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# Funding the Work of Reentry

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# Why is Collaboration Important to Effective Offender Reentry?

# Reentry Barriers are Multi-Faceted

- Limited housing
- Unemployment
- Educational Needs
- Mental Health difficulties
- Healthcare needs
- Financial instability
- Family concerns
- Public sentiment

***No single agency can effectively address  
these issues alone.***

***Multi-agency collaboration is essential.***

# Who Should be Involved?

- Individuals, agencies, and organizations that:
  - Have a vested interest in community safety
  - Are directly or indirectly responsible for offender management
  - Work closely with – or advocate for – victims
  - Can provide mentoring or positive social supports
  - Offer educational and vocational services
  - Can promote access to appropriate and affordable housing
  - Deliver healthcare services
  - Provide mental health services
  - Have the ability to facilitate access to employment
  - Can provide support and assistance to children and families of formerly incarcerated individuals

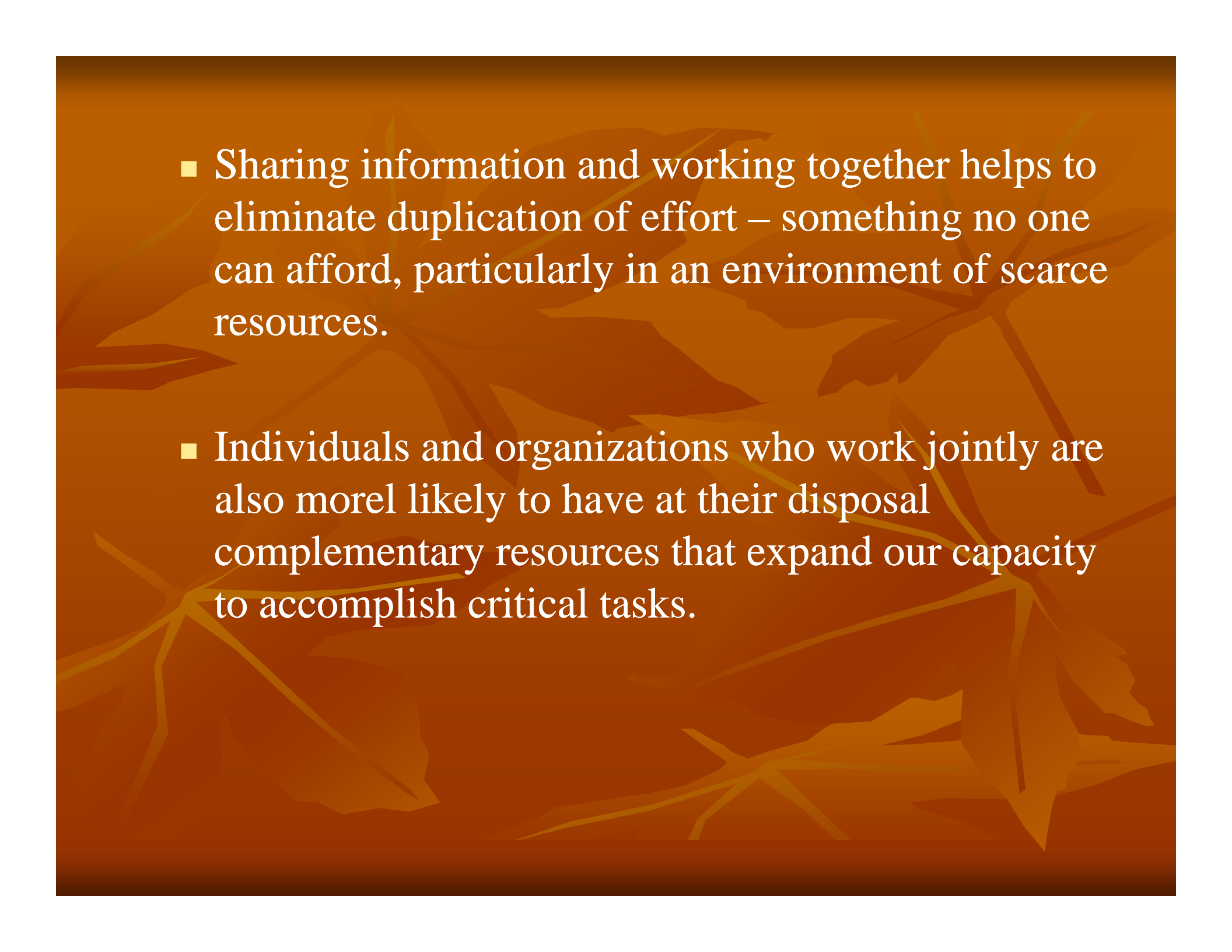
## Examples of Key Stakeholders:

- Criminal Courts
- Adult Corrections agencies
- Community supervision agencies
- Paroling authorities
- Mental Health agencies
- Public Health departments and other healthcare agencies
- Veteran's Affairs officials
- Housing authorities
- Employment agencies
- Social Services agencies
- Faith-base partners

# The Benefits of Collaboration

The quality of our results increase when a problem is addressed through collaboration. *Why is it so?*

- Individuals and organizations who work jointly, rather than independently, are likely to analyze problems and opportunities and opportunities more comprehensively.
- More comprehensive analyses are likely to generate more creative and impactful solutions.

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- Sharing information and working together helps to eliminate duplication of effort – something no one can afford, particularly in an environment of scarce resources.
  - Individuals and organizations who work jointly are also more likely to have at their disposal complementary resources that expand our capacity to accomplish critical tasks.

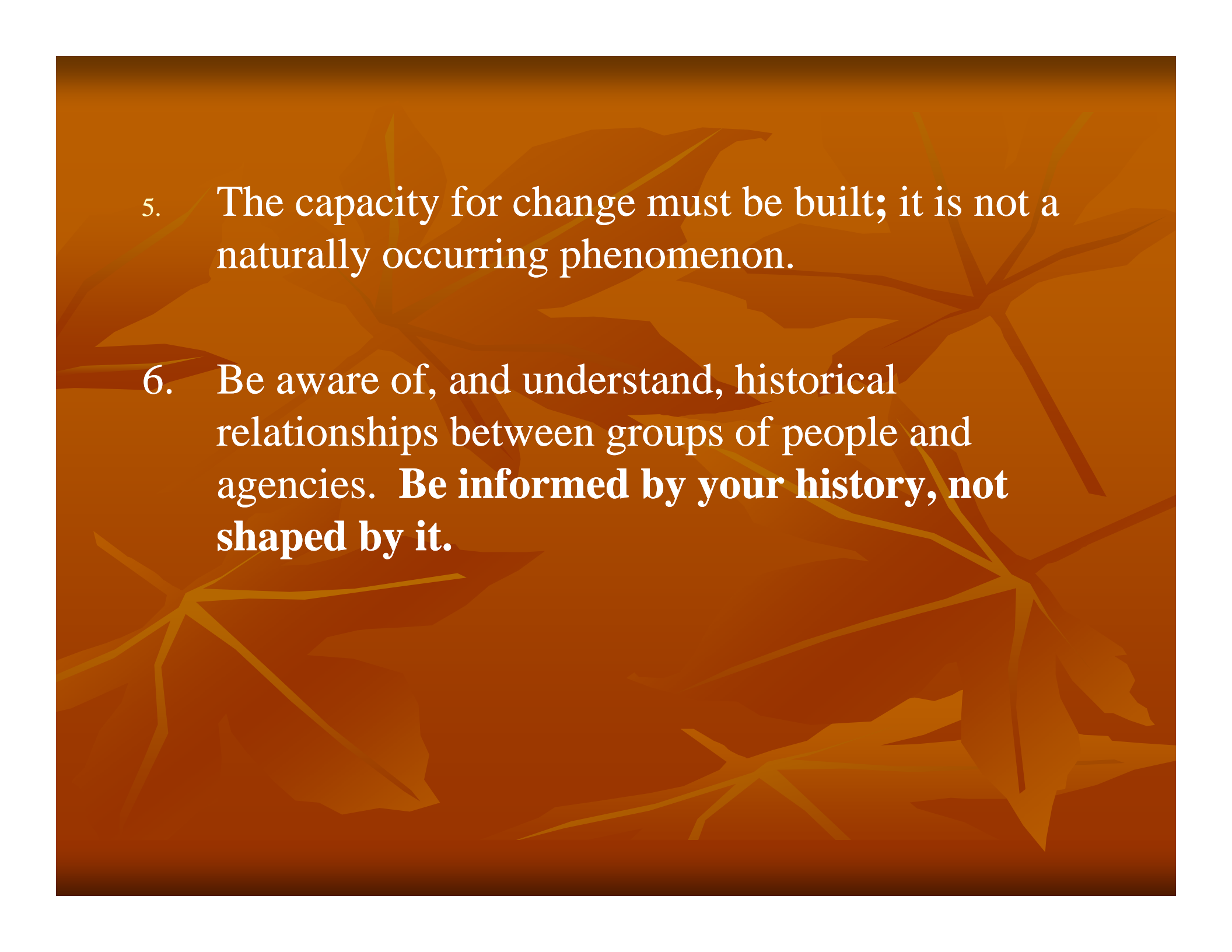
# Key Points

1. Start wherever you can – collaboration can begin at the “top” or at the ground level.
2. Begin clearly focused on the goal you are working to achieve. Your “vision” will keep the ground motivated and inspire others to join you.

3. Be patient. True partnerships take time to build.

4. Focus on building trust and relationships. These are the single most important ingredients to a successful collaboration.

- Trust must be based upon mutual respect and an understanding of the opportunities – and limits – each partner brings to the table.

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5. The capacity for change must be built; it is not a naturally occurring phenomenon.
  6. Be aware of, and understand, historical relationships between groups of people and agencies. **Be informed by your history, not shaped by it.**

# Resources: Funding Streams

- Council of State Governments' Report of the Re-Entry Policy Council: Charting the Safe and Successful Return of Prisoners to the Community includes a chapter on securing funding streams for reentry initiatives with comprehensive information and suggestions.

[http://www.reentrypolicy.org/reentry/THE\\_REPORT.aspx](http://www.reentrypolicy.org/reentry/THE_REPORT.aspx)

- The Foundation Center offers a comprehensive directory of U.S. private foundations:  
<http://foundationcenter.org>.
- [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) is a comprehensive resource for identifying new federal funding opportunities.  
<http://www.grants.gov>.
- The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs provides information about reentry initiatives around the country.  
<http://www.reentry.gov>

- U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration provides a list of current grant opportunities.

<http://www.doleta.gov/grants>

- Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program funds support for homeless veterans to prepare for and reentry the workforce after a period of incarceration.

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs>

# Department of Corrections Funding Opportunity

- Will be offered to nonprofit organizations and units of local government in the state of Missouri.
- Community Reentry Grants will be provided to support local reentry initiatives and programs – direct impact on recidivism.
- Funding will be proportionately distributed among the six Probation and Parole field regions based on offender population.
- Cap - \$25,000 per award – may submit multiple applications.
- Activities may include but are not limited to housing and utility assistance, substance abuse, medical and mental health treatment, education, employment services, transportation, food and clothing assistance and personal identification.
- Highly encouraged to partner with local MRP Steering Teams and must display the highest level of collaboration possible.
- Request for applications – tentatively December 1, 2008.

# Second Chance Act

*Pending the signing of the Federal Budget*

- \$65 million for demonstration grants
- Mentoring Grants
- Employment, Career Training,
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- State and Local Reentry Courts
- Children of Incarcerated Parents

Faith based, nonprofit organizations, federal, state, local and county governments will have the opportunity to apply

# Foundation Funding for Reentry

- Annie E. Casey Foundation  
<http://www.aecf.org>
- Charles Steward Mott Foundation  
<http://www.mott.org>
- Ford Foundation  
<http://www.fordfound.org>
- JEHT Foundation  
<http://www.jehtfoundation.org>

- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

<http://www.macfound.org>

- Open Society Institute's U.S. Justice Fund

<http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice>

- Public Welfare Foundation

<http://www.publicwelfare.org>



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