Second Chance Act
Responding to the FY 2019 Innovative Reentry Initiatives: Building System Capacity & Testing Strategies to Reduce Recidivism Solicitation

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- Introduction
- Overview of the Second Chance Act Innovative Reentry Initiative (IRI)
- FY19 IRI Solicitation: Program Requirements and Expectations
- Application Process
- Contact Information, Resources, and Q&A
Attendee Poll

We’d like to find out more about who’s on the line...

In your right-hand column, you will see the question:

Please indicate the type of organization you represent:

- State government agency serving adults
- County or local government agency serving adults
- Federally recognized Indian and Alaska Native tribe serving adults
The Council of State Governments Justice Center

**Mission**

We develop research-driven strategies to increase public safety and strengthen communities.

**Who We Are**

We combine the power of a membership association, representing state officials in all three branches of government, with the expertise of a policy and research team focused on assisting others to attain measurable results.
Delivers technical assistance (TA) and training for Second Chance Act grantees

Advances the knowledge base of the reentry field

Promotes what works in reentry and successes of grantees

Facilitates peer networks and information exchange

Provides information for people returning to communities and their families

Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance
Latest News and Resources in Reentry

National Criminal Justice Initiatives Map

Directories for State and Local Reentry Services
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The U.S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: To provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

www.bja.gov
The Second Chance Act supports state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations in their work to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for people leaving incarceration.

The Second Chance Act has supported over $400 million in reentry investments across the country since it passed in 2008.

Passed in 2018, the Second Chance Reauthorization Act builds on and strengthens the initial landmark legislation.
Attendee Poll

As we continue to find out more about who’s on the line...

In your right-hand column, you will see the question:

Have you previously applied for an SCA grant?

- Yes
- No
SCA Innovative Reentry Initiative (IRI)

Over $60 million in funding
180 Awards
7 grants awarded in FY18
Overview of IRI Program

Provide resources to identify assets and gaps in local reentry systems

Develop capacity and partnerships with other justice agencies

Provide services that prevent recidivism, reduce crime, and improve public safety
IRI Program Objective

Reduce recidivism among people reentering the community who are at medium to high risk for recidivating and to improve public safety
IRI Award Information

48 months

Planning: up to 12 months
$75,000

Implementation: 24 months

Evaluation: 12 months

Up to $925,000

• Up to 15 awards
• Up to $1,000,000 each
Supplemental Funding

$500,000 with a one-year extension

If a grantee receives supplemental funding and extension, the life of the grant will reach the maximum five-year grant period.
Budget Information

- A match waiver request may be submitted (but is not guaranteed)

- Total Project: $2,000,000
  - Your Match: $1,000,000
    - Cash 50%: $500,000
    - In-Kind 50%: $500,000
  - Federal Funds: $1,000,000

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IRI Building Capacity

Reentry demonstration - pilot project

Impacts recidivism among specific subset of reentry population (Serve 150 individuals)

Reentry System Improvements

Impacts recidivism among entire reentry population
Project Timeline Planning

Developing a realistic timeline impacts:
Project activities
Target population
Budget
Evaluation

Phase 1: Planning
Up to 12 months

Phase 2: Implementation
24 months

Phase 3: Evaluation
12 months
Phase 1: Planning

✅ Engage a taskforce & assess policies and practices in four capacity areas (see Appendix A of the solicitation)

✅ Actively partner with a third-party evaluator

**Deliverables:**

1. Task force documentation

*All phase one deliverables are due by month 12*
Phase 1: Planning (cont.)

Utilize assessment results to:

- Address general system improvements
- Develop demonstration/pilot project (which will serve 150 individuals)

**Deliverables:**

1. Action Plan Part 2 (problem analysis, logic model, summary of strategies and intended outcomes, case flow analysis, research base)

*All phase one deliverables due by month 12*
Phase 2: Implementation

- Implement general system improvements and demonstration/pilot project
- Test strategies to address gaps and deficits

Deliverables:

1. Preliminary process evaluation reflecting demonstration project and system improvement due at 30 months
Phase 3: Evaluation

✓ Track the recidivism and outcomes defined in evaluation
✓ Assess effectiveness of interventions
✓ Include arrest, conviction, and incarceration in assessment

Deliverables:

1. Preliminary outcome/impact evaluation due at 36 months
2. Final process and outcome evaluation due at grant closeout

Funds used for evaluation purposes only during this phase
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Phase 1: Planning

- Assessing domains:
  - Data
  - Prerelease planning
  - Staff capacity
  - Behavioral health
  - Community supervision
Phase 2: Implementation – General System Improvements

- **Examples:**
  - Standardized policy changes
    - Information-sharing Agreements
    - Risk assessment protocols
  - Aligning hiring, training, and performance measures with best practices

- **Staff training:**
  - EPICS
  - Motivational Interviewing
Phase 2: Implementation – Demonstration/Pilot Project

- Example of target population:
  - Geographic location to which a disproportionately high number of people are returning
  - Specific age group, gender or race

- Example of demonstration/pilot project:
  - Gender-specific continuum of care grounded in evidence-based practices
Priority Considerations

Priority will be given to programs that:

- Use strategies to reduce violent recidivism among medium- and high-risk individuals
- Target those with histories of homelessness, substance use, or mental illness
- Focus on geographic areas with disproportionately large population of reentrants
- Employ randomized controlled trial (RCT) methods to assess effectiveness
**Keys to Success**

- Ongoing engagement of the reentry task force
- Partnership with corrections for transition planning
- Collaboration with a research partner
- Connection to service providers within the communities to which people return
- Active participation with your technical assistance coach
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BJA Grant Applicant Education Webinars

- BJA hosted a series of webinars to assist applicants with applying for funding opportunities: https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html

- See also:
Application Review Criteria

- Description of the Issue: 10%
- Program Design and Implementation: 35%
- Capabilities and Competencies: 25%
- Plan for Collecting Data Required for Solicitation’s Performance Measures: 5%
- Budget: 10%
- Impact/Outcomes, Evaluation, Sustainability: 15%
Planning and Organizing Your Application

1. Develop timeline and checklist
2. Draft an outline for the program narrative
3. Review the criteria section carefully
4. Pay attention to page limit restrictions
Planning and Organizing Your Application

5. Demonstrate ability to serve 150 participants or greater for the demonstration/pilot project

- If enhancing/expanding an existing program, state how many clients the program has served over the past 6 months who meet stated target population characteristics

- If proposing to implement a new program, state how many individuals met the target population characteristics in the past 6 months
6. Draft your budget early in the process before you make commitments. Make sure you carefully read and understand required budget expenses detailed in the application—especially around grantee meetings.
Planning and Organizing Your Application (cont.)

6. Don’t forget about required attachments when you are preparing your application!

Make sure to triple-check your checklist before submitting!
Submitting Your Application

Applicants must register at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html prior to submitting an application.

Grants.gov Workspace, listed above, is now the standard application method for applying for grants.

Applications are due June 25, 2019 11:59 p.m. ET
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Contact Information

For questions about the process of submitting an application:

- Contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html, or at support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For assistance with unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond an applicant’s control:

- Contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center at 800-851-3420, via TTY at 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), email grants@ncjrs.gov or web chat at https://webcontact.contactncjrs.org/ncjchat/chat.jsp. NCJRS Response Center hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET on the solicitation close date.
Resources

- BJA Grant Applicant Education Series - https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html
Resources (cont.)

- **National Reentry Resource Center**, BJA, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention collaborate on the oversight of the National Reentry Resource Center. *All grantees will receive intensive assistance from NRRC.*


Questions and Answers

Type your question(s) into the Q/A Panel on the bottom right hand portion of your screen.
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