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Second Chance Act

Responding to the FY2018 Solicitation for the
Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program

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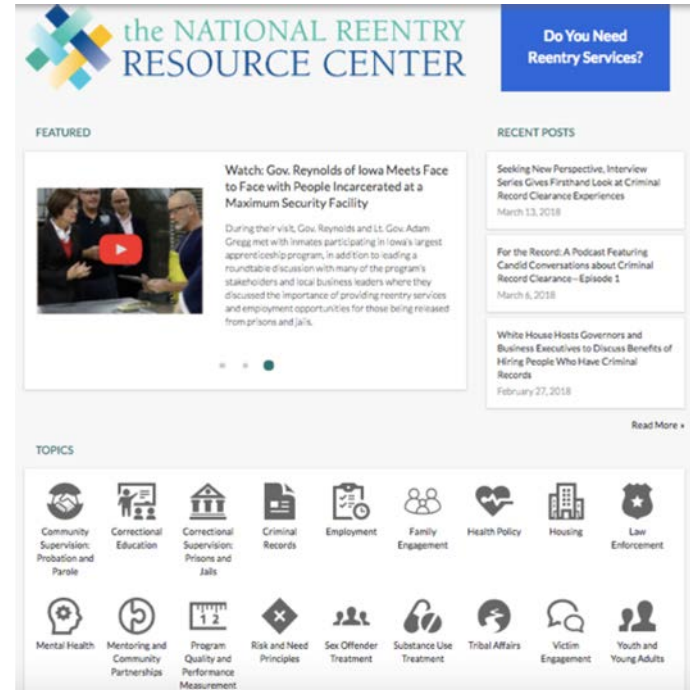
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National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC)

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- The NRRC was authorized by the passage of the Second Chance Act (SCA) and launched by the Bureau of Justice Assistance in 2009.
- NRRC staff have worked with nearly 800 SCA grantees, including 40 state corrections agencies.
- The NRRC provides individualized, intensive, and targeted technical assistance training and distance learning to support SCA grantees.



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Second Chance Act Spotlight



Britney Stembridge remembers the moment last year when she took a pen to the dotted line of her Pathfinders contract, where she committed to participate in reentry programming and prioritize her recovery ... After five years of battling addiction, Stembridge said, "I knew I had to do this, because I was losing everything."

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Second Chance Act

- Signed into law on April 8, 2008.
- Authorizes grants to state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations to support programs, policies and practices that reduce recidivism.



Adults who participated in correctional education programs were shown to have, on average, a 43% less likelihood of **recidivating**, and were 13% more likely to obtain **employment** upon their release from incarceration.

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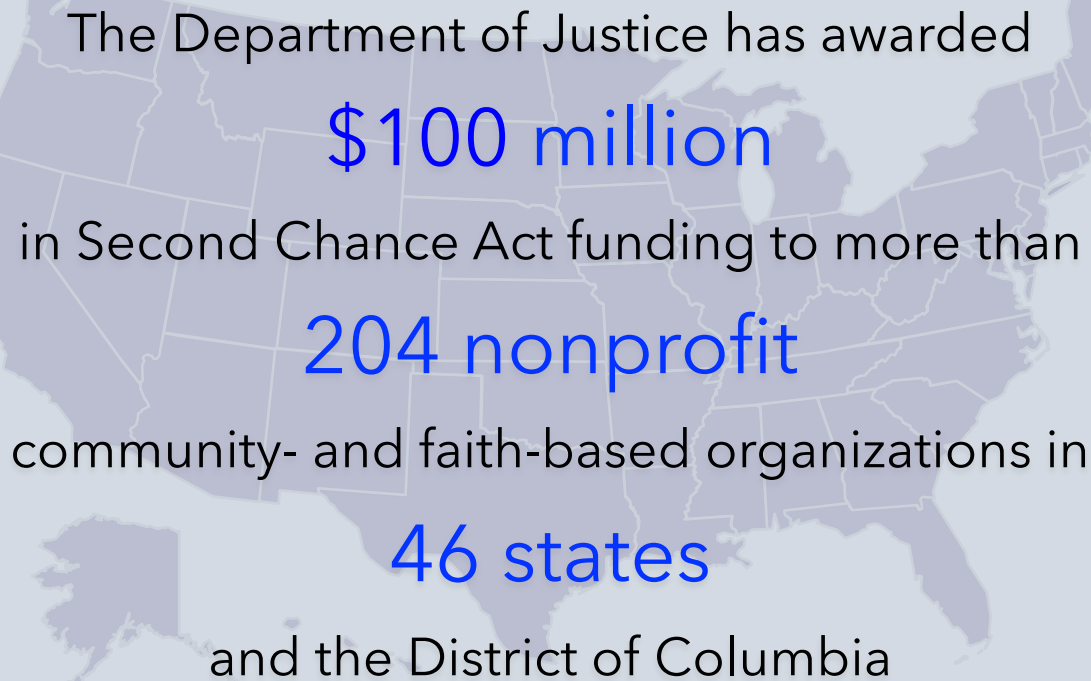
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“The [officers] were more understanding and culturally sensitive—they **pushed us to do better**. And because of that, the guys in the program felt empowered. They’d set up their own study groups and help each other stay focused and out of trouble.”

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Award Information



The Department of Justice has awarded
\$100 million
in Second Chance Act funding to more than
204 nonprofit
community- and faith-based organizations in
46 states
and the District of Columbia

Past Program Examples



WestCare Washington
FY2016 / Washington



Memphis Leadership Foundation
FY2016 / Tennessee



Hope Network
FY2017 / Minnesota

Award Information

- Category 1 – Community-Based Adult Reentry
 - (Competition ID: BJA-2018-13992)
- Category 2 – Community-Based Adult Reentry with Small and Rural Organizations
 - (Competition ID: BJA-2018-13993)

Solicitation is available at:

<https://www.bja.gov/Funding/CommunityReentry18.pdf>

Applications are due on **May 1, 2018.**

Award Information

Category 1

Category 2

36-month performance period starting October 1, 2018

Up to 8 awards

Up to 4 awards

Up to \$1,000,000 each

- \$200,000 planning period
- \$800,000 implementation

Up to \$500,000 each

- \$100,000 planning period
- \$400,000 implementation

150 participants minimum

75 participants minimum

Qualifying applicant must have operating budget of no more than \$1,000,000 per year

Cannot be a chapter member or affiliate of a larger national organization

Program Goals & Objectives

- Support community- and faith-based organizations in developing and implementing comprehensive and collaborative reentry programs
- Develop comprehensive case management plans that incorporate supervision requirements and services that address criminogenic and other needs

Eligibility

- Nonprofit organizations
- Tribal nonprofit organizations
- Federally recognized Indian tribal governments
(as determined by the Secretary of the Interior)

Target Population

A specific subset of people who are:

- Medium to high risk as identified using a validated assessment tool
- Aged 18 or older and convicted as adults
- Incarcerated in a state, local, or tribal prison or jail at the time of enrollment in the program

(For federally recognized Indian tribal governments, members of the target population may be housed in a tribal, regional, county, or local jail pursuant to state or tribal law)

Grant Deliverables

Planning Phase

- Applicants must include a timeline and plan for a planning phase of up to 12 months
- Planning and Implementation Guide (P&I Guide) must be completed in consultation with NRRC
 - *Break down target population*
 - *Identify evidence-based services*
 - *Clarify and enhance program operations and service delivery*
 - *Expand on data collection, performance evaluation, and sustainability*
- Awarded applicants will have access to a portion of total grant funds (Category 1 = \$200,000 / Category 2 = \$100,000)

Mandatory Requirements

- Estimate of total number of people to be served
 - Demonstrate that the proposed target population has been continuously served by the program in the past or is present in the partnering correctional facility
 - See footnote on page 8 of the solicitation for more detail

Mandatory Requirements

- Memorandum of understanding (MOU) or memorandum of agreement (MOA) with correctional partner
- MOU/MOA with law enforcement
- Collaboration with an evaluator
- Strong community partner engagement plans

Mandatory Requirements

- Integration of risk and needs assessment
- Cognitive-based programming
- Baseline recidivism rate
- Plan to measure outcomes

Priority Considerations

- High risk and violent offense history
 - Programs targeting high-risk people who have a history of violent offense convictions
- Independent evaluation
 - Applicants that provide for an independent evaluation of the project that includes, to the maximum extent feasible, random assignment of people to program delivery and control groups, as per the Second Chance Act, Section 211(c)

Priority Considerations

- Feedback from law enforcement and those directly impacted by the criminal justice system
 - Programs that incorporate feedback/involvement of victims of crime, law enforcement, people who have been incarcerated and their families
- Reentry task forces or councils
 - Programs that plan to develop or have an existing relationship with their local reentry council or task force
- Rural communities (***This consideration applies to Category 2 grant applicants***)
 - Programs that operate out of a rural area of the country and serve a population returning to a rural community.

Allowable Uses of Funds

- Use of criminogenic risk and needs information
- Sustained case planning/management in the community
- Comprehensive range of services
 - Cognitive treatment
 - Substance use treatment
 - Educational, literacy, and vocational training
 - Housing support and homelessness prevention
 - Medical and mental health care services
 - Benefits enrollment
 - Gender-responsive, trauma-informed, and culturally-based programming
 - Family-supportive programming
 - Veteran-specific programming

Allowable Uses of Funds

- Pre- and/or post-release mentoring
- Job readiness and employability services
- Increasing access to health benefits
- Staff training, coaching, and performance evaluations on adopted evidence-based practices and working with reentry populations
- Resources to support civil legal aid
- Development or use of an existing data system

Review Criteria

Selection Criteria	Weight
Description of the Issue	15%
Project design & implementation	35%
Capabilities & competencies	25%
Plan for collecting data for the solicitation's performance measures and sustainability plans	15%
Budget	10%

See pages 33 - 37 of the solicitation for the full list of requirements.

For More Information

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Important Contacts

Application Submission Technical Assistance

Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline

1-800-518-4726 | support@grants.gov

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Solicitation Assistance Contact Information

National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center

1-800-851-3420 | grants@ncjrs.gov

Open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday - Friday

Open till 8:00 p.m. Eastern time on the solicitation close date



Resources

National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP)

<http://www.samhsa.gov/nrepp>



CrimeSolutions.gov

<https://crimesolutions.gov>



What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse

<http://whatworks.csgjusticecenter.org/>



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