

GRANTEE: SPAN, Inc.
ADDRESS: 105 Chauncy St.
Boston, MA 02111
AMOUNT: \$660,000 (Federal Direct) + \$120,000 (Non-Federal Match) = \$780,000 (Total)
DURATION: 12 months

POPULATION SERVED/RECRUITMENT: This project will serve 200 non-violent ex-offenders annually. Participants will be recruited through existing linkages with the state Department of Corrections, community-based parole officers, public defenders, and probation staff.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The project is a collaboration between the lead agency (Span, Inc.) and the Department of Corrections, Massachusetts Parole Board, The Work Place, Jewish Vocational Services of Boston, City Mission Society, Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministries, Partakers, and Volunteers of America of Massachusetts. The project will provide the following services: work readiness training, job development and placement, basic education, access to apprenticeships and higher education, case management, and wrap around services. Participants will also receive mental health and substance abuse services, clothing for their new job, life skills training, and mentoring.

NON-FEDERAL MATCH: Non-federal resources totaling \$120,000 include: Span's Reintegration Support Group, which is funded by the City of Boston and Boston Foundation, will assist with the provision of housing; Span's Blue Cross Blue Shield grant will assist participants with establishing relationships with health care providers; The Mayor's Office – through the Director of Employment and Community Services – has indicated a willingness to support Span's work; and the Boston Foundation's public safety program is providing funding to innovate job and support services. Specific amounts for each of these resources was not provided.

SUB-GRANTEES: Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministries (\$20,706) for 10.8 hours of direct staff time, mentor training, 10 mentors, and a peer support group; Partakers (\$30,247) for 50 mentors, training; City Mission Society (\$20,450) for 10 hours of direct staff time, 10 mentors, mentor training, and the Voices Project; The Workplace and Jewish Vocational Services (\$146,981) for employment services, workforce development education, instructors, job developers, management, and staff supervision.

PARTNERS: Subgrantees, plus Department of Corrections, Massachusetts Parole Board, Volunteers of America of Massachusetts, Neighborhood Jobs Trust, Massachusetts Division of Apprenticeship Training, University of Massachusetts, Bunker Hill Community College, Boston University, Victory House, Sullivan House, Recovery Home Collaborative, Hope House, Lemuel Shattuck Hospital's Integration Clinic, Center for Behavioral Health, Latino Clinic System, Tufts New England Medical Center, Boston Medical Center, Cambridge Hospital, and community health facilities, including Whittier Street Neighborhood Health Center, Roxbury Comprehensive Health Center, Dimock Community Health Center, and Fenway Community Health Center.

OUTCOMES: Outcome measures for this project were not indicated. Instead, the applicant provided the following statistics based on their years of operating a reintegration program since 1976:

- **Employment Rate:** 300 clients participated in employment related services offered by Span's Community Resource Center's job assistance services
- **Retention Rate:** Not provided
- **Earnings Change:** Not provided
- **Recidivism Rate:** 14.13% (79) of the 566 community clients were re-incarcerated after one year
- **Other:**
 - 72% of the 566 clients remained drug and alcohol free
 - 66% of Span's clients were placed in safe housing last year
 - 487 clients were placed in social service agencies in metro Boston for substance abuse services, food, housing, medical care, mental health care, transportation and other services
 - 1200 community placements were made by Span's staff

GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED: Boston, MA

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