Second Chance Act

Responding to the FY2018 Solicitation for the Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program
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- Funding opportunities
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- Events and news
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.
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
Solicitation is available at:
https://www.bja.gov/Funding/CommunityReentry18.pdf
Applications are due on May 1, 2018.

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)
## Award Information

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<td>36-month performance period starting October 1, 2018</td>
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<td>Up to 8 awards</td>
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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

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<td>Capabilities &amp; competencies</td>
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<td>Budget</td>
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*See pages 33 - 37 of the solicitation for the full list of requirements.*
For More Information

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Applications are due on

**May 1, 2018.**
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
Questions

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