

BILL/ RESOLUTION REQUEST

- 1. Title:** Accepting federal funds from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$599,780 (2013-1-2015) for the Women's Second Chance Act grant to provide jail to community reentry and treatment services for women with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse issues (Safty201313884).
- 2. Requesting Agency:** Department of Safety
- 3. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance***
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- 4. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance who will present the item at Mayor Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary***
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- 5. Describe the proposed ordinance, including what the proposed ordinance is intended to accomplish, who's involved**
 - a. Scope of Work**

SECOND CHANCE REENTRY PROGRAM: WOMEN'S COMMUNITY RECONNECTION PROGRAM (WCR)
With 2013 Second Chance Act funding, 100 (each year for two years) medium- and high-risk incarcerated women with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders in the Denver County Jail will be given tools for successful reentry through the Denver Crime Prevention and Control Commission's Women's Community Reconnection (WCR) program. The WCR program model utilizes community-based treatment partners to provide trauma-informed, woman-centered wraparound services aimed at treating co-occurring disorders to aid with successful reentry and reduce recidivism among this high-need population. WCR participants are paired with therapists and care coordinators to treat mental health, substance abuse and trauma disorders and develop care management plans for pre- and post-release services. Participants are identified using the Women's Risk Needs Assessment, a gender specific risk and needs assessment tool that determines criminogenic risk factors and needs. Integrated care and comprehensive stabilization services are integral components of WCR.
 - b. Duration**

Oct 2013 – September 2015

c. Location

Citywide

d. Affected Council District

Citywide

e. Benefits

Goal 1: Expand and enhance the WCR project to serve high-risk female offenders and those who have not yet been diagnosed with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders through: 1) integrated approach of evidence-based treatment, gender-specific and trauma-informed care; and 2) coordination of pre- and post-release services addressing criminogenic risk, health, reentry services and co-occurring treatment needs.

Objective 1-a: Identify and screen a minimum of 200 female inmates incarcerated in DCJ RISE and Transition specialty units and the general jail population for WCR eligibility.

Objective 1-b: Assess and enroll 100 eligible women; create individualized and integrated jail-to-community reentry transition and treatment case plans through needs identified under the WRNA, Addiction Severity Inventory and Mental Health assessments.

Goal 2: Enhance and expand participant stabilization services in the jail and community and reduce recidivism rates among women with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.

Objective 2-a: Reduce recidivism rate by 10% from the current 57% rate one-year post services.

Objective 2-b: 95% of project participants will be evaluated for eligibility in Medicaid or other health insurance enrollment with 60 days of enrollment in services.

f. Costs

599,780

6. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance, groups or individuals who may have concerns about it? Please explain.

No.

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