

**REO****Reentry Employment Opportunities**

## Reentry Project

### OVERVIEW

Launched in 2017, Reentry Project (RP) grants assisted communities in planning and implementing comprehensive programs to address the challenges involved in helping young adults and adults with criminal records and criminal justice-system contact transition back to the community. RP grants served either participants between the ages of 18 to 24 who were at-risk or involved in the juvenile or adult criminal justice system or adults ages 25 or older who were formerly incarcerated in the adult criminal justice system and released from prison or jail within a specified period of time. All participants were required to reside in or be returning to high-poverty, high-crime communities.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The intent of the RP initiative was to protect community safety through the successful reintegration of offenders returning to the community, by ensuring they: engaged in pro-social activities such as employment or education; maintained long-term employment; sustained a stable residence; and successfully addressed their mental health needs and any substance abuse issues. These projects supported the improvement and effectiveness of reentry services, and the Department supported the testing of new services and existing services in new combinations.

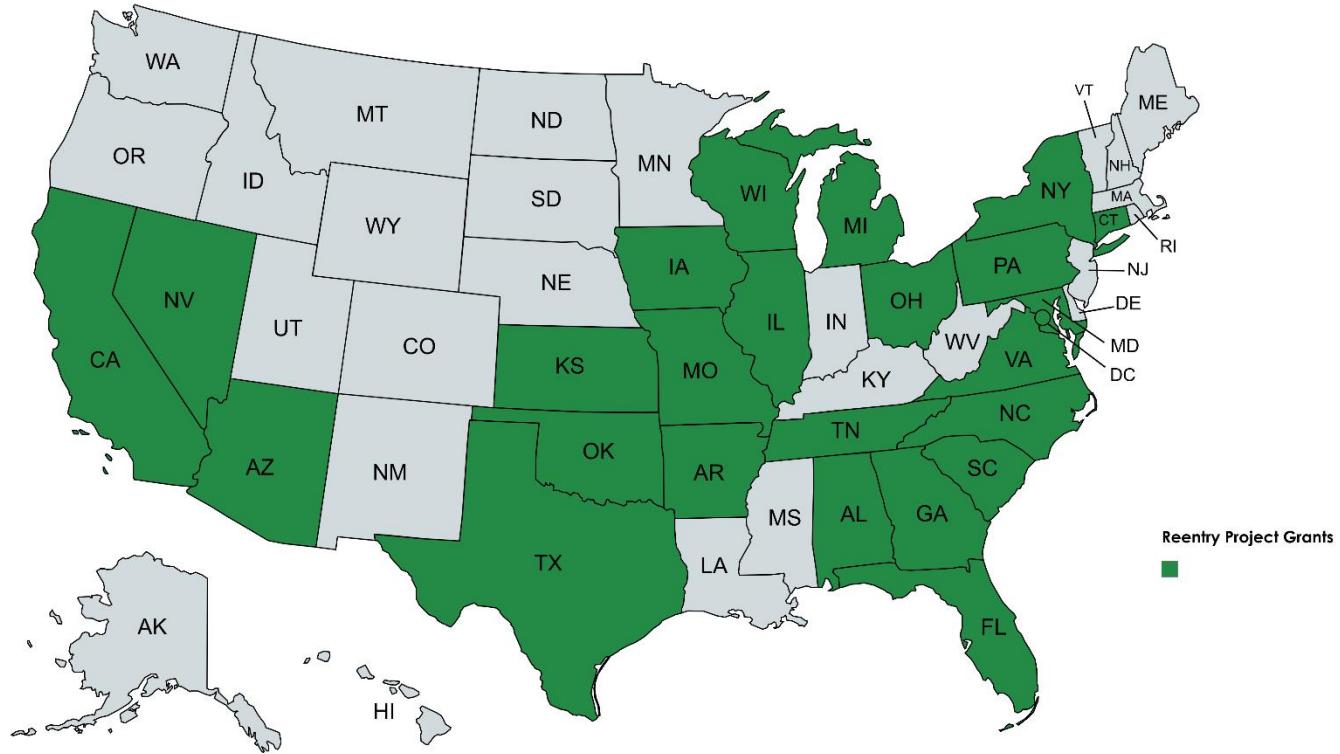
### PROGRAM IMPACT

Three rounds of RP grants were awarded. Thirty-two RP grants were awarded in 2017 for \$72.8 million; this round is referred to as Reentry Project 1 (RP1). For the second round, RP2, 43 grants were awarded in 2018 for \$87.4 million, and for RP3, 45 were awarded in 2019 for \$85.9 million. These grants had a 39-month period of performance, which included up to three months of planning, a required 24-month period of operation, and a required 12-month period for follow-up services. RP grants served approximately 24,866 participants in 25 states.

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The RP grants provided organizations with significant flexibility in program design. Strategies used by the RP grants ranged from the Ready4Work model, which combines mentoring, employment related services and case management; to the Risk-Needs-Responsivity (RNR) strategy, which asserts treatment should focus on higher risk offenders with criminogenic needs being included in the design and delivery of treatment. In addition, behavioral and cognitive-behavioral interventions were used in order to account for the differences in demographics, cognitive abilities, and motivations of each individual participant.

## AWARDEES



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## Grantee Organizations

### RP1

- Alvis, Inc.
- Berk Connections/ Pretrial Services
- Center for Community Alternatives, Inc.
- Center for Employment Opportunities, Inc.
- Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa
- Civic Works, Inc.
- Connections to Success
- Family Health International
- Family Resource Center South Atlantic
- Gang Alternative, Inc.
- Goodwill Industries International
- Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands South Carolina
- Goodwill of North Georgia
- It's My Community Initiative, Inc.\*
- Latino Coalition for Community Leadership
- Little Rock Workforce Development Board
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Metropolitan Community Services, Inc.
- OIC of Broward\*
- OICA, Inc.
- Project Return, Inc.
- Rubicon Programs, Inc.
- Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps
- Safer Foundation
- STRIVE International, Inc.
- Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation
- Tampa Bay Academy of Hope, Inc.
- The Youth Employment Partnership, Inc.
- Unidos US (National Council of La Raza)
- Volunteers of America of Los Angeles

\*Received 2 RP1 grants, 1 to serve 18-24 year olds and 1 to serve those 25 and older.

### RP2

- American YouthWorks
- Champaign County Regional Planning Commission
- City of Lawrence, Division Merrimack Valley WIB
- CLC, Inc.
- Connections to Success
- Employ Milwaukee
- Family Health International
- Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow\*
- Friendly House
- Goodwill Industries International, Inc
- Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids, Inc.
- Goodwill Industries of Southern California
- Living Classrooms Foundation
- MERS Missouri Goodwill Industries
- OIC of South Florida
- OICA, Inc.\*
- Operation New Hope, Inc.
- Partner4Work
- PathStone Corporation
- Playa Vista Job Opportunities and Business Services
- SER-Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc.
- Siouxland Human Investment Partnership
- The Institute for Educational Leadership, Inc.
- Schenectady Community Action Program, Inc.
- STRIVE International, Inc.\*
- Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation\*
- Tampa Bay Academy of Hope, Inc.
- The Dannon Project\*
- The Fourth Judicial Circuit Community Corrections Program
- The WorkPlace
- Total Action Against Poverty in Roanoke Valley, Inc.
- United Way of Central Iowa
- Urban League of Greater Atlanta
- Urban League of Rochester, NY, Inc.\*
- Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc.
- Volunteers of America Massachusetts, Inc.
- Workforce Development Board of Herkimer, Madison & Oneida Co

\*Received 2 RP2 grants, 1 to serve 18-24 year olds and 1 to serve those 25 and older.

**RP3**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AMIKids, Inc.</li><li>• Anti-Recidivism Coalition</li><li>• Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc.</li><li>• Capital Area Workforce Development Board</li><li>• Center for Community Alternatives</li><li>• Citadel Community Development Corporation</li><li>• County of Westchester</li><li>• Fathers Support Center, St. Louis Inc.</li><li>• Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow</li><li>• Friends Outside in Los Angeles County</li><li>• Gang Alternative, Inc.*</li><li>• Garden Pathways, Inc.</li><li>• Goodwill Industries International</li><li>• Goodwill Industries of San Antonio</li><li>• Homeboy Industries</li><li>• Interseminarian Project Place, Inc.</li><li>• It's My Community Initiative, Inc.</li><li>• Knoxville Leadership Foundation</li><li>• Latino Coalition for Community Leadership</li><li>• Little Rock Workforce Development Board</li><li>• Metro Community Ministries, Inc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Metropolitan Community Services, Inc.</li><li>• Mississippi Community Education Center</li><li>• Mohawk Valley Community College</li><li>• National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation</li><li>• OICA, Inc.</li><li>• PathStone Corporation</li><li>• Pioneer Human Services</li><li>• Playa Vista Job Opportunities and Business Services*</li><li>• Safer Foundation</li><li>• SE Works, Inc.</li><li>• SER-Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc.</li><li>• Social Enterprise and Training Center, Inc.</li><li>• Texas Workforce Commission</li><li>• The Dannon Project*</li><li>• The Osborne Association, Inc.</li><li>• The RIDGE Project, Inc.</li><li>• Towards Employment*</li><li>• Wholistic Stress Control Institute, Inc.</li><li>• Workforce, Inc.</li><li>• Youth Policy Institute</li></ul>
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