

GRANTEE: WABC Central City Comprehensive Community Center
(Name of Project: Moving Forward Project [MFP])

ADDRESS: 3826 Wheeler Ave.
Houston, TX 77004

AMOUNT: First Year: \$660,000 (Federal Direct) + \$38,800 (Non-Federal Match) = \$698,800
(Total)
Second Year: \$653,150 (Federal Direct)

DURATION: 24 months

POPULATION SERVED/RECRUITMENT: This project serves ex-offenders returning to the Harris County area of Houston. Recruitment will be conducted prior to release through WABC's existing partnerships with the Harris County Probation Departments, and Innerchange Freedom Initiative – a program of prison fellowship operated in conjunction with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: This project is an expansion of WABC's Ready4Work Program, which was developed to help local faith-based organizations support reentry and reintegration of ex-offenders into their communities. The project focus is recidivism reduction and is designed to connect participants to their community and help them to stay involved. The project includes 10 service components: 1) mentoring; 2) job skills training, job coaching, job placement and retention; 3) life skills development; 4) housing location; 5) case management services; 6) referral and access to physical, mental health, and community services; 7) substance abuse prevention training; 8) educational services; 9) transportation coordination; and 10) facilitation of compliance with probation/parole special conditions.

NON-FEDERAL MATCH: Non-Federal resources totaling \$38,800 have been secured through partnerships with faith-based community organizations, religious institutions, and local businesses/corporations. The proposal refers to a budget narrative, which may contain specific amounts for non-federal resources, however the budget narrative was not contained in the copy received for this write-up.

SUB-GRANTEES: No subgrantees were identified in the technical proposal. It is possible that information about subgrantees was contained in the budget narrative referenced in the proposal; however, as noted above, no such narrative was included in the copy received for this write-up.

PARTNERS: Faith and Mentoring Partners include: Macedonia Outreach and Career Center; Brentwood Baptist Church, and Beulah Land Community Church; Housing Partners, Joshua House, Path to Success, Caring Arms, and Crawford House; Health Partners, Mental Health and Retardation Association, Riverside General Hospital's Houston Recover Campus, University of Texas Medical Facility, and Texas Division of Rehabilitative Services; Criminal Justice Partners include: Restorative Justice, State Attorney Generals Office, Harris County Probation and Parole Departments, Innerchange Freedom Initiative and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Employment Partners include: the local One-Stop Center, WorkSource-Gulf Coast Workforce Development Board, Excalibur Mineral, Inc., Houston Installation Services, LECS Electrical, Inc., Goodwill, and University of Texas Medical Center.

OUTCOMES: The proposal does not provide specific outcome projections for this project, but rather, shares specific results from based on its previous track record in operating a prisoner reentry initiative. The outcomes listed below represent the way the grantee stated the related information in their proposal.

- **Enrollment:** As of May 11, 2007, 236 participants have been enrolled.
- **Services:** As of May 11, 2007, 1657 services have been provided to participants.
- **Employment:** As of May 11, 2007, 128 participants have been placed in initial jobs.
- **Recidivism:** Currently, the grant has a 2% recidivism rate.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED: The Harris County section of Houston, TX, with emphasis on The Greater Third Ward area.

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