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Responding to the FY 2018 Second Chance Act Adult Reentry and Employment Strategic Planning Program Solicitation

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Bureau of Justice Assistance

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- **Mission:** The CSG Justice Center provides practical, nonpartisan, research-driven strategies and tools to increase public safety and strengthen communities.



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National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC)

- ✓ 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.

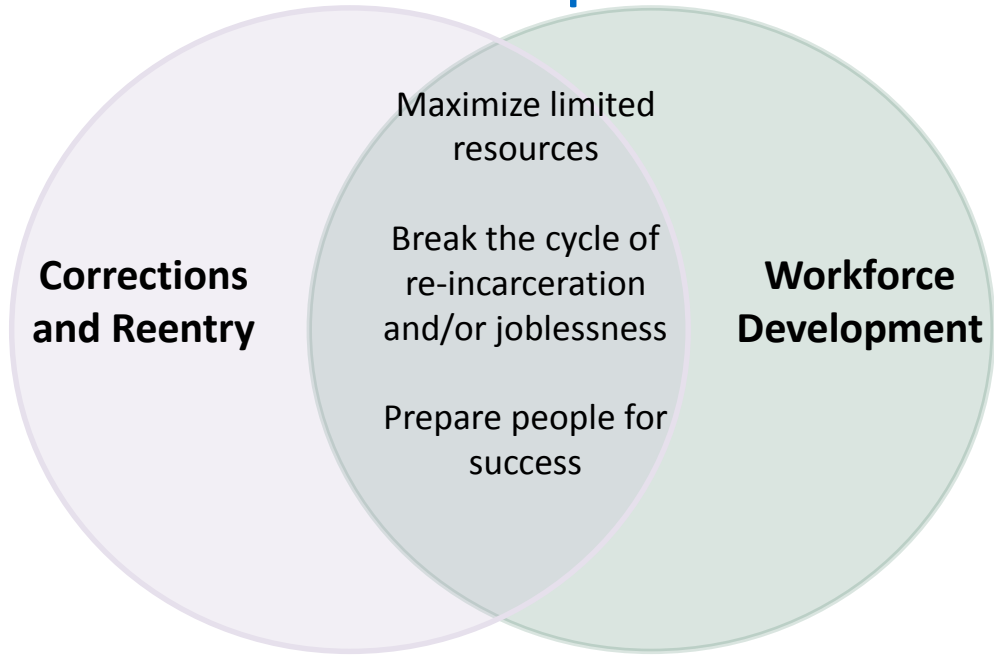
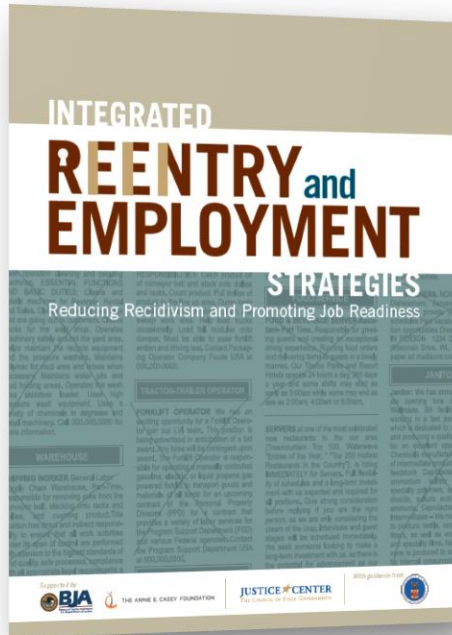
The screenshot displays the website for the National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC). At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Justice Center logo, the NRRC logo, and links for 'NRRC Home', 'Topics', 'Resources', 'Second Chance Act Grant Program', and 'In the News'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, the 'TOPICS' section is highlighted, featuring a grid of 18 icons representing various services:

- Community Supervision: Probation and Parole
- Correctional Education
- Correctional Supervision: Prisons and Jails
- Criminal Records
- Employment
- Family Engagement
- Health Policy
- Housing
- Law Enforcement
- Mental Health
- Mentoring and Community Partnerships
- Program Quality and Performance Measurement
- Risk and Need Principles
- Sex Offender Treatment
- Substance Use Treatment
- Tribal Affairs
- Victim Engagement
- Youth and Young Adults

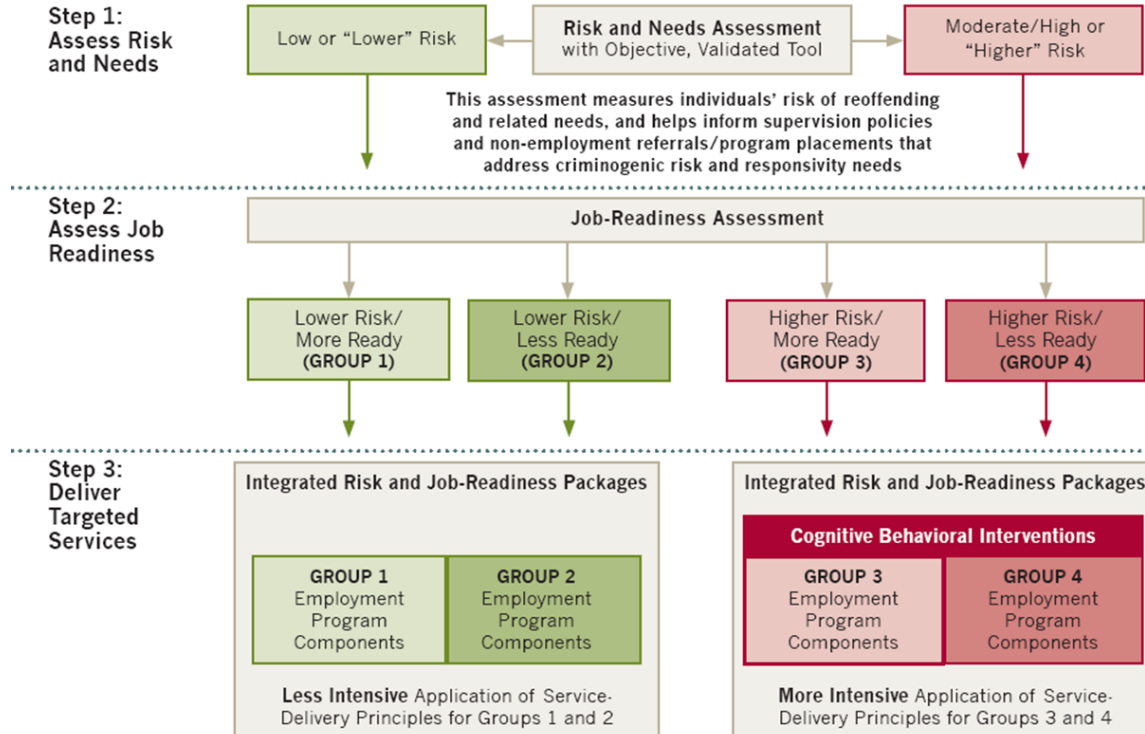
Goal of the Grant Program

To fund the development of **strategic plans** that are comprehensive, collaborative, and multisystemic in their approach to **increase public safety by reducing recidivism and improving employability** for people returning to the community from incarceration.

Bridge and Integrate Best Practices from the Corrections and Workforce Development Fields



Connect People to Appropriate Services Based on Assessed Risk, Needs and Job Readiness



Employment Program Components to Improve Work Outcomes (*what to do*)



More Job-Ready

Primary Focus:

Finding & Retaining Employment

- Non-transitional subsidized employment (e.g., on-the-job training)
- Job development and coaching
- Retention and advancement services (*includes continued education and training*)
- Financial work incentives



Less Job-Ready

Primary Focus:

Promoting Job Readiness

- Education and training
- Soft-skill development
- Transitional job placements
- Non-skill-related interventions

Employment Service-Delivery Principles to Reduce Recidivism (*how to do it*)

	Lower Risk	Higher Risk
Engagement	Avoid intensive case management	Intensive case management and cognitive-behavioral interventions
Timing	Connect to services upon release	Connect to services pre-release or immediately upon release
Incentives	External motivation is less critical	Enhance motivation through recognition and incentives
Coordination	Less intensive community supervision	Work closely with supervision agents and reentry providers
Structured Time	Avoid disrupting existing pro-social ties	Structure time in pro-social environment

An Example

Group 1
Lower Risk/
More Ready



Joseph

- 28
- Felony conviction
- GED

Group 4
Higher Risk/
Less Ready



Michael

- 27
- Felony conviction
- High school graduate

Other Risk
Factors:

- No prior convictions
- Maintained family ties
- 3 prior convictions
- History of substance use

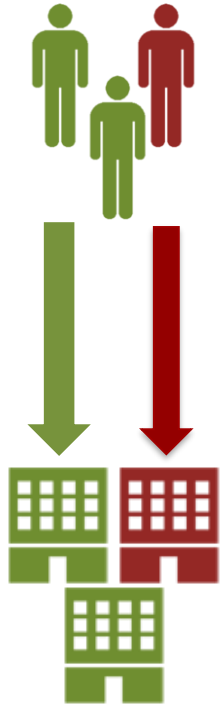
Other Job
Readiness
Factors:

- Employed at time of arrest
- Worked in correctional industries while incarcerated
- Unemployed at time of arrest
- Gaps in employment history
- Limited skills

Appropriate
Services:

- Connect with services that focus on job attainment and retention
- Low intensity service delivery and supervision
- Intensive engagement and structured programming
- Focus on soft skill development and building job readiness

Applying Client Matching at a Systems Level



1. Is our **leadership** committed to a collaborative approach?
2. Do we conduct timely risk-needs **assessments** and job-readiness **screenings**?
3. Have we conducted a comprehensive process analysis and **inventory of employment services**?
4. Do we have a **coordinated process** for making service referrals and tracking data?

Eligibility

- State correctional agencies
 - State department of corrections
 - State parole or probation agencies
- State administering agencies (SAAs)
- Federally recognized Indian tribes

Mandatory Requirements

1. Establish a cross-disciplinary, executive-level **steering committee**
2. Establish a cross-disciplinary **working group**
3. Complete a comprehensive **process analysis and systems mapping**

Mandatory Requirements

4. Create an industry **advisory group of employers**
5. Develop a **strategic plan** for integrating the best practices from the corrections and workforce fields

Deliverables: Strategic Plan

- Address gaps in services or systems based on the results of the comprehensive process analysis and systems mapping.
 - Improve existing program quality and develop new job training and education interventions (e.g., provide industry-recognized credentials, cognitive programming in the context of employment).
 - Ensure service contracts reflect evidence-based principles and promising practices (e.g., work-based learning opportunities).

Deliverables: Strategic Plan

- Support coordinated transition and release planning using formal partnerships and data sharing agreements.
- Include process and outcome evaluation efforts.
- Describe how efforts could be replicated or brought to scale if demonstrated to be effective.

Target Population

- People incarcerated in a state prison at the time of enrollment in the program.
- Medium to high risk as identified using a validated assessment tool.
- Age 18 or older and convicted as adults.

Evidence-based Programs or Practices

- The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) strongly emphasizes the use of data and evidence in policy making and program development in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services.
 - Improving the quantity and quality of evidence OJP generates.
 - Integrating evidence into program, practice, and policy decisions within OJP and the field.
 - Improving the translation of evidence into practice.

Award Information

- BJA expects to make up to six awards of up to \$200,000 each.
- BJA expects to make awards for a 12-month period of performance, to begin on October 1, 2018.

Budget Information

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

- This solicitation does not require a match. However, if a successful application proposes a voluntary match amount, and OJP approves the budget, the total match amount is incorporated into the approved budget which becomes mandatory and subject to audit.
- For additional information on cost sharing and matching, see the DOJ Grants Financial Guide at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.3b.htm>

Budget Information

Pre-agreement Costs (Pre-award Costs)

- Pre-agreement costs are costs incurred by the applicant prior to the start date of the period of performance of the federal award.
- OJP does not typically approve pre-agreement costs; an applicant must request and obtain the prior written approval from OJP for all such costs. All such costs incurred prior to award and prior to the approval of costs are incurred at the sole risk of the applicant. See the section on Costs Requiring Prior Approval in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm> for more information.

Budget Information

Prior Approval, Planning and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs

- OJP encourages minimization of conference, meeting and training costs
- OJP requires prior written approval to cover these costs
- OJP set costs limits, which include a general prohibition of all food and beverage costs
- OJP strongly encourages every applicant that proposes to use award funds for any conference, meeting, or training related activity (or similar event) to review the OJP and DOJ policy and guidance on approval, planning, and reporting of such events, available at <https://www.ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm>

What an Application Should Include

- Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
- Project Abstract
- Program Narrative
- Budget and Associated Documentation
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high risk status)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Additional Attachments

Review Criteria

Selection Criteria	Weight
Statement of Problem/Description of Issue	20%
Program Design & Implementation	40%
Capabilities & Competencies	25%
Plan for Collecting Data for the Solicitation's Performance Measures	5%
Budget	10%

See pages 29 - 32 of the solicitation for the full list of requirements.

For More Information

Solicitation is available at:

<https://www.bja.gov/SCAEMP18>

Applications are due on

June 18, 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

CrimeSolutions.gov

<https://crimesolutions.gov>



The CSG Justice Center's Reentry and Employment Program

<https://csjusticecenter.org/nrrc/reentry-and-employment/>



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The Integrated Reentry and Employment Strategies Project

<https://csjusticecenter.org/nrrc/the-integrated-reentry-and-employment-strategies-pilot-project/>



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