

## **FY 2009 Second Chance Act National Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Resource Center 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 Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Resource Center. 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. Section 101 of the Act provides funding to establish a National Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Resource Center. Eligible applicants were limited to national nonprofit organizations that provide technical assistance and training to, and have special expertise and broad, national experience in, offender reentry programs, training and research. The solicitation for funding was released on March 2, 2009 and closed on April 20, 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 36 applications, seeking a total of \$39,216,000 in funding. BJA made one award for a total of \$2,200,000 in funding to the Council of State Governments Justice Center.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made an award to approximately 3 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](mailto:AskBJA@usdoj.gov).

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
<a href="#">Second Chance Act National Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Resource Center</a>	Council of State Governments	KY	\$2,200,000.00
<b>Awards: 1</b>	<b>Total Funding:</b>		<b>\$2,200,000.00</b>