

GRANTEE: Urban League of Greater Dallas & North Central Texas (ULGD)

ADDRESS: 4315 S. Lancaster Rd.
Dallas, TX 75216

AMOUNT: First Year: \$660,000 (Federal Direct) + \$114,700 (Non-Federal Match) = \$774,700
(Total)
Second Year: \$653,150 (Federal Direct)

DURATION: 24 months

POPULATION SERVED/RECRUITMENT: The project will serve 400 participants over two years. The applicant will work with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Dallas County Probation and Parole Department, Texas Workforce Commission/Project Rio and others to obtain referrals to the project.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Participants will receive assessments (through O*NET and other instruments), individual development plans, community service and work experience/OJT. Mentoring will be provided to all customers who desire such assistance. Enrollees may also participate in mock interviews with corporate Human Resources staff. Supportive services include referrals and follow-up with substance abuse and mental health appointments, transportation, emergency housing assistance, utility assistance, work tools, clothing, money management and legal services. The project will form an Advisory Board of corporate partners whose objective is to identify and create jobs in high growth areas.

NON-FEDERAL MATCH: Major components: ULGD will provide classrooms equipped with computers, furniture, and some personnel as in-kind contributions (valued at approximately \$47,000); Dallas Independent School District will provide computer training and GED training – two instructors (\$30,000); computer and GED tutoring will be provided through an individual contract with a licensed instructor (\$15,000); the local Workforce Investment Board will provide vouchers for certification training in health (\$9,000); and Adkins Life Skills Program (\$8,100) will provide life skills tools and training.

SUB-GRANTEES: Jones 2000 & Beyond (\$12,979) for life skills services; Dallas Metrocare (\$38,100) for mental health and employment services; and eight faith-based community organizations @ \$5,000 (\$40,000) for mentoring and community services.

PARTNERS: Oak Cliff Coalition of Churches; Bajito Onda; Jones 2000 & Beyond; Verizon, Blockbuster, Pepsi, and other ULGD corporate partners; Work Source for Dallas County (One-Stops); the Stewpot and Project Rio; El Centro Community College; Cedar Valley Community College; Dallas Independent School District; Legal Services of Northwest Texas; VA Mental and Health Services; Salvation Army; Reconciliation Outreach; Dallas Metrocare MHMR Center; Parkland Hospital Systems; University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston; Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Dallas County Probation and Parole Department; and Texas Workforce Commission/Project Rio.

OUTCOMES:

- **Enrollment:** As of May 11, 2007, 241 participants have been enrolled.
- **Services:** As of May 11, 2007, 1638 services have been provided to participants.
- **Employment:** As of May 11, 2007, 186 participants have been placed in initial jobs.
- **Recidivism:** Currently, the grant has a 6% recidivism rate.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED: Southern Dallas and outlying areas of Pleasant Grove, Garland and Irving, TX

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