

Second Chance Act Grants

All information below is based on language in the Second Chance Act.

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Sec. 101. Reauthorization of adult and juvenile offender State and local reentry demonstration projects.

See attached sheet for detailed program information.

Eligible applicants- States, tribes, territories, and local governments

Project period- 12 months

Authorized funding at \$55 million for each fiscal year 2009 and 2010.

Award amounts- unknown

Match requirement- 50% (up to 50% of match can be in-kind)

Sec. 102. Improvement of the residential substance abuse treatment for State offenders program.

To be eligible for funding, we must provide aftercare to RSAT participants, which may include case management services and a full continuum of support services.

Sec. 104. Use of violent offender truth-in-sentencing grant funding for demonstration project activities.

This section authorizes DOJ to use any unspent violent offender truth-in-sentencing grant funding for Offender Reentry Demonstration Projects. This amount is unknown.

Sec. 113. Grants for family-based substance abuse treatment.

This section authorizes grants to States, local governments, and Indian tribes to develop and implement comprehensive family-based substance abuse treatment programs as alternatives to incarceration for non-violent parent offenders and implement prison-based, family-based treatment programs for incarcerated parents who have minor children.

Eligible applicants- States, tribes, territories and local governments

Project period- 12-24 months

Authorized funding of \$10 million for each fiscal year 2009 and 2010.

Award amounts- unknown

Match requirement- 50% (up to 50% of match can be in-kind)

Sec. 114. Grant to evaluate and improve education at prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities.

This section authorizes grants to State, local governments, Indian tribes and other public and private entities to evaluate and improve academic and vocational education for offenders in prison, jails and juvenile facilities, and then recommend best practices for such educational programs to DOJ.

Eligible applicants- States, tribes, territories, local governments, and other public and private entities

Project period- 12 months

Authorized funding of \$5 million for each fiscal year 2009 and 2010.

Award amounts- unknown

Match requirement- unknown

Sec. 115. Technology Careers Training Demonstration Grants.

This section authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to States, local governments and Indian tribes to provide technology career training to prisoners. Grant funding may be used establish a technology careers training program to train prisoners for technology-based jobs and careers during the 3-year period before release from prison, jail, or a juvenile facility.

Eligible applicants- States, tribes, territories and local governments

Project period- 12 months

Authorized funding of \$10 million for each fiscal year 2009 and 2010.

Award amounts- unknown

Match requirement- unknown

Sec. 201. Offender reentry substance abuse and criminal justice collaboration program.

This section authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to States, local governments and Indian tribes to: (1) improve the provision of drug treatment to offenders in prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities; and (2) reduce the use of alcohol and other drugs by long-term substance abusers during the period in which each such long-term substance abuser is in prison, jail, or a juvenile facility, and until the completion of parole or court supervision.

Eligible applicants- States, tribes, territories and local governments

Project period- 12-24 months

Authorized funding of \$15 million for each fiscal year 2009 and 2010.

Award amounts- unknown

Match requirement- unknown

Sec. 242. Grants to study parole or post-incarceration supervision violations and revocations.

This section authorizes the Attorney General to award grants to States to evaluate parole and post-supervision procedures, the effectiveness of procedures for resolving violations of parole and supervision conditions, and what standards or procedures could be adopted to improve public safety.

Eligible applicants- States

Project period- 12 months

Authorized funding not listed.

Award amounts- unknown

Match requirement- unknown

Other

Sec. 103 Definition of violent offender for drug court grant program.

The following language was added to the definition of violent offender, “that is punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year.”

Sec. 111. State, tribal, and local reentry courts.

This section authorizes the creation of State and Local Reentry Courts. Such courts would monitor offenders and provide them with access to comprehensive reentry services and programs. An annual report requirement is included.

Eligible applicants- State, tribal and local courts

Project period- 12 months

Authorized funding at \$10 million for each fiscal year 2009 and 2010.

Awards up to \$500,000

Match requirement 50% (up to 50% of match can be in-kind)

Sec. 112. Prosecution drug treatment alternative to prison programs.

This section authorizes grants to State and local prosecutors to develop and implement qualified drug treatment programs as alternatives for imprisonment, which require an eligible offender (non-violent offender) to participate in a comprehensive substance abuse treatment program. The offender would be subjected to a term of imprisonment if the prosecutor, in conjunction with the treatment provider, determines that the offender has not successfully completed the treatment program. If the offender successfully completes the treatment program, the offender’s criminal case may be dismissed.

Eligible applicants- State, tribal and local prosecutors

Project period- 12 months

Authorized funding at \$10 million for each fiscal year 2009 and 2010.

Award amounts- unknown

Match requirement 50% (up to 50% of match can be in-kind)

Sec. 211. Mentoring grants to nonprofit organizations.

This section authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to nonprofit organizations to provide mentoring and other transitional services to adult and juvenile offenders reentering the community.

Eligible applicants- nonprofit organizations and tribes

Project period- 12-24 months

Authorized funding of \$15 million for each fiscal year 2009 and 2010.

Award amounts- unknown

Match requirement- unknown

Sec. 212. Responsible reintegration of offenders.

This section authorizes the Secretary of Labor to make grants to nonprofit organizations for transitional services to assist eligible people in obtaining and retaining employment in coordination with One-Stop partners established under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Grants under this section may not be used to provide substance abuse treatment services, mental health treatment services, or housing services.

Eligible applicants- nonprofit organizations

Project period- 12-24 months

Authorized funding of \$20 million for each fiscal year 2009 and 2010.

Award amounts- unknown

Match requirement- unknown

Sec. 101. Reauthorization of Adult and Juvenile Offender State and Local Reentry Demonstration Projects

Allowable uses for the demonstration program funds include:

- Providing **educational, literacy, vocational, and job placement** services to facilitate reentry into the community;
- Providing **substance abuse treatment and services**;
- Providing coordinated supervision and comprehensive services for offenders upon release, including **housing and mental and physical health care** to facilitate reentry into the community (including coordinated reentry **veteran-specific services** for eligible veterans);
- Providing programs that encourage offenders to develop safe, healthy, and responsible **family relationships and parent-child relationships**;
- Use of **mentors**;
- Providing **victim-appropriate services**; encouraging the timely and complete payment of restitution and fines by offenders to victims, and providing services such as security and counseling to victims upon release of offenders;
- Use of validated **assessment tools** to assess the risk factors of returning inmates and developing or adopting procedures to ensure that dangerous felons are not released from prison prematurely.

The award of such grants will be subject to the following requirements that each applicant- (1) have the support of the chief executive officer of the state/entity in coordination with a state-level council on reentry, local government or Indian tribe;

(2) Provide discussion of the role of corrections in ensuring successful reentry;

(3) Provide evidence of collaboration with state and local government agencies overseeing health, housing, child welfare, employment services and local law enforcement;

(4) Provide analysis and identification of regulatory and statutory hurdles to a prisoner's reintegration into the community; and

(5) Include the use of a reentry task force.

Each applicant must develop a **comprehensive strategic reentry plan** that contains **annual and 5-year performance outcomes**. Also, each applicant must identify specific performance outcomes related to the long-term goals of increasing public safety and reducing recidivism.

The Federal share of a grant received under this section may not exceed 50 percent of the project funded under such grant. Additionally, up to 50% of the required match may be in-kind.

To be eligible to receive a grant after previously receiving one, we must demonstrate that-

- We have adopted a reentry plan that reflects input from nonprofit organizations, in any case where relevant input is available and appropriate to the grant application;
- The reentry plan includes performance measures to assess progress toward a 10 percent reduction in the rate of recidivism over a 2-year period;
- We will coordinate with DOJ, nonprofit organizations (if relevant input from nonprofit organizations is available and appropriate), and other experts regarding the selection and implementation of performance measures; and
- We have made adequate progress, as determined by DOJ, toward reducing the rate of recidivism by 10 percent over a 2-year period.