

GRANTEE: Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc.
(Name of Project: LA CPR-Louisiana Community Prisoner Restoration Program)

ADDRESS: 1125 N. Tonti St.
New Orleans, LA 70119

AMOUNT: \$684,250 (Federal Direct) + \$150,000 (Non-Federal Match) = \$834,250 (Total)

DURATION: 12 months

POPULATION SERVED/RECRUITMENT: For year one, the project will serve 200 adult ex-offenders recruited through the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Collaborative of the Louisiana Department of Labor, the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Prometheus Group, and Campaign to ENGAGE (Elevate Next Generation and Gain Excellence) Louisiana. Lead agency, Odyssey House, will provide support services and job placement in emerging and existing industries including: biotechnology, maritime services, information technology, arts, music, tourism, aerospace and environmental services.

NON-FEDERAL MATCH: Non-federal resources of \$150,000 of in-kind administrative and program services will be leveraged by the Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc., including: transportation, day care, equipment, corporate and private contributions, fund raising, health and mental health care, inpatient transitional housing beds (64); as well as linkages to other care providers offering in-kind support services such as: The Salvation Army, Child Protective Services, Bridge House, Responsibility House, Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority, Orleans Parish Drug Court, Workforce Investment Board, New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council, Substance Abuse Services Alliance, and Brotherhood, Inc.

SUB-GRANTEES: Louisiana Department of Labor will provide job training and placement services; Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections (LDPSC) will conduct exit interview assessments and referrals to service providers; The Prometheus Group will provide training, technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation; ENGAGE (Elevate Next Generation and Gain Excellence) will provide mentoring services and community assistance; and a faith-based non-profit (not identified in proposal) will provide a case manager and grants coordinator. Sub-grant amounts listed in the proposal include: Louisiana Department of Labor (\$55,000) for one project coordinator; Louisiana Department of Corrections (\$70,000) for two case managers; Louisiana Department of Probations and Parole (\$70,000) for one job developer and one service coordinator; Prometheus Group (\$87,000) for one program evaluation specialist, two training developers, and one training facilitator; and a faith-based non-profit (\$75,000) for one case manager and one grant coordinator.

PARTNERS: Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections (LDPSC), Louisiana State Department of Labor; the Prometheus Group (PG), ENGAGE, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services, Department of Social Services, and UNITY for the Homeless.

OUTCOMES:

As stated in their PRI DOL proposal, the Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc. anticipates “a correlating decrease in recidivism, a dramatic increase in participant employment rate and retention, and a steady increase in earnings for program participants, as compared to overall state rates.”¹ Exact percentages and figures to measure employment rates, recidivism rates, and earnings change were not explicitly indicated in the description of performance outcomes by the applicant.

Retention Rate

- 90% of graduated participants will receive quarterly follow-up services for one year

Other

- 100% of all program participants will complete an initial needs assessment survey
- 90% (180) participants will receive 60-day intensive case management services (30-days pre & 30-day post release services)

GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED: The City of New Orleans, LA

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¹ Odyssey House Louisiana Inc., DOL PRI-Proposal, Applicant SGA/04-08-511, Question #5: Pages 18-19