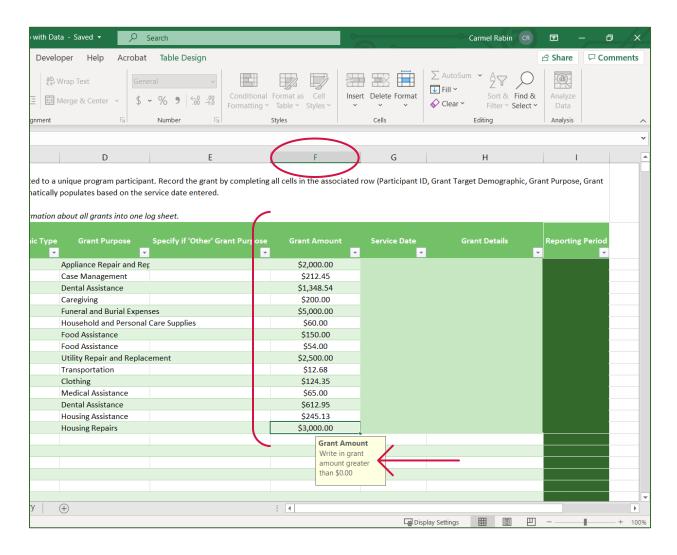
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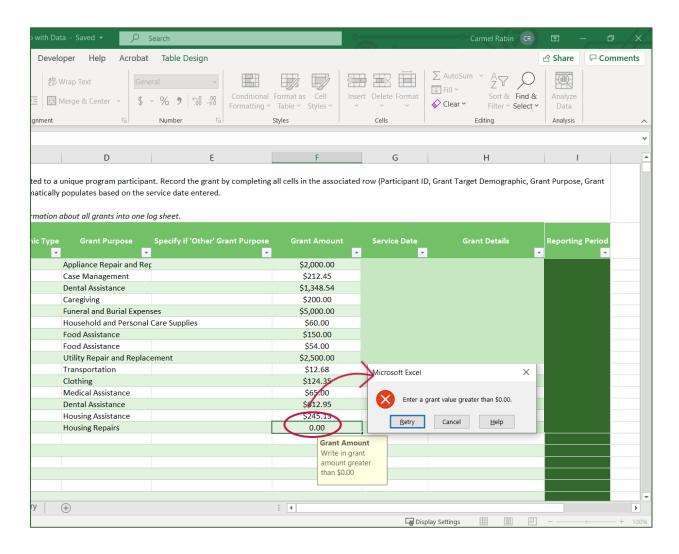
GRANT AMOUNT

The Grant Amount column is manually completed by entering a financial amount greater than \$0.00.





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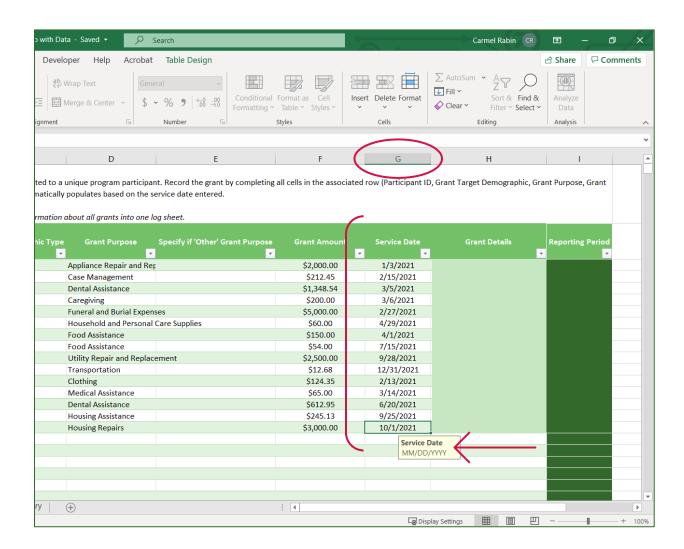


SERVICE DATE

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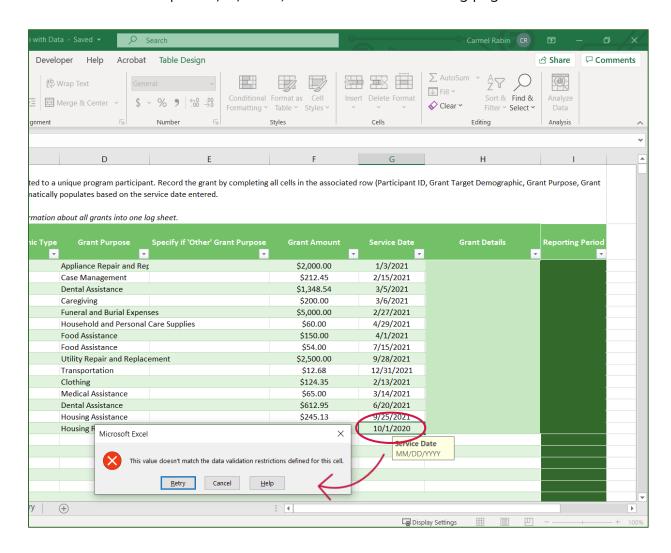
Do log entries have to be entered in chronological order?

No, since the Grant Log Summary sorts the data based on service date, there is no need to reorganize the EFA Log as it is entered. Each entry should be completed in the next available row.



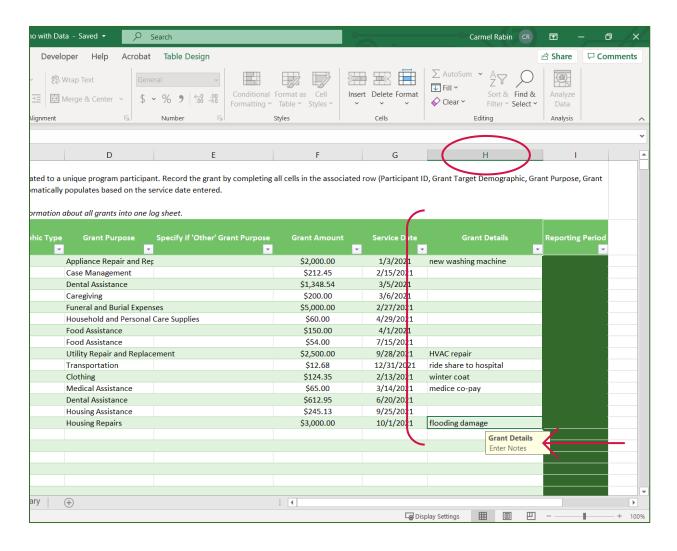


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GRANT DETAILS

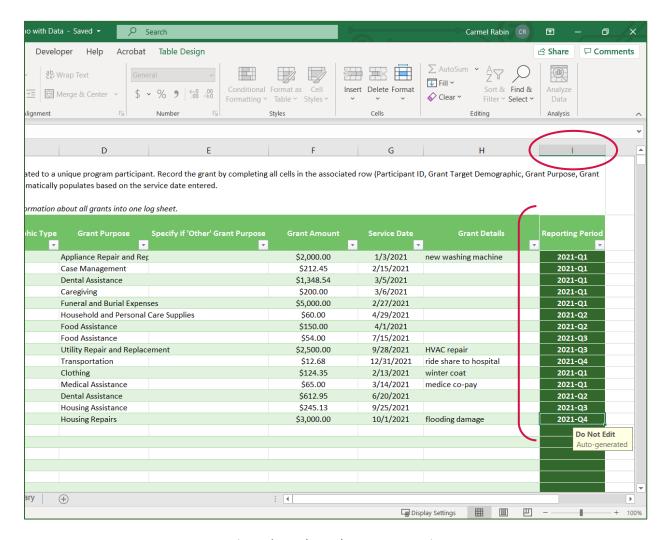
The Grant Details column is manually completed by adding a description of the grant funding provided. This column provides space for granting organizations to write notes about the grant use. The use of this column is not required but provides additional space for note keeping.





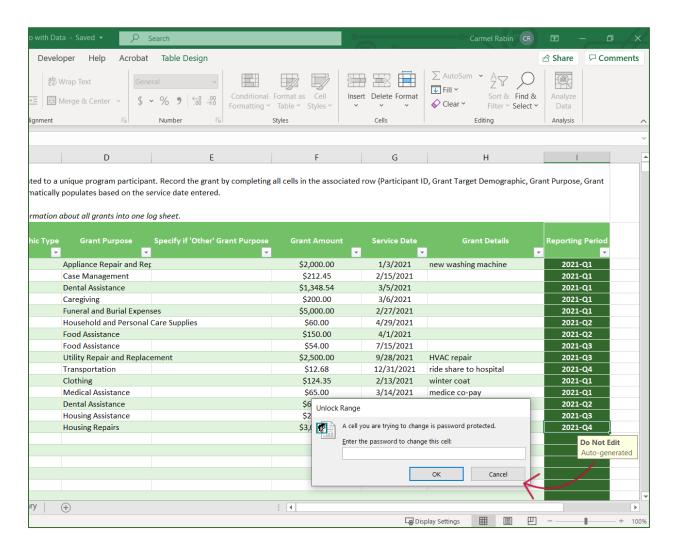
REPORTING PERIOD

Based on the data entered in the Service Date column, the Reporting Period cell automatically generates the corresponding reporting period. If the reporting period appears incorrectly, go back to the service date, and confirm the accuracy of the data entry.





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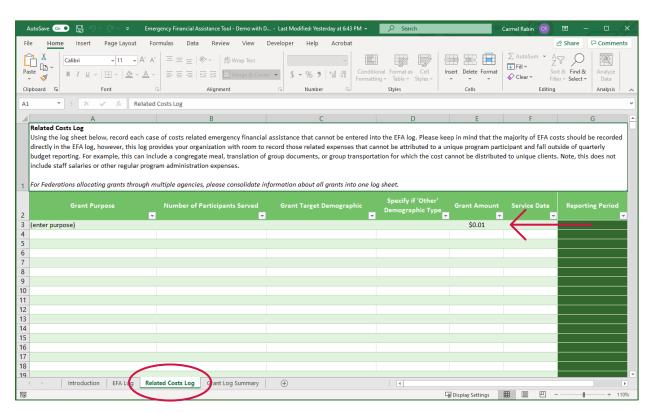
4. RELATED COST LOG

As you enter data into the EFA Log, you may notice that a few entries do not fit. This may mean that you can use the Related Cost Log to enter some grant data.

ENTERING GRANT DATA

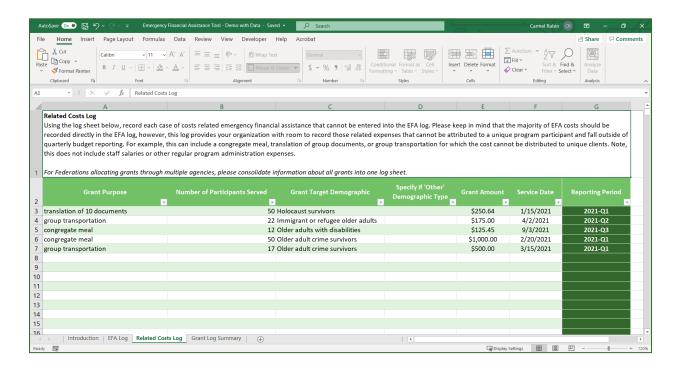
The Related Cost Log provides space to record all costs related to emergency financial assistance that cannot be entered into the EFA log and should rarely be used. While the majority of EFA costs should be recorded directly in the EFA log, this log provides organizations with room to record those related expenses that cannot be attributed to a unique program participant and fall outside of quarterly budget reporting. For example, this can include a congregate meal, translation of multiple documents/flyers, or group transportation for which the cost cannot be distributed to unique participants. This does not include staff salaries or other regular program administration expenses.

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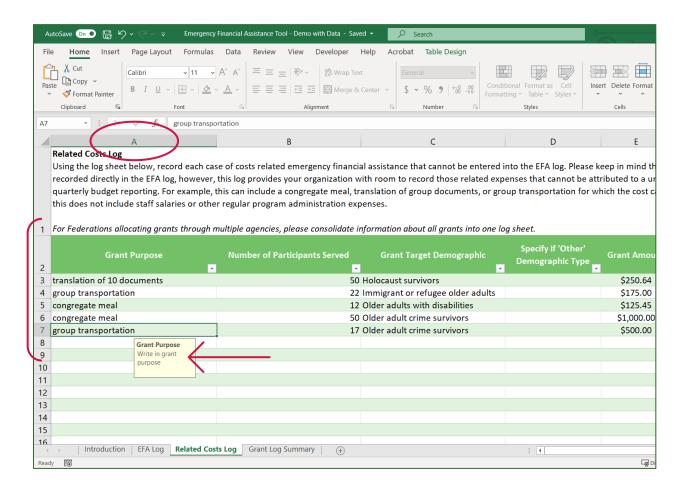


When entering data, each grant provided for a specific purpose will be entered in its own row. A complete row of logged data includes: Grant Purpose, Number of Participant Served, Grant Target Demographic, Grant Amount, and Service Date.



GRANT PURPOSE

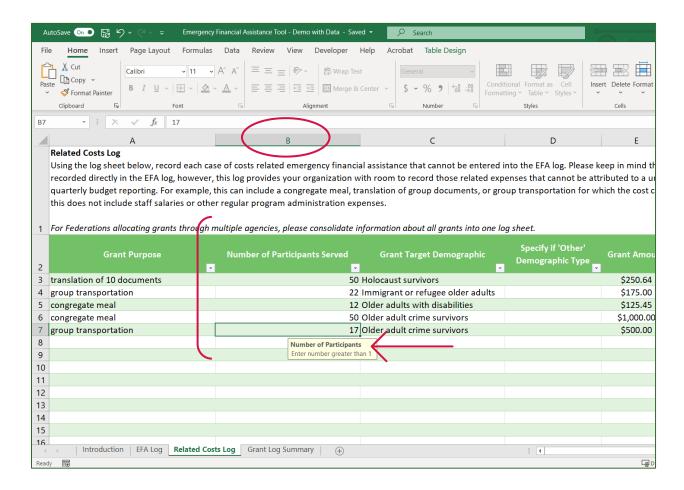
The Grant Purpose column is completed by manually writing in a brief description of the grant use as pictured below. Since the Related Cost Log captures costs that may not easily fit into the EFA Log, the Grant Purpose column is not limited to a drop-down menu. Instead, it relies on a manual entry of a grant description. Please enter the grant purpose manually. Grant purposes may include, for example, translation of EFA marketing materials into Russian, group transportation for emergency services.



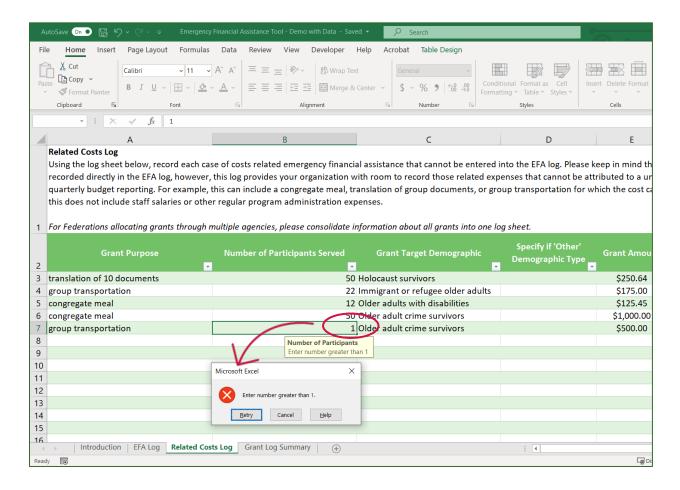


NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SERVED

The column of Number of Participants Served is completed by manually entering a number greater than 1 as pictured below. This number represents the number of program participants who directly benefit from this grant.



Note: grants serving one individual should be entered into the EFA Log as the grant can be linked to a specific program participant. If 1 or 0 are entered into Column B, an error message will appear as shown on the next page.

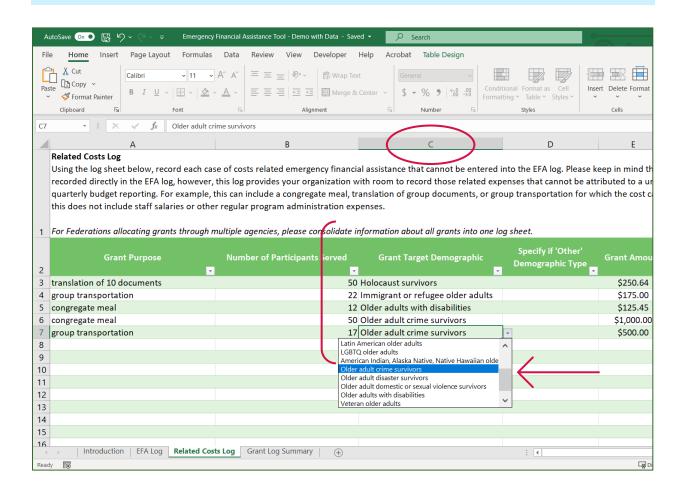


GRANT TARGET DEMOGRAPHIC

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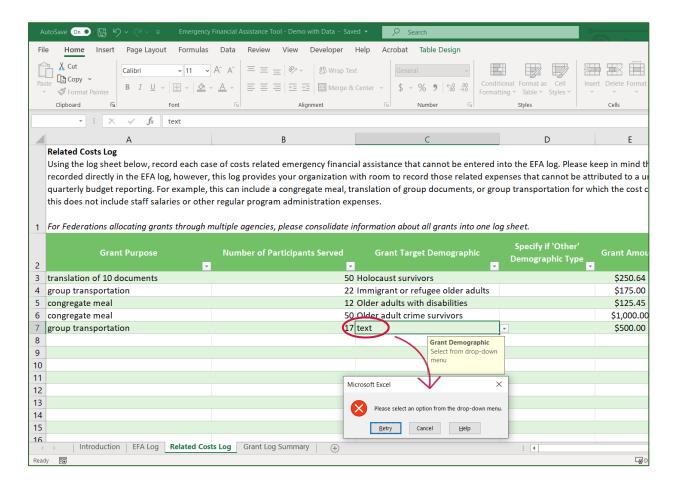
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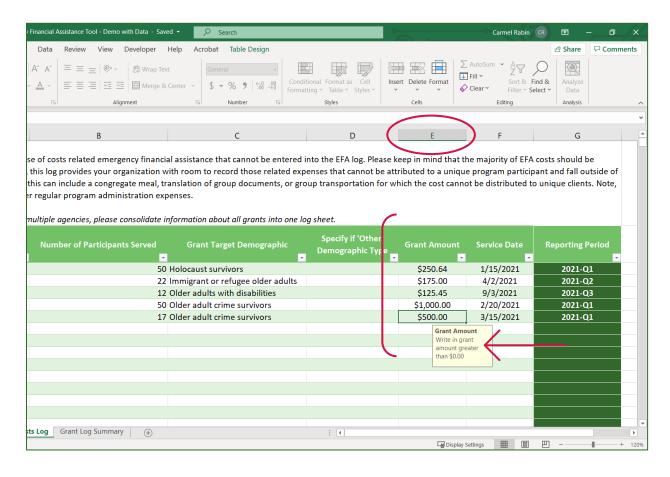


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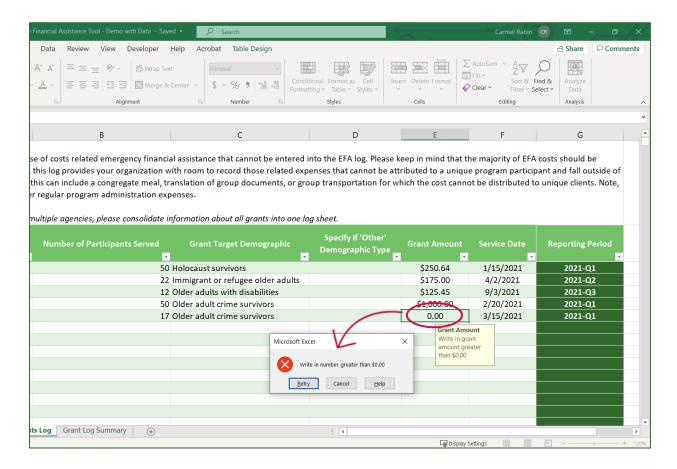


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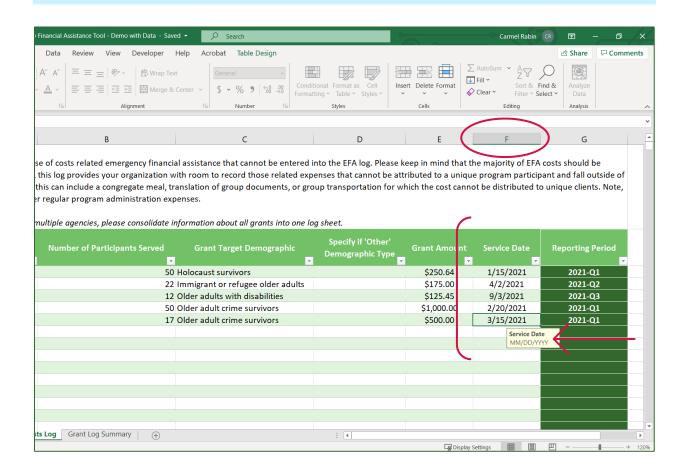


SERVICE DATE

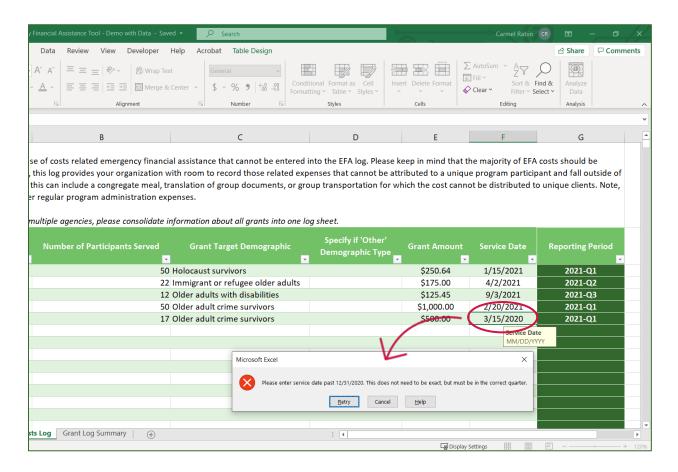
Like the EFA Log, the Service Date column is manually completed by entering a date in the order of MM/DD/YYYY which is past the date of 12/31/2020. If the service is provided over a range of dates, provide the first date of service provision.

Do log entries have to be entered in chronological order?

No, since the Grant Log Summary sorts the data based on service date, there is no need to reorganize the Related Cost Log as it is entered. Each entry should be completed in the next available row.

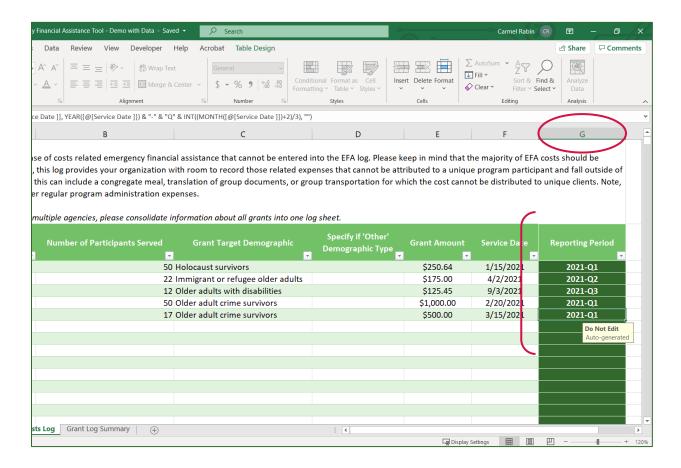


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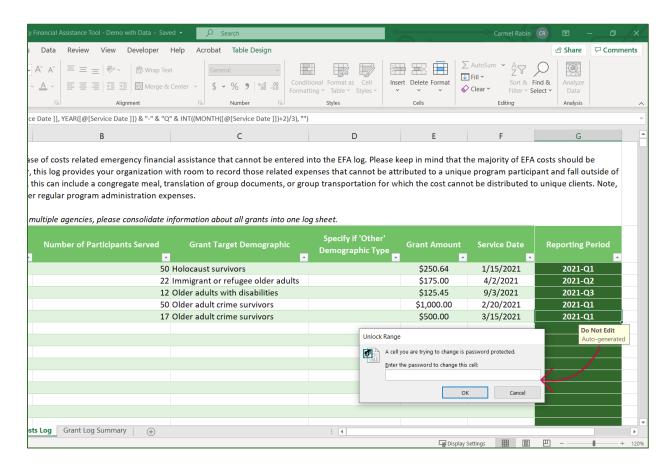


REPORTING PERIOD

Based on the data entered in the Service Date column, the Reporting Period cell automatically generates the corresponding reporting period. If the reporting period appears incorrectly, go back to the service date and confirm the accuracy of the data entry.



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5. UPDATING AND CONSOLIDATING

Throughout the reporting period, you may need to update, or consolidate data on both the EFA Log Sheet and Related Cost Log Sheet. If so, follow the step-by-step instructions below.

EDITING LOG ENTRIES

You may correct and/or add missing entries from current and former reporting periods at any time. Simply click on the cell which you would like to correct and edit the information.

- If minor mistakes or omissions occurred, make sure to include the corrected EFA Tool in the next Participant Program Report.
- If significant mistakes or omissions occurred, please reach out to your Expanded Critical Supports Program point-of-contact.

It is imperative that complete and accurate information is entered into the EFA and Related Cost Logs. Without complete and accurate information in the EFA Log, the Grant Log Summary and Program Participant Reports will present incorrect totals.

CONSOLIDATING DATA FROM MULTIPLE AGENCIES

The EFA Tool submitted to The JFNA Center through the Participant Program Report will provide data about **ALL** EFA grants funded through your Jewish Federation's subgrant. Depending on how EFA grants are allocated, your Jewish Federation may need to consolidate data entries.

If your EFA grants are allocated through ONE agency, your Jewish Federation does
not need to consolidate data entries. For those Jewish Federations who administer
grants through ONE agency (whether this agency is the Jewish Federation itself, a
Jewish Family Service, or another agency appointed by the Leadership Council),
your Jewish Federation will submit ONE set of data in its quarterly submission of the
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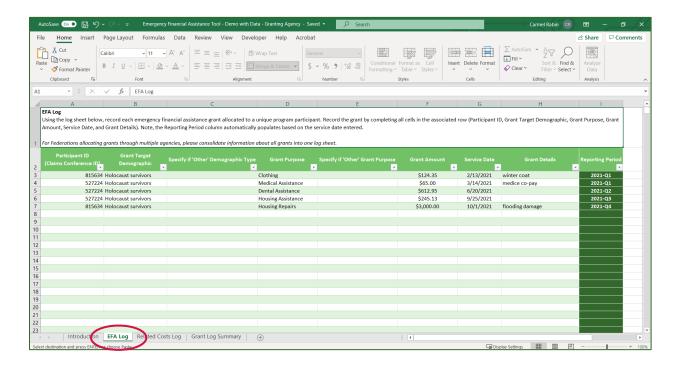


• If your EFA grants are allocated through MULTIPLE agencies, your Jewish Federation needs to consolidate data entries. For those Jewish Federations who administer grants through MULTIPLE agencies, your Jewish Federation will submit one set of data in its quarterly submission of the EFA Tool by consolidating the data sets from its sub granting agencies. For information on how to consolidate data sets from multiple granting agencies, see the step-by-step instructions below.

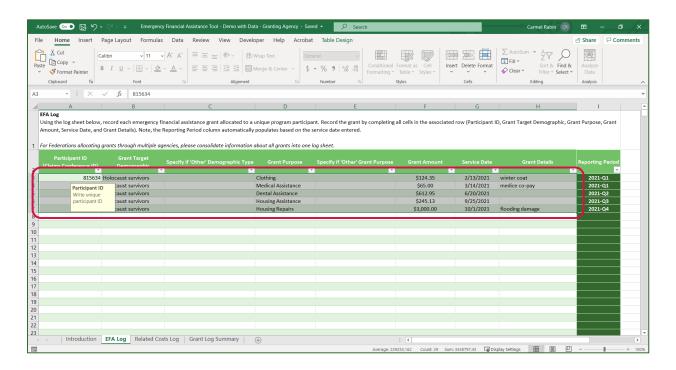
EFA log consolidation

To consolidate data entries from the EFA Log, follow the instructions below.

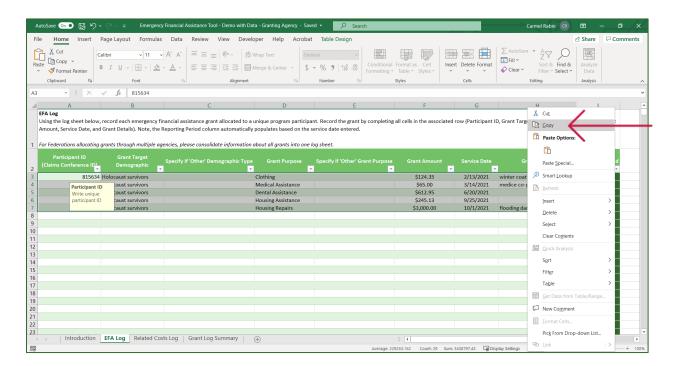
- ✓ Step 1. Open the granting agency's EFA Tool.
- ✓ Step 2. Click on the EFA Log worksheet.



✓ Step 3. Using the left-hand side of your mouse, select the new row entries between Column A (Participant ID) and Column H (Grant Details). <u>Do not select Column I</u> (Reporting Period).

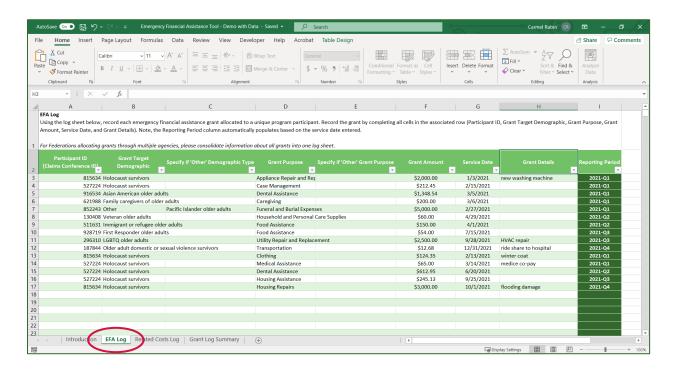


Step 4. Hovering over the selected area, right-click the mouse and select 'Copy'.

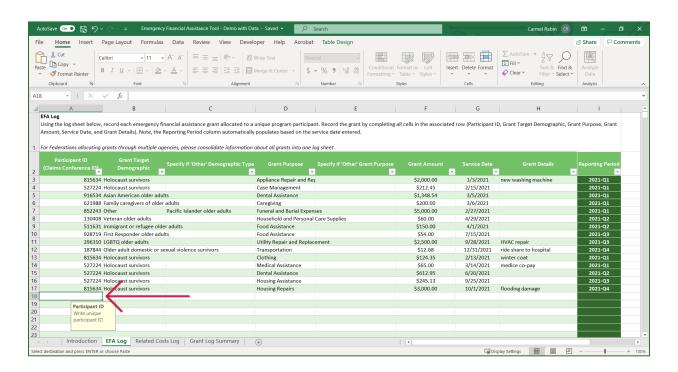




- ✓ Step 5. Open your Federation's EFA Tool.
- ✓ Step 6. Click on the EFA Log worksheet.

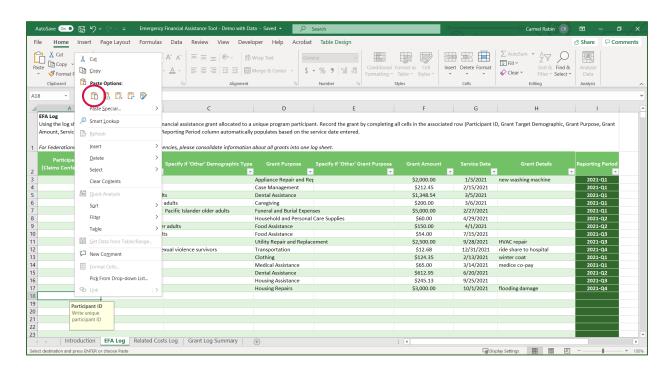


Step 7. Scroll down to the next available blank row and click on the blank cell in Column A.

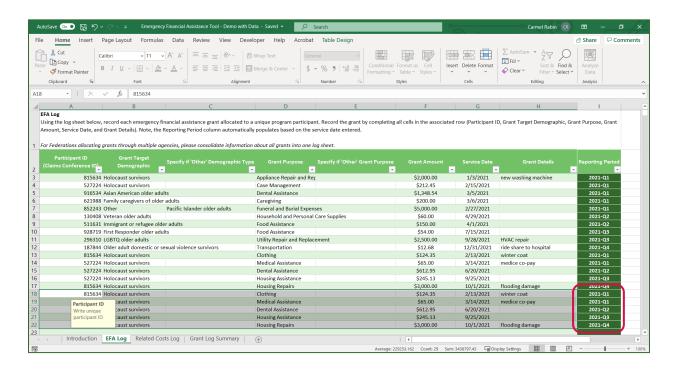




✓ Step 8. Right-click on your mouse and select 'Paste'. Make sure to paste as plain text.



✓ Step 9. Check that Reporting Period cells associated with the new rows have correctly populated.





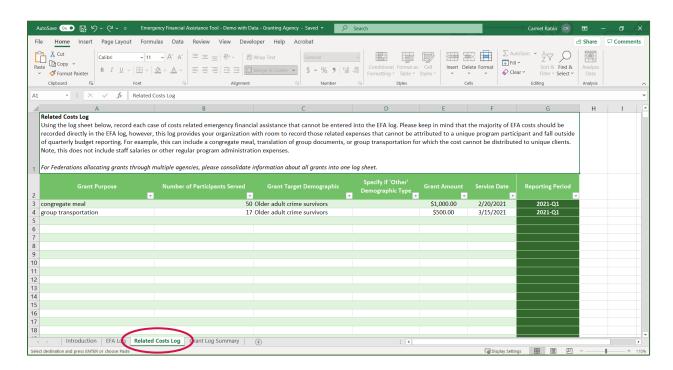
When compiling data from multiple granting agencies, make sure Participant IDs across granting organizations do not conflict.

- If all granting agencies use Claim Conference IDs, then the Participant ID column will not conflict.
- If granting agencies use a case management or other IDs, make sure those case management systems do not use overlapping IDs for different participants.

Related cost log consolidation

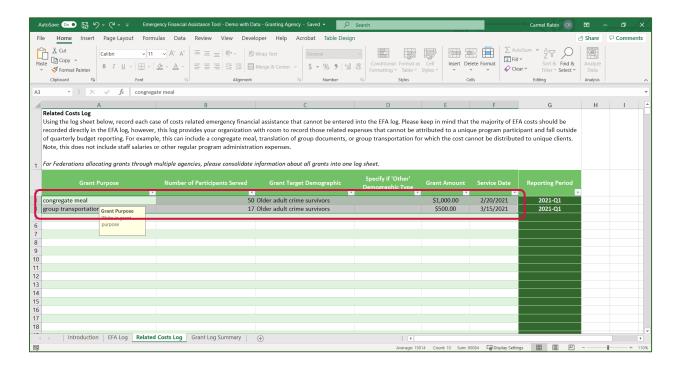
To consolidate data entries from the Related Cost Log, follow the instructions below.

- ✓ Step 1. Open the granting agency's EFA Tool.
- ✓ Step 2. Click on the Related Cost Log worksheet.

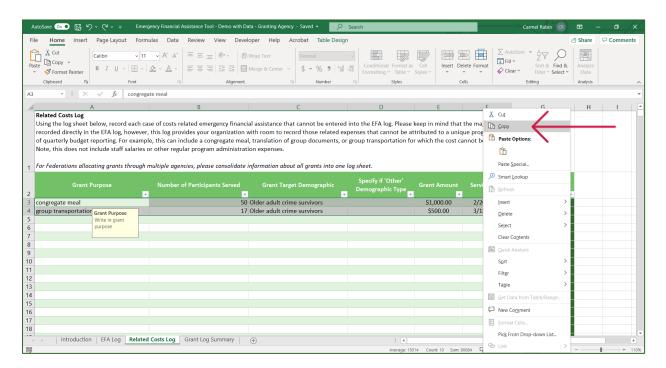




✓ Step 3. Using the left-hand side of your mouse, select the new row entries between Column A (Grant Purpose) and Column F (Service Date). <u>Do not select Column G</u> (Reporting Period).

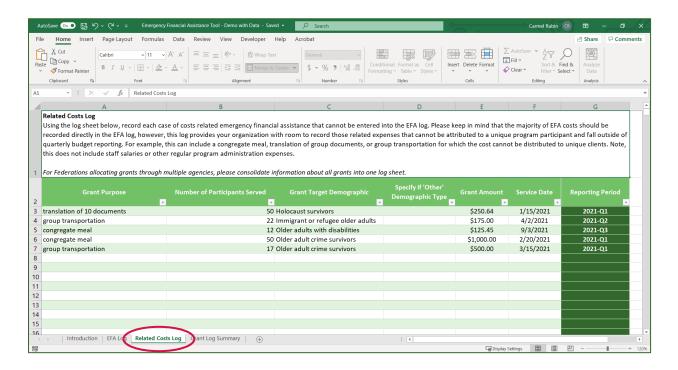


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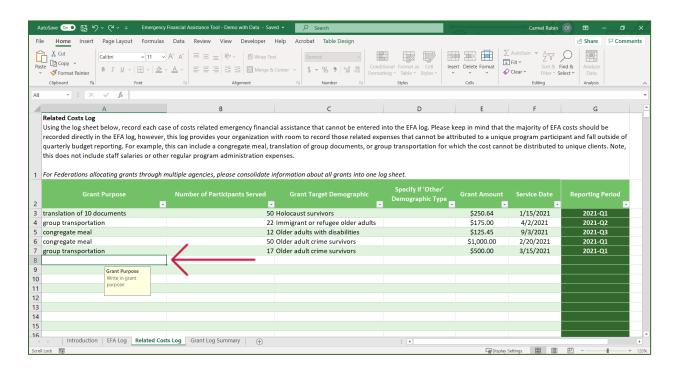




- ✓ Step 5. Open your Federation's EFA Tool.
- ✓ Step 6. Click on the Related Cost Log worksheet.

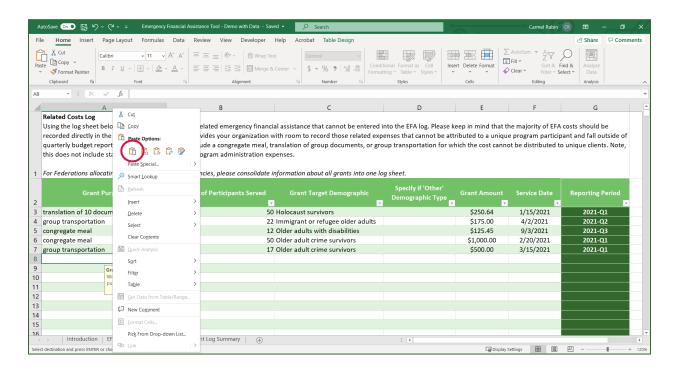


Step 7. Scroll down to the next available blank row and click on the blank cell in Column A.

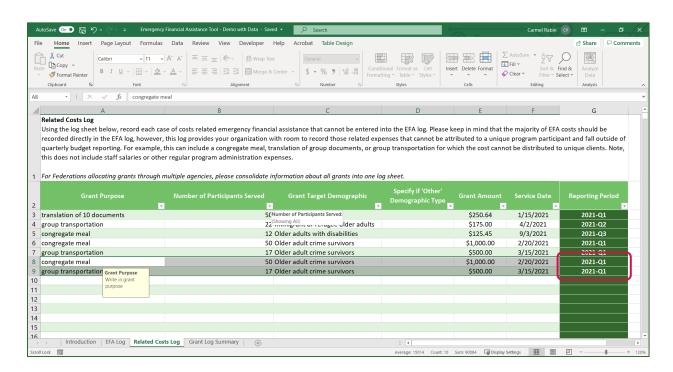




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✓ Step 9. Check that Reporting Period cells associated with the new rows have correctly populated.





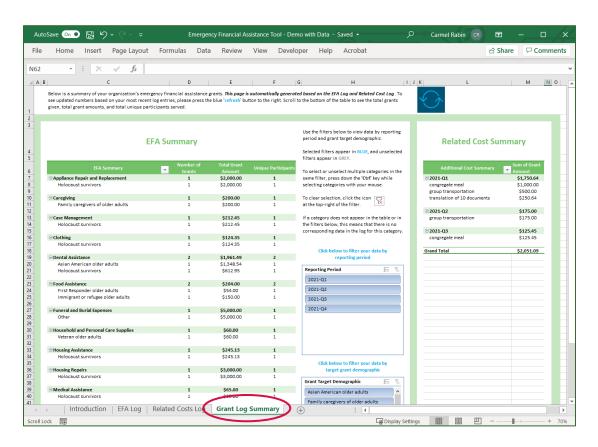
6. GRANT LOG SUMMARY

As you enter data throughout the reporting period, you may be curious about EFA grant allocation trends. The Grant Log Summary provides you with this summary automatically and can be refreshed at any time.

CONTENT OF GRANT LOG SUMMARY

The Grant Log Summary is an automatically generated summary of the EFA and Related Cost Logs. The Grant Log Summary is divided into two tables as detailed and shown below:

- EFA Summary. This table automatically totals the number of EFA grants provided, grant amount allocated, and number of unique program participants served through EFA grants. This table can be filtered by reporting period and grant target demographic.
- 2. Related Cost Summary. This table automatically totals the amount of Related Cost grants allocated by reporting period. This table cannot be filtered.





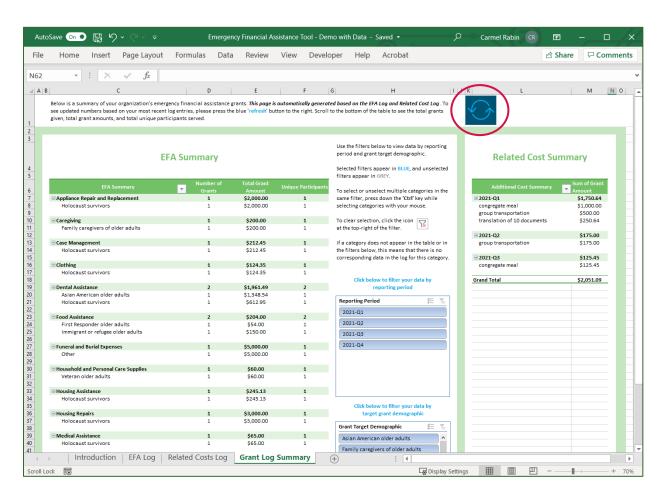
USE OF GRANT LOG SUMMARY

The Grant Log Summary can and should be used by all who use the EFA Tool. The Grant Log Summary can be used by granting organizations, Jewish Federations, and The JFNA Center to have timely and easily accessible data on grant trends and allocation progress.

UPDATING THE GRANT LOG SUMMARY

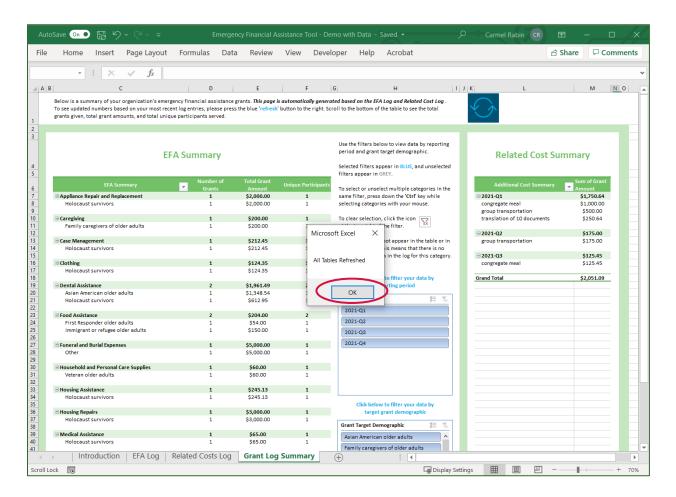
The Grant Log Summary automatically pulls data from the EFA and Related Cost Logs. To refresh the information appearing in the summary tables, following the instructions below.

Step 1. Click the refresh button at the top of the page.





✓ Step 2. Once the tables have been refreshed, a message box will appear confirming the refresh. Click 'Okay' and proceed to viewing the updated tables.

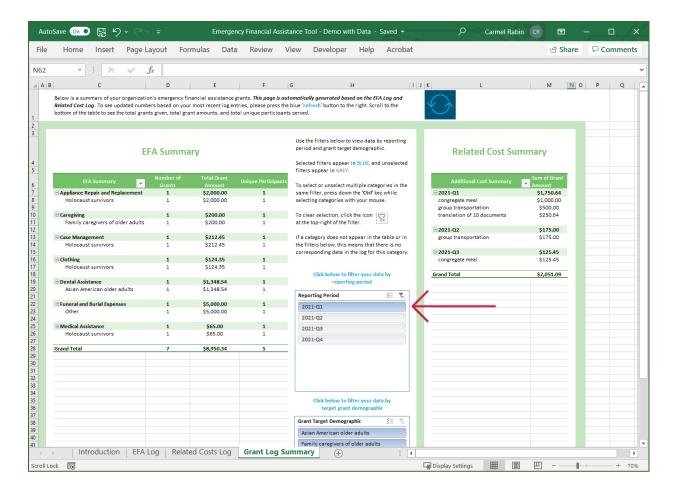


FILTERING THE GRANT LOG SUMMARY

The EFA Summary table can be filtered by Reporting Period and by Grant Target Demographic. Filtering using these two options is helpful when determining grant totals during a given time period or for a specific demographic type.

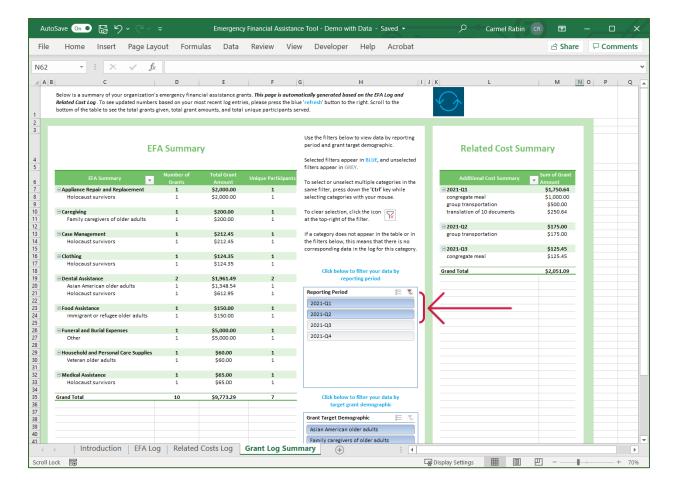
Using One Filter. To use a filter, select the category by which you would like to see data. For example, to see data for the first quarter of 2021, click 2021-Q1. Selected filter categories will appear in blue and unselected categories will appear in grey. One filter selection is shown on the next page.





If you would like to select multiple categories within the same filter, press down the 'Ctrl' key while clicking multiple categories with your mouse. For example, to see data from the first two quarters of 2021, press down 'Ctrl' and click 2021-Q1 and 2021 Q2. A filter selection of multiple categories is shown on the next page.

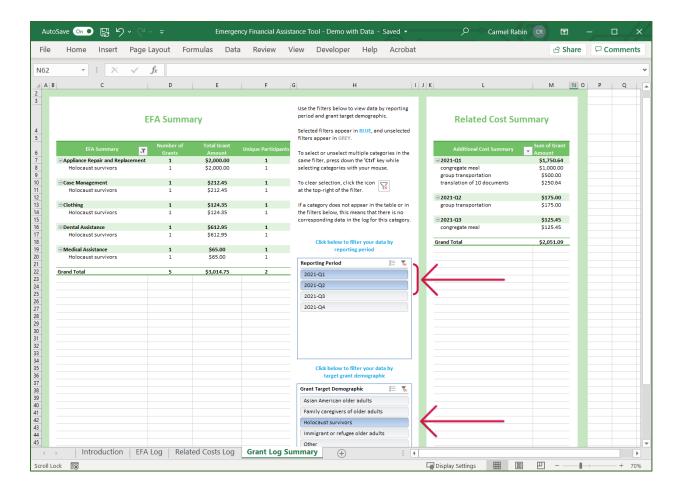




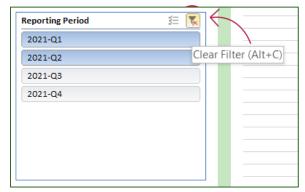
Using Multiple Filters. You can use multiple filters at the same time. For example, you can see data for the first quarter of 2021 by Holocaust survivors by clicking 2021-Q1 under Reporting Period and Holocaust survivors under Grant Target Demographic. An image of this selection is shown on the next page.

Note: use the 'Ctrl' key to select multiple categories within the same filter. Do not use the 'Ctrl' key to select multiple categories across multiple filters.





Clearing a Filter. To clear a filter and restore the original view of all data, click the Clear Filter button on each of the active filters. This will remove your previous selection of filter categories and restore your view of the entire data set.



What if a Filter Category Does Not Appear? If a filter category does not appear in the filter box, this means that

data corresponding to this category does not exist in the EFA Log. If you believe you have entered data corresponding to this category, clear all filters and refresh the Grant Log Summary sheet. This action will update the Grant Log Summary filters with new data.

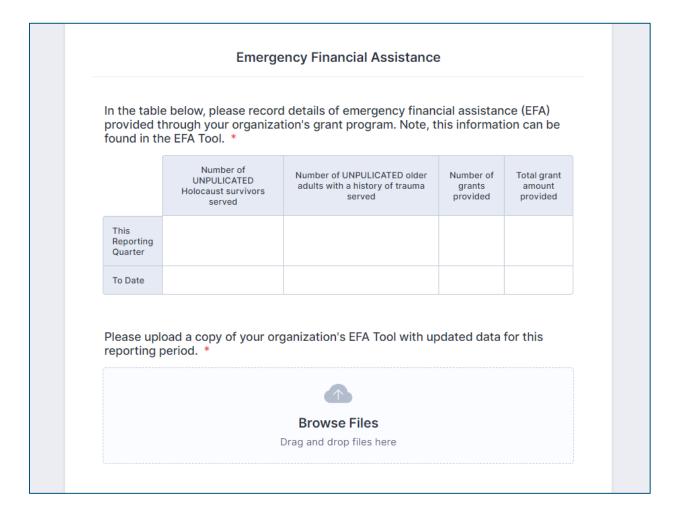


7. SUBMITTING THE EFA TOOL

Now that you have recorded data in the EFA Tool for an entire quarter, it's time to share your progress with The JFNA Center on Aging and Trauma!

HOW TO SUBMIT THE EFA TOOL

The EFA Tool is submitted through the <u>Participant Program Report</u> under the last section titled 'Emergency Financial Assistance'. Key data from the EFA Tool is entered in the chart as shown in the picture below. Additionally, an updated copy of the EFA Tool is uploaded to the Participant Program Report as shown in the picture below.



REPORTING CALENDAR

The EFA Tool is submitted on a quarterly basis. The reporting deadlines can be found in the Participant Program Report and in the chart below.

Quarter	Reporting Period	Reporting Deadline
Quarter 1	1/1/21 - 3/31/2021	4/30/2021
Quarter 2	4/1/21 - 6/30/21	7/30/2021
Quarter 3	7/1/21 - 9/30/21	10/29/2021
Quarter 4	10/1/21 - 12/31/21	1/31/2022
Quarter 5	1/1/22 - 3/31/22	4/29/2022
Quarter 6	4/1/22 - 6/30/22	7/29/2022
Quarter 7	7/1/22 - 9/30/22	10/31/2022
Quarter 8	10/1/22 - 12/31/22	1/31/2023

FREQUENCY OF EFA TOOL USE

Granting organizations may enter data into the EFA Tool as often as they wish, prioritizing timely and accurate data for quarterly reporting. For example, a granting organization may enter data after each EFA grant is awarded or on a weekly or monthly basis.

CLAIMS CONFERENCE DIAMOND SYSTEM

For participants served through the Expanded Critical Supports Program, there is no longer a need to report into the Diamond system. However, this does not change any other reporting requirements and commitments your organization may have with the Claims Conference to use Diamond for other programs unrelated to the Expanded Critical Supports Program.

PROGRAMMATIC REPORTS

Participant data will no longer be reported in programmatic reports. Instead, all participant numbers will be reported through the Program Participant Report.



APPENDIX 1. CREATING UNIQUE PARTICIPANT IDS

Do you need to complete the Participant ID column of the EFA log, but your organization does not have access to participant Claims Conference IDs or Case Management IDs?

No problem! Use the <u>Participant ID Generator</u> and steps below to generate unique participant IDs for the EFA Tool. Simply use the Participant ID column of the Participant ID Generator to complete the EFA Log.

Before using the Participant ID Generator, save it in a safe and reliable location. Keep in mind that you will need to use the same Participant ID Generator workbook over the course of the grant, so save the workbook in a location where you will be able to continuously add grant participants. Consider routinely backing up copies of the file to avoid loss of data. Avoid saving the file on your desktop as it may be harder to recover desktop files if your computer experiences hardware failure.

When submitting the EFA Tool through the Program Participant Report,

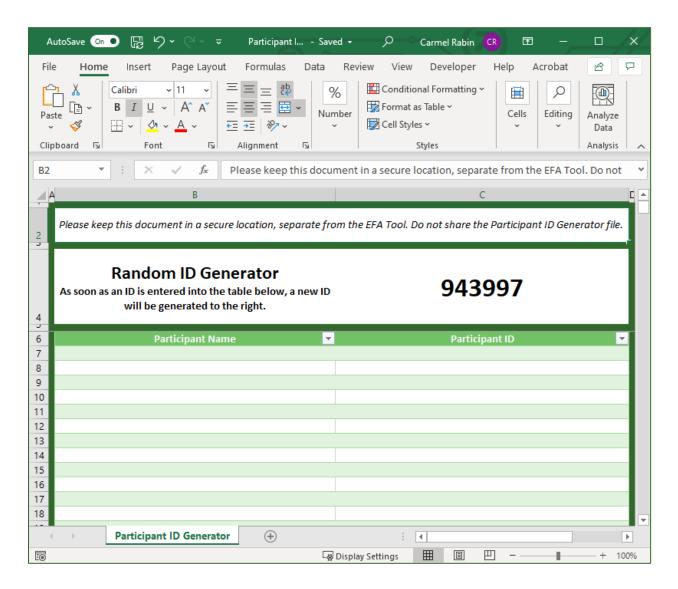
- Do not enter a participant's first or last name into the EFA Log.
- Do not submit the Participant ID Generator through quarterly reporting.

The Participant ID Generator will serve as a key for you to look up the names associated with Participant IDs. Other than the participant IDs, information from the Participant ID Generator should not be provided to The JFNA Center (through the EFA Log or Program Participant Report) to maintain the confidentiality of your program participants.

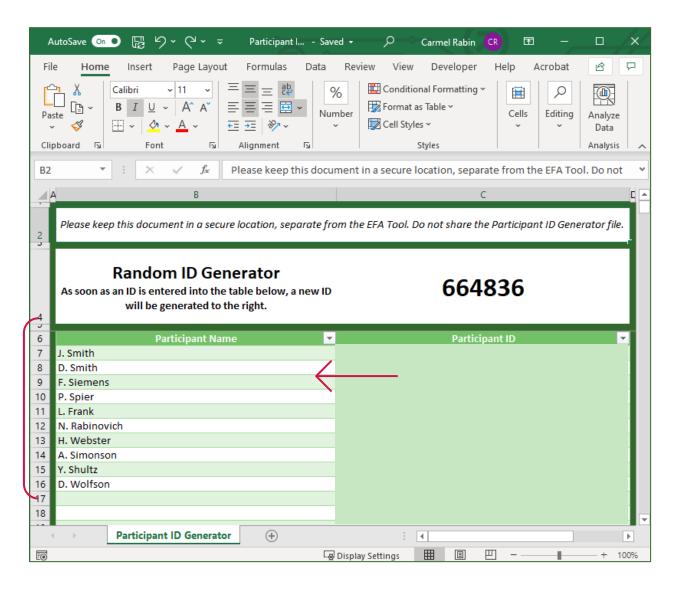
To use the Participant ID Generator, follow the steps below.



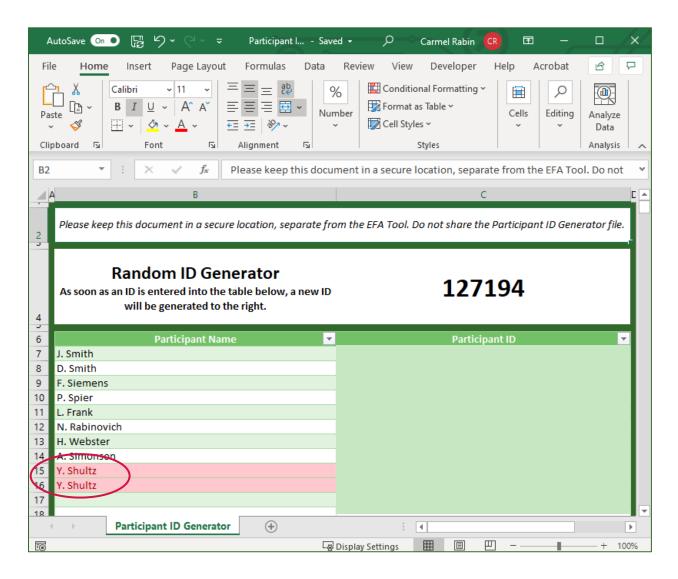
✓ Step 1. Open the Participant ID Generator.



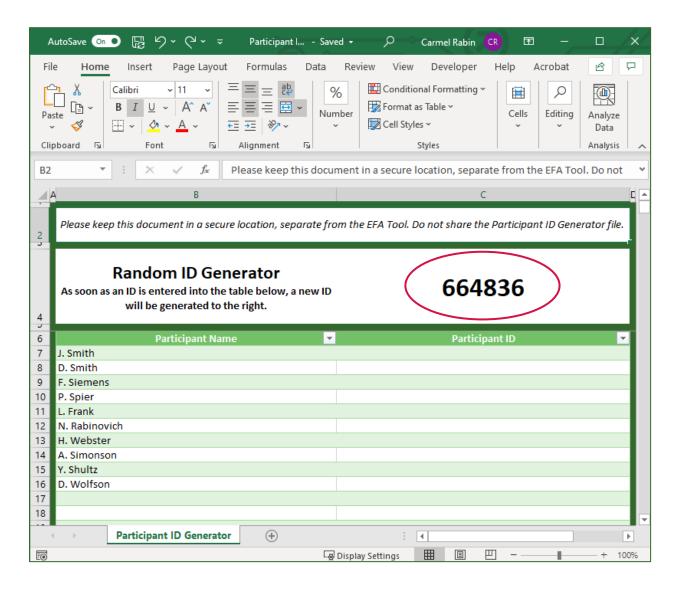
✓ Step 2. Manually enter participant names in Column B.



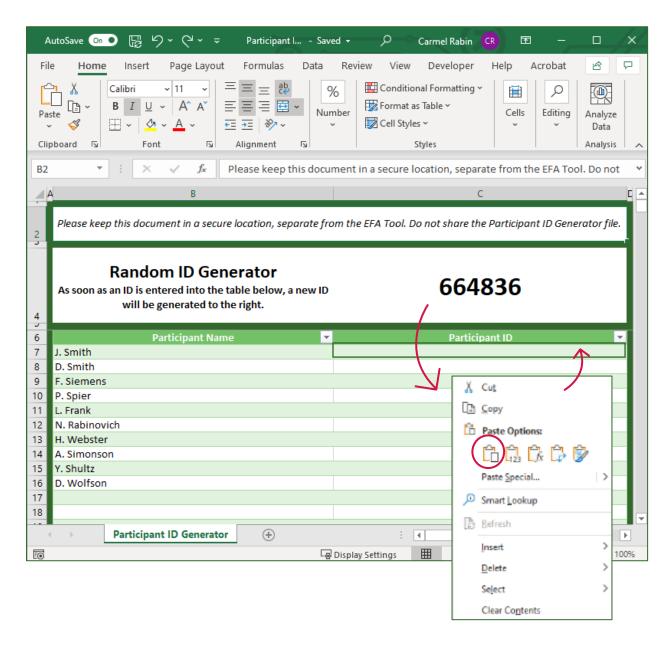
Note: duplicate names will be highlighted in red. Reduce duplicates by removing repeat participants entered in error. If unique participants share the same name, add additional information to the participant's name column to differentiate these participants.



✓ Step 3. Copy the number in cell C4 of the Random ID Generator.

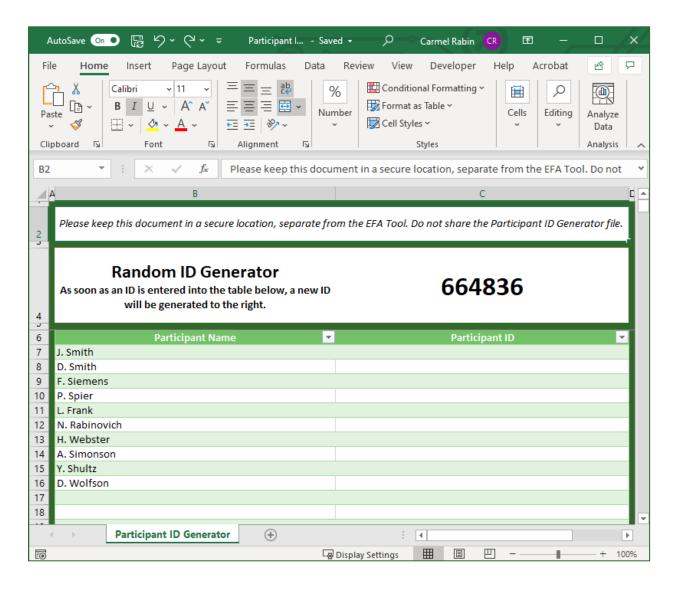


✓ Step 4. Paste the number as plain text to the name for which you are generating a participant ID. Note, you can also write in the number instead of copying and pasting.

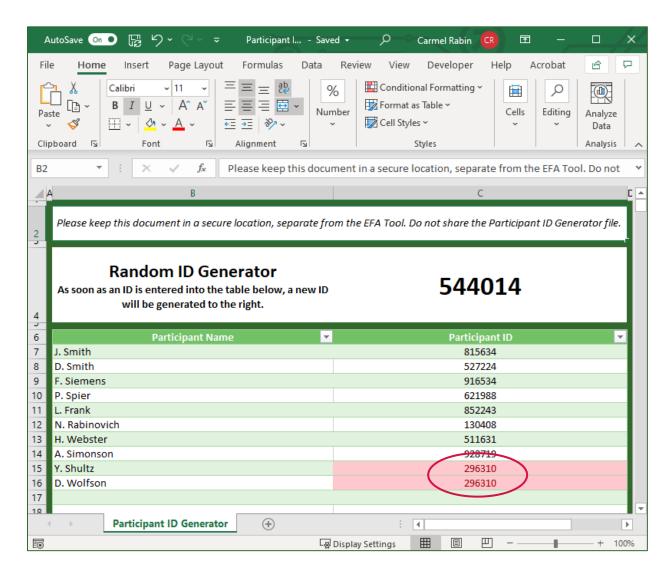




✓ Step 5. After a number is pasted into the Participant ID column, a new participant ID will be generated in cell C4. Use this newly generated number to repeat the copying and pasting process for all participant IDs needed.



Note: duplicate participant IDs will be highlighted in red. Reduce duplicates by selecting a new participant ID so that each participant ID is used once.



✓ Step 6. Use the Participant ID column of the Participant ID Generator to complete the Participant ID column of the EFA Log.

Congratulations!

You have completed reviewing the EFA Training Guide.

Do you have more questions?

Please contact The Jewish Federations of North America's Center on Aging and Trauma at Aging@JewishFederations.org









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