Second Chance Act:
Responding to the FY 2018 Solicitation
Innovations in Reentry Initiative: Reducing Recidivism Through Systems Improvement

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Poll of Attendees

We’d like to find out more about who’s on the line...

In your right-hand column, you will see the question:

Please indicate the type of organization you represent:

- County or local government agencies serving adults
- Federally recognized Indian and Alaska Native tribes serving adults
Overview

• Introduction
• Overview of the SCA Innovations in Reentry Initiative (IRI)
• IRI Program Requirements and Expectations
• Contact Information, Resources, and Q&A
• Authorized by the passage of the Second Chance Act in April 2008.

• Upon competitive process, Council of State Governments awarded in October 2009.

• Administered in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice.

• The NRRC has provided technical assistance to over 600 juvenile and adult reentry grantees since inception.
WEBSITE: http://nationalreentryresourcecenter.org
Publications and Announcements
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Bureau of Justice Assistance

**Mission:** to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

The Second Chance Act has supported over $300 million in reentry investments across the country.

[https://www.bja.gov/](https://www.bja.gov/)
Innovations in Reentry Initiative
FY09 – FY17

150 Awards
Over $55 Million in funding
Poll of Attendees

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In your right-hand column, you will see the question:

Have you previously applied for an SCA grant?
  o Yes
  o No
Overview of the SCA Innovations in Reentry Initiative

* Provide resources to identify assets and gaps in local reentry systems
* Develop capacity and partnerships with other justice agencies
* Provide services that prevent recidivism, reduce crime, and improve public safety in their jurisdictions.
Award Information

36 months

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Up to Eight Awards @ $1,000,000
Overall Objective of IRI

- Reduce recidivism among reentering individuals who are at medium to high risk for recidivating and to improve public safety
Priority Considerations

- Strategies to reduce violent recidivism
- Collaboration/partnership with existing violence reduction strategies
- Focus on geographic areas with disproportionate population of reentrants
Target Population

• Assessed as medium to high risk
• Serve a minimum of 150 individuals through the funding period – with the majority under parole or probation supervision
## Mandatory SCA Requirements

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Review Criteria

- Program Design and Implementation: 35%
- Impact/Outcomes, Evaluation, Sustainability: 25%
- Capabilities and Competencies: 15%
- Plan for Collecting Data: 10%
- Description of the Issue: 10%
- Budget: 5%
Description of the Issue

• Mandatory SCA requirements
• Nature and scope of the problems
• Efforts to date
• Need for assistance and resources
• Baseline recidivism rate
Program Design & Implementation

- BJA program requirements
- Timeline/program plan of major tasks & deliverables
- Data to support the program design
- Roles/responsibilities of partners
  - Identify target population
  - Identify two domains to remedy reentry barriers
- Describe pre- and post-release services
- Number to be served

Number to be served: 21
BJA IRI Program Requirements

- Reentry Coordinator
- Reassess partnerships
- Re-evaluate reentry strategic plan
- Conduct system analysis
- Collect data
- Identify high-risk population and individualize/target services and interventions
- Baseline recidivism rate
- Analyze 2 domains and develop implementation plans
- Research partnership

- Ensure expertise in 6 areas listed
- Complete final analysis and research report
- Track unique identifiers
- Use validated risk/needs assessment
- Use evidence-based, cognitive-based programming pre/post-release
- Describe pre/post-release services
- Complete P & I Guide
- Complete final report

See page 7 of the solicitation for details
Domain Areas to Analyze

- Behavioral Health
- Community Supervision
- Education
- Employment
- Housing
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We’d like to find out more about your reentry priorities...

In your right-hand column, you will see the question:

Select one of the following domains you hope to address through this initiative:

- Behavioral Health
- Community Supervision
- Education
- Employment
- Housing
Capabilities and Competencies

• Management structure/staffing
• Agency responsible for program and reentry coordinator
• How structure/staffing will accomplish the deliverables (attach resumes and role descriptions)
Plan for Collecting the Data

• What, How, Who

• Performance metrics – documented, monitored, evaluated
Impact/Outcomes, Evaluation, Sustainability

- Integration into local justice system
- Financial sustainability
- Performance monitoring and evaluation
- Tracking unique identifiers, access to recidivism data
- Ability to assess risk/needs, track responsivity and dosage of services for individuals
Action Research

1. Identify the problem
2. Design a research plan
3. Implement research plan
4. Collect and Analyze Results
5. Communicate Findings
6. Apply findings to current process

Apply findings to current process
Identify the problem
Design a research plan
Implement research plan
Collect and Analyze Results
Communicate Findings
Budget

Total Project $1,000,000

Your Match $500,000
- Cash 50% $250,000
- In-Kind 50% $250,000

Federal Funds $500,000
- Federal - no more than 50%

A match waiver request may be submitted (not guaranteed)
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Applying

Applicants must register at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html prior to submitting an application.

Grants.gov Workspace is now the standard application method for applying for grants.

Applications are due June 25, 2018 11:59 pm eastern time
Contact Information

**For questions about the process of submitting an application:**
- Contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, at [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html), or at support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

**For assistance with unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond an applicant’s control:**
- Contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center at 800-851-3420, via TTY at 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), email grants@ncjrs.gov or web chat at [https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat.jsp](https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat.jsp). NCJRS Response Center hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET on the solicitation close date.
Resources

- **National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC)** BJA and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) collaborate on the oversight of the National Reentry Resource Center. *All grantees will receive intensive assistance from NRRC.*
- *Winning Grants-Writing your way to success*
- *Winning Grants - Implementation and Organizational Capacity*
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