

FY 2009 Second Chance Act Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations 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 Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations solicitation. 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. The Second Chance Act will help ensure the transition people make from prison or jail to the community is safe and successful.

This solicitation was released under Section 211 of the Act, which authorizes grants to nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Indian tribes that may be used for mentoring projects to promote the safe and successful reintegration into the community of individuals who have been incarcerated. The solicitation for funding was released on April 23, 2009 and closed on May 21, 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 507 applications for this solicitation, seeking a total of \$139,638,000 in funding. BJA made 36 awards, totaling \$10,000,000 in funding.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 7 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 Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations	Alston Wilkes Society	SC	\$299,935.00
	Area Resources for Community and Human Services	MO	\$265,944.00
	Career Opportunity Development, Inc	NJ	\$300,000.00
	Exponents	NY	\$300,000.00
	Families of Incarcerated Individuals, Inc.	TN	\$300,000.00
	Fund for the City of New York	NY	\$299,999.00
	Northwestern Human Services of PA, Inc.	LA	\$170,842.00
	PB&J Family Services, Inc	NM	\$300,000.00
	Parker's House Foundation Inc	NC	\$300,000.00
	People of Color Against AIDS Network	WA	\$300,000.00
	Project Return, Inc	TN	\$300,000.00
	Rhode Island Family Life Center	RI	\$275,921.00
	Rochester Institute of Technology	NY	\$299,969.00
	St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Mid-Willamette Valley	OR	\$266,970.00
	Volunteers of America Texas, Inc	TX	\$274,245.00
	Welcome Home Central Valley	CA	\$179,455.00
	AIDS Council of Northeastern New York	NY	\$264,000.00
	Alaska Native Justice Center Inc	AK	\$300,000.00
	Center for Families and Children	OH	\$300,000.00
	Community Partners	CA	\$149,026.00
	Epidaurus	CA	\$300,000.00
	Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley	OH	\$300,000.00
	Hour Children, Inc	NY	\$300,000.00
	Kanawha Institute for Social Research & Action, Inc. (KISRA)	WV	\$300,000.00
	Mount Olive Development Corporation	FL	\$275,000.00
	OAR of Fairfax County, Inc	VA	\$300,000.00
	Offender Aid and Restoration of Richmond, Inc	VA	\$256,457.00

	Oklahoma Citizen Advocates for Recovery and Treatment Association	OK	\$290,702.00
	Pennsylvania Prison Society	PA	\$299,990.00
	SOAR Career Solutions	MN	\$300,000.00
	Spirit of Peace Community Development Corp	OH	\$299,821.00
	Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach, Inc	NY	\$140,000.00
	The Church United for Community Development	LA	\$299,907.00
	The Stepping Stone Foundation	OR	\$300,000.00
	Welcome Home Ministries	CA	\$294,448.00
	Youth Advocate Programs, Inc	NY	\$297,369.00
Awards: 36	Total Funding:		\$10,000,000.00