



Governor's Re-entry Council, Steering Committee Minutes – Meeting #10 – February 4, 2009

Steering Committee Members Attending: Walt Beglau, Cindy D. Booth, Martin Burrows, Mark Cadotte, Val Conley, Faye Fagel, Phil Lemman, Ginger Martin, Tom McClellan, Pegge McGuire, Jerry Moore, Fariborz Pakseresht, Nancy Sellers, Ross Shepard, Heidi Steward, Scott Taylor

Guests: Patty Katz, Paul Solomon, Chase Tedrow, Sara McDonald, Gary Kempker and Paul Herman

Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introductions		
Review of Minutes from the January 7, 2009 meeting		Copies were distributed for review. Members are asked to send corrections/revisions to Denise Taylor.
Announcements and Updates from Members	<p>Ginger Martin asked members to share those items that are being worked on in relation to re-entry outside the priorities of the steering committee and work groups. Ms. Martin began by distributing copies of and explaining a number of bills that are related to re-entry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 275 has had a hearing. It is a bill that allows people who are incarcerated for one year or longer to apply for medical assistance before release. This will replicate what DOC is already doing voluntarily and the Judiciary Committee wants to ensure the practice continues. Laurie Mitchell, our partner at DHS, has proposed two amendments to this bill. The first will change the number of days prior to release to 120 because the process cannot be completed in 90 days, as stated in the original version of the bill. The second amendment addresses who can apply. The original bill addressed only those who were on disability prior to incarceration. The amendment allows those who may be disabled and may be eligible to apply. Those changes would bring the bill in line with what the DOC is currently doing. • HB 2490 addresses employment issues that were identified by the Employment Workgroup and lists the documentation that offenders will take with them when they leave incarceration including verification of prison work history, certification of completion of educational programs, and certification of treatment programs. • HB 2488 addresses contractors hiring released offenders. • HB 2489 directs the DOT to work with DOC to assist offenders with obtaining drivers' license or identification card prior to release. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB 385 creates a pilot grant program for county resource centers for post-prison treatment services. This bill does have a fiscal impact. The DOC and the Steering Committee cannot support this bill because of the governor's directive and it is not included in the governor's budget. Ross Shepard said the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing is scheduled for Feb. 26, 2009 on this bill. <p>Scott Taylor explained how the new Multnomah County Re-entry Council came into existence. Multnomah County was interested in the re-entry work that has been going on in the State of Oregon. County Commissioner Lisa Naito arranged a trip for several people, including Mr. Taylor, to go to several other states and see what is being done on re-entry. Before Commissioner Naito's term ended, the county commissioners unanimously voted to establish the Multnomah County Re-entry Council. The Council is co-chaired by Mr. Taylor and Sheriff Bob Skipper and will be doing work similar to the Governor's Re-entry Council, but on the local level. They have been in touch with Marion County Re-entry Initiative staff and the Center for Family Success and Going Home. Of course, Multnomah County is in the throes of its budget process and the economy is impacting all county programs.</p> <p>Sara McDonald said Marion County has been looking at re-entry issues and is interested in replicating some of the activities in Multnomah County, one being the Center for Family Success and in Lane County, Sponsors, Inc. They are about to open a facility in Marion County that is similar to Sponsors, Inc. They are very excited about the new facility. Walt Beglau said he appreciates the assistance of Ross Shepard and Commissioner Janet Carlson in moving this forward. Mr. Taylor said Multnomah County had also applied for a Byrne Grant and their proposal compliments the current State of Oregon re-entry efforts.</p> <p>Ms. Martin said at the last Re-entry Council meeting the possibility of establishing a resource directory modeled after Wikipedia was suggested. The advantages of using this model are mainly that it will be updated in real time and there is, essentially, no cost. A printed directory is outdated as soon as it's printed if a resource changes their phone number or address or adds a website. The Wiki model is maintained by no one and everyone. The resources themselves can update their entry. It can be established on a free internet service. We are expecting to have a demonstration of our Wiki at the next Council meeting on February 25, 2009. Marion County has information available to load onto the resource and will be the pilot to demonstrate how it looks and works. Ms. Martin said it was quickly put together by a designer for a small amount of money. Once it is established and goes live online, there will be no cost to update or maintain it. A link to the wiki can be added to websites.</p> <p>Heidi Steward said on March 1st, DOC and DMV are rolling out a 6-month pilot for getting State ID Cards for releasing offenders who have the required documentation. Offenders from OSP M will be taken to a local DMV office prior to regular hours and cards will be processed.</p>	
Gary Kempker	Gary Kempker reminded us that the purpose of involvement by Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP) with the Re-entry Council via the Steering Committee is to assist with processes to enhance efficiency. He suggested that we adjust processes to save time and work in the future. One item he wants to address is defining in writing why the group exists. Having this item in front of the committee at every meeting will help	

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	<p>keep the group on track. The second item is basic ground rules on how the committee will operate. The third issue is to review possible gaps in committee membership. Are there entities not represented that should be to accomplish the mission? The ground rules were discussed first.</p> <p>Ground rules established to be enforced by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation: Members attend or send a representative • Start and end on time • Update on state budget in addition to represented agency budget info • Process for decision-making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ consensus whenever possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ by members or designees ○ opportunity for minority reports • Non-member participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ follow agenda strictly ○ agenda item to provide for public comment • Communicate tasks with the Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommend tasks to the Council • Review Charter and membership every 6 months • Track decisions to avoid duplicate discussion <p>Purpose of Steering Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make recommendations to the Governor’s Council on effective statewide re-entry issues that relate to policy, practice or law • Identify and remove barriers to successful re-entry <p>Mr. Kempker reiterated his recommendation to have these two issues in front of the committee at every meeting and to re-visit the purpose periodically to update as issues are resolved and evolve. Pegge McGuire read the Executive Order which confirmed that we understand the purpose of the Council and the Steering Committee.</p> <p>We next addressed the membership of the Steering Committee. The membership of the Council and the Steering Committee are listed in the executive order. Mr. Kempker suggested that because of the work that has been done, we should be aware of any missing entities. Two possible additions were identified: the Attorney General’s Office, DOC Operations Division – Institutions.</p>	
Second Chance Act	<p>Discussion identified two sections that are pertinent to this group. The Act will be funded in 2009 up to \$500,000 per proposal. Heidi Steward attended a webinar and said the solicitation will open on Feb 23rd; however, the funding appropriation will not have occurred and will be limited to proposals for adults. This solicitation closes on April 20. Another solicitation will open after the funding appropriation. The second solicitation will be open for proposals that include juveniles. (See section 211 and 101 of attached document</p>	

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	<p>(Second Chance Act Grants.) Mandatory requirements will be strictly adhered to and there is a mandatory match requirement, 25% of the match must be General Fund dollars. The proposal must be a new program or greatly enhance an existing program.</p> <p>Several of the possible areas for proposals match the Re-entry Council's goals. Besides the recommendation of the Council, the E-Board would need to approve and in the current economic environment, it is doubtful a statewide proposal would be approved. When you consider the relatively small amount of money (\$500,000), the impact on a statewide program would be minimal as compared to the need. The short time frame for proposal submission is also a factor. The committee came to consensus that the recommendation to the Council will be that the DOC will not submit a proposal, but will support other agencies, such as county community corrections agencies that apply with proposals that are in line with the work of the Council.</p>	
<p>Review Workgroup Priorities and Progress</p>	<p>Employment Workgroup</p> <p>Martin Burrows reported that the workgroup developed a vision, which is: Improve the statewide employment and retention rates of offenders by focusing on policies, laws, practices and perceptions that contribute to the success of returnees. The workgroup established five goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the marketing of returnees to employers statewide. • Increase offender employability by improving, verifying, certifying technical/work skills and soft skills. • Offenders are prepared to compete for living wage jobs • Increase access to work source center resources inside and outside the institutions. • Improve coordination and collaboration with community-based and justice agencies and employers to improve information sharing, resources and responsibilities and to address barriers. <p>Mr. Taylor asked which goal addresses maintaining employment. Ms. Booth said the best practices subcommittee has continued to stress the importance of maintaining and advancing in employment skills. Both wage and skill level increases are critical over the long term. Mr. Taylor stressed the importance of maintaining employment skills in this economic environment. Ms. Martin reminded the workgroups to be thoughtful about when a workgroup goal has been reached, a strategy developed to address it and how it should be implemented. The implementation will be achieved by an implementation committee. Mr. Burrows said that under each of these goals will be developed objectives and the workgroup has not addressed those, yet. Ms. Booth suggested that the strategy for implementation of the goals be made the responsibility of the implementation group. Mr. Kempker suggested that the workgroups recommend membership for the implementation groups.</p> <p>One Stop</p> <p>Ross Shepard reiterated his request for confirmation that the steering committee affirms the concept of the one stop. Discussion confirmed that to be a priority for the steering committee and the council. Mr. Shepard said he would like to have a designated point of contact in each agency identified. This issue will be discussed at a future steering committee meeting.</p>	

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	<p>Continuity of Care Ms. Booth offered apologies for Patrick Vance not attending today's meeting. She reported that the workgroup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed the vision developed earlier and approved by the steering committee • Developed ground rules for working on the goal and objectives • Prioritized 6 of the 10 goals previously identified • Will develop objectives of each of the 6 goals • Will share each goal as the objectives are outlined <p>Mr. Kempker suggested that during the steering committee meetings, each workgroup state the priority goals, which will enable the steering committee members to review and become familiar with them within their own time frame.</p>	
Next Steps	<p>Ms. Martin suggested that the March meeting be cancelled because the Department of Corrections will be presenting the Agency Request Budget to the Ways and Means Subcommittee and the Council will have recently met.</p> <p>Mr. Taylor requested that at either the July or August meeting (depending on when the legislature adjourns) Ms. Martin brief the committee on the relevant outcome of the session. Ms. Martin agreed.</p>	
Next Meeting	The next Steering Committee meeting will be April 1, 2009.	

Senate Bill 275

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows inmate with serious mental illness residing in public institution for 12 months or more to apply for medical assistance up to 90 days prior to date of release and receive medical assistance upon release.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to medical assistance for inmates with serious mental illnesses who are released from
3 public institutions; amending ORS 414.424; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 414.424 is amended to read:

6 414.424. (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Person with a serious mental illness" means a person who is diagnosed by a psychiatrist,
8 a licensed clinical psychologist or a certified nonmedical examiner as having dementia,
9 schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression or other affective disorder or psychotic mental
10 disorder other than a disorder caused primarily by substance abuse.

11 (b) "Public institution" means:

12 (A) A state hospital as defined in ORS 162.135;

13 (B) A local correctional facility as defined in ORS 169.005;

14 (C) A Department of Corrections institution as defined in ORS 421.005; or

15 (D) A youth correction facility as defined in ORS 162.135.

16 (2) Except as provided in [*subsection*] **subsections (6) and (7)** of this section, the Department
17 of Human Services shall suspend the medical assistance of a person with a serious mental illness
18 when:

19 (a) The person receives medical assistance because of a serious mental illness; and

20 (b) The person becomes an inmate residing in a public institution.

21 (3) The department shall continue to determine the eligibility of the person as categorically
22 needy as defined in ORS 414.025.

23 (4) Upon notification that a person described in subsection (2) of this section is no longer an
24 inmate residing in a public institution, the department shall reinstate the person's medical assistance
25 if the person is otherwise eligible for medical assistance.

26 (5) This section does not extend eligibility to an otherwise ineligible person or extend medical
27 assistance to a person if matching federal funds are not available to pay for medical assistance.

28 (6) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to a person with a serious mental illness residing
29 in a state hospital as defined in ORS 162.135 who is under 22 years of age or who is 65 years of age

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1 or older.

2 **(7) A person with a serious mental illness who becomes ineligible for medical assistance**
3 **due to continuous residence in a public institution for 12 months may reapply for medical**
4 **assistance up to 90 days prior to the expected date of the person's release from the institu-**
5 **tion. If the person is found to be eligible, the effective date of the person's medical assistance**
6 **shall be the date of the person's release from the institution.**

7 **SECTION 2. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
8 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**
9 **on its passage.**

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House Bill 2490

Sponsored by Representative CAMERON; Representative SHIELDS

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Department of Corrections to provide certain documentation to inmate upon release from prison.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Department of Corrections; amending ORS 421.125.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 421.125 is amended to read:

5 421.125. (1) Upon the discharge or parole of *[any]* **an** inmate from the Department of Corrections,
6 the department shall:

7 (a) *[see]* **Ensure** that *[such]* **the** discharged or paroled inmate is properly clothed; **and**

8 (b) **Provide the discharged or paroled inmate with the following documents:**

9 (A) **Verification of the inmate's work history while in the custody of the department.**

10 (B) **Certification of any educational programs completed by the inmate while in the cus-**
11 **tody of the department.**

12 (C) **Certification of any treatment programs completed by the inmate while in the cus-**
13 **tody of the department.**

14 (2) It is the responsibility of every inmate of the Department of Corrections, during the inmate's
15 term of imprisonment, to accumulate funds in anticipation of parole, discharge or other authorized
16 prerelease and for the purposes set out in this subsection. The Department of Corrections shall
17 adopt rules to:

18 (a) Safeguard inmate moneys, whether such moneys are from earnings of the inmate while in a
19 Department of Corrections facility, or from other sources, and to provide for disbursement of such
20 moneys to the inmate following the inmate's release from imprisonment;

21 (b) Establish, within appropriations provided for this purpose, a program of release funds to be
22 provided for those inmates who have not been able to accumulate sufficient moneys to accommodate
23 their release needs;

24 (c) Assess fees to the inmate for self-improvement programs, services and assistance provided
25 by the department when the inmate has moneys to pay for such programs, services and assistance;

26 (d) Permit inmates to purchase elective programs, services or assistance which are approved by,
27 but are not provided by, the department; and

28 (e) Assess the inmate for damages or destruction caused by willful misconduct of the inmate.

29 (3) An inmate sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections by an Oregon court
30 is eligible to apply for release funds for a period up to 90 days following the release of the inmate
31 from the Department of Corrections facility by parole or discharge, including a release to the legal

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1 custody of another authority in this state. However, inmates eligible to apply for release funds do
2 not include inmates released to the legal custody of another authority in this state for ultimate
3 transfer to the custody of a law enforcement or corrections agency in another state. An inmate re-
4 leased to the legal custody of another authority in this state is not eligible to apply for release funds
5 so long as the person is imprisoned under such authority.

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House Bill 2489

Sponsored by Representatives CAMERON, SHIELDS; Representative BARKER

SUMMARY

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Directs Department of Transportation to work with Department of Corrections to assist offenders in obtaining driver license or identification card prior to release from Department of Corrections institution.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to documents issued by the Department of Transportation.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**
5 **Code.**

6 **SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Corrections**
7 **jointly shall adopt rules and enter into interagency agreements necessary to assist offenders**
8 **in obtaining a driver license or identification card prior to an offender's release from a De-**
9 **partment of Corrections institution.**

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House Bill 2488

Sponsored by Representative CAMERON; Representatives BARKER, SHIELDS

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires contracting agency to include in solicitation for public contract and in contract terms provision to encourage bidders, proposers and contractors to hire individuals released from Department of Corrections institution.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to hiring in connection with a public contract.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of the Public Con-**
5 **tracting Code.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

7 (a) "Department of Corrections institution" has the meaning given that term in ORS
8 421.005.

9 (b) "Oregon resident" means an individual who established residency in this state before
10 the individual's incarceration in a Department of Corrections institution by:

- 11 (A) Possessing an Oregon driver license;
12 (B) Registering to vote in this state;
13 (C) Owning or leasing property in this state; or
14 (D) Filing an Oregon state income tax return.

15 (2) A contracting agency shall include in a solicitation for a public contract and in the
16 terms of the public contract a provision that encourages bidders, proposers and contractors
17 to hire Oregon residents who have been released from a Department of Corrections institu-
18 tion. The solicitation for the public contract and the public contract terms shall also identify
19 and describe applicable financial incentives or other advantages available to a bidder,
20 proposer or contractor that hires an Oregon resident who has been released from a Depart-
21 ment of Corrections institution.

22 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2009 Act applies to contracts first advertised or otherwise**
23 **solicited or, if not advertised or solicited, first entered into on or after the effective date of**
24 **this 2009 Act.**

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Senate Bill 385

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY (at the request of Ross Shepard)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Creates pilot grant program for county resource centers for post-prison treatment services.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to treatment services.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Drug-addicted person" has the meaning given that term in section 8, chapter 35,**
6 **Oregon Laws 2008.**

7 (b) **"Participating county" means Multnomah, Marion, Lane and Jackson Counties and**
8 **one county in eastern Oregon to be designated by the Director of the Department of Cor-**
9 **rections.**

10 (2) **Pursuant to section 8, chapter 14, Oregon Laws 2008, the Department of Corrections**
11 **shall develop and administer a pilot grant program to provide supplemental funding to par-**
12 **ticipating counties for appropriate treatment services for drug-addicted persons on pro-**
13 **bation, parole or post-prison supervision.**

14 (3) **The Department of Corrections shall make grants under the pilot program to the**
15 **department of each participating county that provides health services related to drug ad-**
16 **diction.**

17 (4)(a) **Each participating county shall use the grant moneys to fund a resource center.**

18 (b) **Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, each resource center shall**
19 **provide services to drug-addicted persons on probation, parole or post-prison supervision**
20 **whose residences are in the participating county.**

21 (c) **The resource center in eastern Oregon shall function as a regional office for an area**
22 **to be determined by the Department of Corrections and shall provide services to drug-**
23 **addicted persons on probation, parole or post-prison supervision whose residences are in that**
24 **region.**

25 (5) **The Department of Corrections shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this**
26 **section.**

27 (6)(a) **A public or private entity may apply to a participating county to qualify as a re-**
28 **source center.**

29 (b) **To qualify as a resource center, a public or private entity must demonstrate a current**
30 **or future ability to provide, at an easily accessible location or by streamlined referral, as-**
31 **sistance to drug-addicted persons on probation, parole or post-prison supervision in the fol-**
32 **lowing areas:**

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- 1 (A) Alcohol and drug assessment and treatment;
- 2 (B) Assessment and planning;
- 3 (C) Food and clothing;
- 4 (D) Housing;
- 5 (E) Employment;
- 6 (F) State identification;
- 7 (G) Transportation;
- 8 (H) Benefits application;
- 9 (I) Parole and probation officer contact;
- 10 (J) Family and community support;
- 11 (K) Physical, dental and mental health evaluations and referral;
- 12 (L) Cognitive behavioral therapy;
- 13 (M) Financial and computer literacy;
- 14 (N) Referral for faith-based mentoring; and
- 15 (O) Legal consultation.

16 (7) The Department of Corrections shall develop a case management protocol to be fol-
17 lowed by the staff of the resource centers.

18 (8) At least 90 days prior to the release of a drug-addicted person with a residence in one
19 of the participating counties or the eastern region, the Department of Corrections shall:

20 (a) Forward to the appropriate resource center a checklist of the person's needs, as de-
21 termined by the Department of Corrections and the person in consultation; and

22 (b) Facilitate contact by telephone between the person and the resource center.

23 (9) A resource center is a criminal justice agency for purposes of access to criminal
24 offender information pursuant to ORS 181.555.

25 (10) The department of the participating county responsible for funding the resource
26 center shall encourage collaboration between the resource center and sheriffs, district at-
27 torneys, public defenders, the supervisory authority and circuit courts.

28 (11) No action may be taken by the Department of Corrections, any participating county
29 or a resource center that would impede or disqualify active partnership between a resource
30 center and United States district courts or the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

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Second Chance Act Grants

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

DOC eligible

Sec. 101. Reauthorization of adult and juvenile offenders State and local re-entry 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 Re-entry 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.