

FY 2009 Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative Competitive Announcement Funding Results

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY2009 Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative Program competitive solicitation (“demonstration grants”). The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) reflects a comprehensive response to the increasing number of people who are released from prison and jail and are returning to communities. This solicitation was based upon Section 101 of the Act, which allows for grants to state and local governments and federally recognized Indian tribes to be used for demonstration reentry projects. The solicitation for funding was released on February 27, 2009 and closed on April 20, 2009.

Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are initially screened to determine whether the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers’ ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received 119 applications for demonstration grants, seeking a total of \$55,933,000 in funding. BJA made 15 demonstration site-based grants awards of \$7,732,726.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 13 percent of the applications.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant’s submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at AskBJA@usdoj.gov.

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative	City of Memphis	TN	\$394,500.00
	City of Richmond	VA	\$200,000.00
	County of Monroe	NY	\$275,659.00
	County of San Mateo	CA	\$677,674.00
	Florida Department of Corrections	FL	\$750,000.00
	New Hampshire Department of Justice	NH	\$400,000.00
	San Francisco Department of Public Health	CA	\$600,000.00
	Wisconsin Department of Corrections	WI	\$750,000.00
	Allegheny County	PA	\$608,339.00
	Kentucky Department of Corrections	KY	\$750,000.00
	Marion County	OR	\$302,768.00
	New York City Office of the Criminal Justice Coordinator	NY	\$399,037.00
	Oklahoma Department of Corrections	OK	\$750,000.00
	South Dakota Department of Corrections	SD	\$749,749.00
	Stark County Court of Common Pleas	OH	\$125,000.00
Awards: 15	Total Funding:		\$7,732,726.00