



Reentry from Jail Service Provider Contract: Second Chance Center

Background

- In 2018 Servicios de la Raza was contracted to provide reentry services by the Crime Prevention and Control Commission (CPCC).
- In 2021 the CPCC decided to put the contract out for bid:
 - Servicios declined to reapply for the contract.
- To ensure the long-term success of the new contract, the CPCC organized the Reentry Working Group to create an RFP that adhered to the Transition From Jail To Community (TJC) Reentry Model with an eye toward offering an equitable opportunity for local providers of all sizes to apply.

Reentry Working Group Roster

- **Major Lance Alexander**, Denver Sheriff Department
- **Carrie Stanley**, Denver Sheriff Department
- **Candi CdeBaca**, CC Dist. 9
- **Lisa Calderon**, CC Dist. 9
- **Jennifer Gafford**, University of Denver
- **Paul Kashmann**, CC Dist. 6
- **Carol Peeple**, Remerg
- **Karen Kindblade**, DDPHE
- **Kevin Kelly**, DDPHE

RFP Review Committee

- Community Service Provider
- Denver Sheriff Department representative
- Colorado Department of Public Safety representative
- Justice involved individual (with experience in Denver Jail)
- Local academic expert on criminal justice system

RFP Scoring Rubric

- Fidelity to the Transition from Jail to Community Model (25%)
- Ability to Collaborate with Other Organizations and Agencies to Implement the Reentry Program (25%).
- An Understanding and Demonstrated Record of Addressing the Intersection of Systemic Racism and Criminal Justice System Inequalities (15%).
- Demonstrating a Cultural and Gender Responsive Delivery of Services (15%).
- Fiscal Feasibility (10%).
- Ability to Communicate Metrics and Outcomes to Demonstrate Program Effectiveness (10%).

Results

- Five organizations applied and were scored by the review committee using the rubric created by the Working Group.
- The application for Second Chance Center received the highest total score and was awarded the contract.
- The SCC application includes the following collaborations:
 - Tribe Recovery Homes,
 - Don't Look Back Center,
 - Element of Discovery Therapist of Color Collaborative, and
 - Harm Reduction Action Center.

Working Group Recommendations

- The Working Group and CPCC recommend the funding of the Second Chance Center as the Reentry from Jail Service Provider.
- The Working Group and CPCC also recommend the funding and creation of a Program Administrator position to serve as a liaison between SCC and DSD:
 - This position is currently under review by DDPHE.
 - Upon approval, the program administrator will sit within the Office of Behavioral Health Strategies (OBHS) and oversee implementation, contracting, and reporting for the Reentry program.

About Second Chance Center

Established in 2012, Second Chance Center, Inc. (SCC) is a Colorado based, BIPOC led, nonprofit organization determined to be the state's premier community re-entry program and a model for the nation. SCC offers case management, mentoring, and vital resources to assist formerly incarcerated individuals in reestablishing their lives and becoming successful members of the community.

Financials

Contract Amount: **\$671,562**

- This figure is based off SCC's proposed budget in their RFP application.
- The Working Group asked RFP applicants to propose budgets based on program needs pursuant to achieving program efficacy.
- The Fiscal Year 2020 budget was \$457,624.
- This is a one-year contract lasting until December 31, 2021.

Lease Agreement Request

Request approval of a Lease by and between the City and County of Denver and Second Chance Center, Inc. for a term concurrent with DPHE OBS service contract (ENVHL-202158589) for provision of community re-entry services to people transitioning from jail to community.

Lease Agreement Request

- Leases approximately 3,797 square feet of City-owned condominium space at 1391 Delaware Street (Justice Center Garage) to City's service provider of community re-entry jail-to-community transition services.
- Location across from Denver detention center is central for providing this service.
- Maximum term is through 12/31/2023 in the amount of \$10.00 per year for a total compensation of \$30.00.

Metrics

- The TJC Model uses assessments to determine a person's top criminogenic needs.
- The provider then applies targeted interventions to address those assessed needs.
- Using the Reentry Case Management Database created by the CPCC, DDPHE will track services provided by the SCC, as well as outcomes related to protective factors. These include: housing, employment, harm reduction practices, mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and recidivism.

Monthly Tracking

- The manager of the CPCC will ensure monthly reports to track the following:
 - Program demographics
 - Numbers served
 - Assessed needs
 - Transitions from jail to community-based services
 - Successful completions of programming
 - Housing
 - Employment
- This report will be distributed to City Council, CPCC commissioners, and the community to ensure transparency for the program

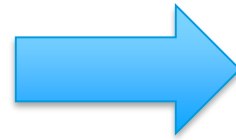
The CPCC seeks to mitigate the following issues that have previously hindered the effectiveness of the Reentry Program

Low numbers of transitions from jail services to office based services upon release



Increases in successful transitions from jail to community services (TJC Model)

Poor data collection standards and entry into database system



Consistent data collection and recording

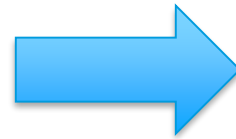
Inconsistent reporting of metrics and outcomes



Standardized reporting of outcomes and metrics

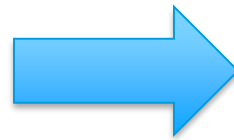
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A gulf existed between the community provider and DSD that hindered the effectiveness of the program



Better management of the relationship between the provider and DSD

Lack of capacity within OBHS to give the Reentry program the attention it needs to be successful



A dedicated position to oversee the program to navigate the complexity of Reentry

Questions?