

Program Name: Ex-Offender Re-Entry Portal

Department Name: Recreation and Community Services

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Type Allocation: City Direct Delivery Competitive Bid Legislative Award

Program Strategy: Focusing on felony re-entry

Program Summary:

The Jacksonville Re-Entry Center (JREC) is the required first stop for all ex-offenders returning to Duval County after incarceration, to ensure proper and lawful re-entry into the community. The expansion of this program will help to ensure that ex-offenders make successful transitions back into the community and do not return to a life of crime.

JREC ACTIVITIES:

- Five JREC staff submitted applications to the National Institute of Corrections to participate in the *Offender Retention Specialist* training. Applicants must have previously completed the *Offender Workforce Development Specialist* training.
- JREC site was selected by the University of North Florida as a Senior Project site. Students will develop a web based site for the Community Reentry Alliance Committee.
- Staff attended Baker Correctional Institution (BCI) local prison reentry council monthly meeting which was held at BCI.

5 b) What is the number of NEW program participants receiving services that were added during the reporting month?	99
10 a) What is the number of program participants who completed services during the reporting month?	43
b) What is the number of program participants that exited services during the reporting month? (This number should include those that completed and those that did not complete using the 90 day contact rule if you have a 3 year completion period) (List provided)	79
OUTCOME FOR ALL ACTIVITIES	
84 b) What is the total number of individuals arrested in the below (#86) categories during the reporting month?	5
86. Please indicate (with an X) if any of the following crimes were committed during the reporting month :	
A. HOMICIDES	0
B. FORCIBLE RAPE	0
C. ROBBERIES	2
D. AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	3
PERSONNEL QUESTIONS	
34. A) What is the number of personnel <i>retained</i> with ARRA JAG funds during the reporting month?	1
B) What is the number of existing personnel paid by all OTHER (non-JAG ARRA) during the reporting period?	10
35. Indicate the type of RETAINED personnel paid with JAG ARRA funds?	
C) Prevention and Educational Personnel	

Overall Program Status: October 21-26 three JEC staff attended the National Institute of Corrections *Offender Retention Specialist* training which was held in Denver CO. This is an evidence based model that when implemented by staff should

prove to increase employment retention of clients. During the month of October the Florida Department of Corrections, Director of Legislative Affairs, Will Kendrick and staff visited JREC. Allison Defoor member of the District Board of Trustee's for Tallahassee Community College also visited JREC. New staff funded through a JAG grant began work this month: R. Clayton Youngblood is a Placement Specialist (employment).

Program Successes:

1. **Demario J.:** Was assisted through JREC to obtain his Georgia Birth Certificate and Florida Identification Card. He successfully obtained his Forklift Certification and found employment through a local temporary employment agency.
2. **Wendell S.:** Was assisted with transitional housing, mental health treatment, bus passes, birth certificate and a Florida Driver's License. He is successfully employed @ Auto Preservations.
3. **Elisha E.:** Is enrolled in GED classes at FSCJ and is working part time.
4. **Marquita H.:** Needed assistance in finding employment. She attended the JREC Career Development Orientation, was placed on a job and has been successfully working full time for the past two months.
5. **Melvin T.:** Is a 47 year old male that was released from Baker CI in July, 2012. He has a history of drug charges including his most recent which he served a 6 year sentenced followed by 10 months of community supervision. He has been steadfast and motivated having enrolled in FSCJ to complete his GED. His is also attending Ready 4 Work and has received a certificate for high test scores while participating in their program. He indicates that he is determined to change his life for the better and has done so in the past three months while participating at JREC. He has made a good impression with his family and they are proud of his recent accomplishments.

Program Providers – Where there are multiple agencies working together, please specify each agencies role. If type other than those illustrated below, please add to legend type below.

Types: D\$=City direct funded provider PT = Partner or subcontracted provider – NO FUNDING

PT\$ = Partner or subcontracted provider receiving

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office	D\$	Jimmy Holderfield, Director	Jimmy.Holderfield@ jaxsheriff.org 301 East Bay St, Jax, FL 32202 630-2120	Administration & Operation of JREC
McGhee Heartfelt Wholeness	PT\$	Fadia McGhee	5719 Moncrief Rd, Jax, FL 32219	Ex-Offender Housing
New Start Transitional Housing	PT\$	Jerry Turner, owner	P.O. Box 9 New Castle, Va	Ex-Offender Housing
REM Innovations	PT\$	Jackie Harris, Director	5906 San Juan Ave Jacksonville, FL	Ex- Offender Housing
River Region	PT\$	Deyra Williams	2055 Reyko Rd, Ste. 107, Jax, FL	Ex-Offender Housing

St James Recovery Center	PT\$	Hank Smith, Director	521 W Bay St Jax, FL 32202	Ex-Offender Housing
Thorminc House of Refuge Ministries	PT\$	Cassandra Bush	P.O. Box 26889 Jax, FL 32226	Ex-Offender Housing
Arlington Psychological	PT\$	James Vallely, PhD	8049 Arlington Expressway, Ste. #12 Jax, FL 32211	Psychological Evaluations
Community Behavioral Services	PT\$	Larry Neidigh	2211 Park St, Jax, FL 32204	Counseling Services
Gateway Community Services	PT\$	Nancy Whipple	555 Stockton St, Jax, FL 32204	Counseling Services
North South Fla Human Services	PT\$	Lester Randolph	610 Julia St Jax, FL 32202	Counseling Services
Stop Inc,	PT&	George Deitchman	710 Third Street, Jax, FL 32250	Sex-offender Counseling Services
Intrinsic	PT\$	Chris Bartkowiak	2342 Park Street, Jax, FL 32204	Sex-offender Counseling Services
Salvation Army	PT\$		17 East Church Street, Jax, FL 32202	Batters Intervention Program

Program Information

Scope of Services Include:

Portal of Entry: The Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, Department of Corrections will, in conjunction with participating agencies operate a “Portal of Entry” (one stop shop) whereby ex-offenders returning from local, state or federal incarceration can be provided assistance for successful reentry into our community. The Jacksonville Re-Entry Center serves as one arm of this reentry portal. The “one stop shop” will provide the following deliverables:

- Increase public safety by reducing recidivism
- Provide on-site felony registration
- Assign terms of and conditions of program participation that complement any state sanctioned probation or parole requirements
- Facilitate former offender’s sustained engagement in treatment, mental health and supportive health services
- Identify stable housing through JREC staff networking with several agencies and community providers that provide housing to ex-offenders such as, boarding houses, income based apartments and when needed financial assistance to secure such
- Continue to address the obstacles that make it difficult for ex-offenders to obtain and retain employment at a living-wage level
- Provide opportunities for inmates exiting prison or jail to obtain appropriate forms of identification;

Case Management -Reentry Transition Plans: In coordination with State of Florida, Department of Corrections facilities, the JREC Resource Specialists will develop a reentry plan for those meeting the criteria which states *clients are defined as offenders who were residing in Jacksonville, sentenced in Jacksonville and are returning to Jacksonville upon release from incarceration.*

Facilitate Transportation: The JREC provides a limited number of bus tickets for ex-offenders who are seeking employment.

Parole/Probation Coordination: Probation officers and resource specialists will work hand-in-hand to provide intensive, individualized assistance needed by many of the ex-offenders.

Program Outcomes: A detailed process for tracking successes and outcomes for all programs for the following measures

	Current Month	YTD	Proposed 11/12
A. Quantity: How much?			
Info & Referral Services	137	137	800
New Clients	99	99	700
	0		700
Returning clients 12/13	144	144	1005
Returning clients 11/12	2	2	N/A
Prior year clients 08/09	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>08/09 Transferred to Other Journey Programs</i>	0		
<i>TOTAL Transferred to Other Journey Programs</i>	0		
Inactive (No contact for 30 days, rearrested, moved, etc)			
2011-2012	17	17	
2010-2011			
2009-2010			

B. Quality / Effort: How well services are provided?			
Successful Completers (1 Year participation)			
2012-2013 3 month contracts	43	43	
2011-2012 (3 month participation & 1 YR CONTRACTS)	25	530	
2010-2011	22	211	N/A
2009-2010	64		N/A
2008-2009	N/A	N/A	N/A
C. Client Benefits: Is anyone any better off?			
	2nd QTR	YTD	
Reduce recidivism rates at 6 months, 1 year, & 3 years.	Actual recid.	Actual recid.	
Year 1 Clients (Signed prior to 10/1/09)	5.98%	28.2%	
Year 2 Clients (Signed 10/1 – 9/31/10)	2.4%	5.6%	
Year 3 Clients (Signed 10/1 – 9/31/11)	8.6%	12%	
Year 4 Clients (Signed 10/1 – 9/31/12)		14%	

Budget Item	Budget	Actual (cumulative) Journey/ARRA Combined	Balance Journey/ARRA Combined	Variance/ Explanation
Re-Entry Services: ARRA GF – JOURNEY	\$558,053	\$23,039	\$535,014	

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total	Total Clients (includes Transfers)	2nd QTR RECID. RATE	3 rd Qtr RECIC RATE	YTD
YR1 (Signed 10/1 - 9/30/09)									
Program - VOP, Extradition, Order to Transport	2	7	2	3	14				
Misdemeanor	14	8	6	5	33				
Felony	11	11	10	6	38				
YR 1 TOTAL WITH 6/1/09 START DATE	27	26	18	14	85	301	5.98%	4.65 %	28.2%
YR 2 (signed 10/1 - 9/30/10)									
Program - VOP, Extradition, Order to Transport	2	4	0	4	10		1%	0	1.09%
Misdemeanor	3	4	11	7	25		9%	1.5%	2.7%
Felony	4	3	6	4	17		6%	8%	1.8%
YR 2 Total	9	11	17	15	52	914	2.4%	2.4%	5.6%
Total clients per quarter	197	444	697	914	914				

YR 3 (Signed 10/1 - 9/30/11)										
Program - VOP, Extradition, Order to Transport	4	6	5	4	19		1.9%	1%	2.8%	
Misdemeanor	6	8	9	6	29		2.6%	1.9%	4.3%	
Felony	9	12	3	9	33		3.9%	6%	4.9%	
YR 3 Total	19	26	17	19	81	670	8.6%	3.7%	12%	
Totals clients per quarter	148	302	457	670	670					
YR 4 (Signed 10/1 - 9/30/12)										
Program - VOP, Extradition, Order to Transport	3									
Misdemeanor	7									
Felony	10									
YR 4 Total										
Total client 10-1-11/1-31-12	278									

