



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Federal Funding & Services for Prisoner Reentry

(Programs underlined, asterisked and in boldface denote on-going funding opportunities and/or services)

President Bush's Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI)

U.S. Department of Labor PRI grants

- The U.S. Department of Labor is the lead federal agency on PRI. In November of 2005, 30 grantees¹ in 20 states were awarded \$660,000 per year for up to three years of post-release services beginning in spring 2006 (<http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/PRIcontacts.htm>).
- For more information, contact Scott Shortenhaus, Center For Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, U.S. Department of Labor at 202-693-6450.

Department of Justice

***Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative**

- **Voucher-based demonstration project designed to combat gangs using a combination of prevention, law enforcement, and prisoner reentry strategies.**
- **\$500,000 was awarded to each of ten cities: Cleveland, Dallas-Ft. Worth, E. Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Oklahoma City, Raleigh-Durham, Rochester, Tampa, and "The 222 Corridor" between Lancaster and Easton, PA (<http://www.psn.gov/>) during the fall of 2006 and spring of 2007.**
- **For more information, contact the U.S. Attorneys Office covering each city: <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/offices/index.html>.**

Weed & Seed (deadline: September 13, 2007)

- **The aim of the Weed & Seed program is to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity and facilitate prisoner reentry in designated high-crime neighborhoods across the country ("weed out" crime elements and "seed in" positive programs). US Attorneys can apply for designation of high-crime neighborhoods as Weed & Seed sites.**
- **The Steering Committee for each site consists of local faith-based and community representatives, who determine how to invest funding in law enforcement and prisoner reentry (\$1.1 million spread over four years).**
- **Weed & Seed contact directory: <http://contacts.weedandseed.info/>**

Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP)

***Residential Reentry Centers** (Halfway Houses)

¹ Tucson, Phoenix, San Diego, Oakland, Sacramento, Fresno, Denver, Hartford, Ft. Lauderdale, Des Moines, Chicago, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Boston, Baltimore, Pontiac (MI), St. Louis, Kansas City (MO), Egg Harbor City (NJ), Brooklyn, Astoria (Newark), Bronx, Cincinnati, Portland (OR), Philadelphia, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Seattle, Milwaukee.

- **The Bureau of Prisons awards contracts to for-profit and non-profit entities - including faith-based and other community organizations - to provide returning ex-offenders with short-term, secure housing with some programming. Active solicitations, or a request for contract bids, are posted at www.fedbizopps.gov, the federal business opportunities website. Please note that FedBizOpps provides a convenient notification service regarding business opportunities.**
- (<http://www.bop.gov/locations/cc/index.jsp>).
- **For more information, contact Jerry Vroegh (BOP) at 202-305-8906, or Ron Hayes (BOP) at 202-305-8741.**

***Faith- or Character-Based Pre-Release Programs**

“Life Connections”

- **Voluntary 18-month curriculum in federal correctional institutions in five states² which covers ethical decision-making, anger management, victim restitution, etc.**
- **BOP contracts with faith leaders to provide programming and mentors.**

“Residential Reentry Program”

- **Contracts to be awarded for up to six prisons by December 2007**
- **All prisoner participants are volunteers and study the same faith in each unit**

Department of Labor

Ready 4 Work

- **A three-year, \$22.5 million program – jointly funded by the Departments of Labor and Justice and a consortium of private foundations – to assist faith-based and community programs that provide mentoring and other transition services for men and women returning from prison.**
- **Grantee sites: 11 for adult non-violent felons³, six for juvenile offenders⁴.**
- **More information: http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/Ready4Work_contacts.htm.**

***One Stop Career Centers**

- **1,759 Centers in every state offer training referrals, career counseling, job listings, and similar employment-related services. Centers can assist ex-offenders in finding jobs.**
- **More information: <http://www.careeronestop.org/>.**

Beneficiary-Choice Contracting Program

- **\$5 million to five grantees⁵ to assist ex-offenders ages 18 to 29 with transitioning from prison to the workplace.**

² Federal Correctional Institution, Milan, MI; U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, KS; Federal Medical Center, Carswell, TX; Federal Correctional Institution, Petersburg, VA; U.S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, IN;

³ Chicago, Detroit, Houston, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, Memphis, Milwaukee, New York, Oakland, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

⁴ Boston, Brooklyn, Camden, Houston, Los Angeles, Seattle

- Participants will be able to choose service providers from pools of faith-based and community groups, thereby encouraging them to take personal ownership in choosing the services they believe best fit their needs.
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***Federal Fidelity Bonding Program**

- **Secures the job placement of ex-offenders and other high-risk job applicants. The FBP functions as a job placement tool by providing employers with a special incentive to hire the hardest-to-place jobseekers.**
- More information: <http://www.bonds4jobs.com/>.

***Federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit**

- **Federal tax credit that encourages employers to hire ex-offenders by reducing employers' federal income tax liability by as much as \$2,400 per qualified new worker**
- More information: <http://www.doleta.gov/business/Incentives/opptax/>

***Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)**

- **Provides services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans, including ex-offenders, into meaningful employment. Program competed yearly, based on funding availability.**
- http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/fact/Homeless_veterans_fs04.htm

Department of Health & Human Services

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Access To Recovery (ATR)

- A substance abuse treatment initiative which fosters consumer choice and increases treatment capacity by providing individuals with vouchers to choose and pay for the care they need.
- Grantees in CA, CT, FL, ID, IL, LA, MO, NJ, NM, TN, TX
- More information: <http://atr.samhsa.gov/>

Administration For Children & Families

***Mentoring Children of Prisoners**

- **More information:**
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fbci/progs/fbci_mcp.html
- **Rayanne Darensbourg at 202-205-8049; e-mail: rdarensbourg@acf.hhs.gov**

⁵ Arizona Women's Education and Employment Inc. of Phoenix; Colorado's Department of Labor and Employment; the City of Chicago; the Indianapolis Private Industry Council Inc.; and the Director's Council of Des Moines, Iowa.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Section 8 Rent Subsidies and Public Housing

- Most ex-offenders are not categorically banned
- For more information contact B.J. Douglass, HUD Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at 202-708-2404.

Department of Veterans Affairs

***VA Programs for Ex-Offender Veterans**

- Substance abuse, mental health, disability compensation, vocational rehabilitation and employment.
- Veteran Affairs' Montgomery GI Bill (<http://www.gibill.va.gov/>) and Veterans Workforce Investment Program; Health Care for Homeless Veterans; Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program.
- National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV). NCHV provides a comprehensive source of information for America's homeless veterans (including current and ex-offenders), and the programs available to them in each State. (<http://www.nchv.org/>).
- For more information, contact Darin Selnick, Center For Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, US Department of Veterans Affairs: 202-273-7499.