

**GRANTEE:** The Empowerment Program  
(Name of Project: Denver Metropolitan Re-Entry Collaboration)

**ADDRESS:** 1600 York St.  
Denver, CO 80206

**AMOUNT:** \$660,000 (Federal Direct) + \$184,450 (Non-Federal Match) = \$884,450 (Total)

**DURATION:** 12 months

**POPULATION SERVED/RECRUITMENT:** This project will serve 200 recently released non-violent ex-offenders. Participants will be recruited from the Colorado Department of Corrections and a limited number from the Federal Correctional Institution.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** This project is collaboration among community-based agency and lead grantee, The Empowerment Program, and six faith-based agencies – DenverWorks, Turnabout, Friends in Transition, Metropolitan Community Church, The Road Called STRATE, and New Foundations. The faith-based agencies, which are also the project’s sub-grantees, are located in geographically diverse parts of the Denver metropolitan area to give participants a choice of service provider. The project will offer the following services: educational services/hard skills training; employment services; mentoring; coordination of overall service strategies; housing services; and substance abuse treatment, health and social services.

**NON-FEDERAL MATCH:** Non-federal resources totaling \$184,450 as follows: Empowerment Program (\$14,200) for hygiene kits for male and female participants and 25 adult volunteers providing 50 hours of tutoring to 15 participants; Turnabout (\$25,250) for bicycles for 50 participants, eye glasses and eye exams for 75 participants, clothing for 200 participants, and driver’s license assistance (teaching/practice/testing) for 30 participants; Friends in Transition (\$80,000) for volunteer services; DenverWorks (\$25,000) for clothing and food; Metropolitan Community Church (\$10,000) for food and operating costs; New Foundations (\$10,000) for operating costs; The Road Called STRATE (\$10,000) for volunteers; and Addiction Research Treatment Services (\$10,000) for methadone and other drug treatment services.

**SUB-GRANTEES:** The budget information sheet indicates \$384,700 in contractual expenses. The following six sub-grantees and services are identified; however, specific dollar amounts were not provided: 1) The Road Called STRATE will provide employment and mentoring services, as well as classes in anger management, substance abuse and HIV prevention, and an on-site clothing and food bank; 2) New Foundations will provide mentoring services, including conflict resolution training; 3) Friends in Transition will provide a mentoring/reintegration program; 4) DenverWorks will provide job preparation, life skills training, and job placement; 5) Turnabout, Inc. will provide career and educational opportunities, job search assistance, and soft skills training; and 6) Metropolitan Community Church will connect participants to its JobStart program and provide housing referrals, clothing, specialized services for participants living with HIV/AIDS, and food for 150 households per week.

**PARTNERS:** Sub-grantees above, plus the Workforce Investment Board of Denver; Independent Electrical Contractors Association; Materials Handling Equipment Company; Chase Lumber Company; Denver Metro Convention and Visitor’s Bureau; Community College of Aurora; Emily Griffith Opportunity School; Community College of Denver; Metro Denver Housing Initiative; Colorado Housing Now!; Colorado Coalition for the Homeless; Colorado Association of Drug and Alcohol Service Providers; Denver Drug Strategy Task Force; U.S. Bank; Federal Bureau of Prisons; and the Department of Corrections.

**OUTCOMES:**

- **Employment Rate:** 80%
- **Retention Rate:** 50% after six months
- **Earnings Change:** 100%
- **Recidivism Rate:** 15% after one year

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED:** Colorado counties of Denver, Adams, Arapahoe, Jefferson, and Boulder.

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