

**GRANTEE:** OIC of Broward County, Inc.  
(Name of Project: BOOSTER Project)

**ADDRESS:** 2880 West Oakland Park Blvd., #210  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

**AMOUNT:** \$660,474 (Federal Direct) + \$0 (Non-Federal Match) = \$660,474 (Total)

**DURATION:** 12 months

**POPULATION SERVED/RECRUITMENT:** This project will enroll 220 non-violent ex-offenders. Participants will be referred from U.S. Probation, Department of Corrections, and Broward Sheriffs Office.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** The project will expand upon OIC's five-year program as the sole provider of ex-offender services for the Broward Workforce Development Board's Project Second Chance. The project will provide assessment, readiness, employment, and case management services to returning ex-offenders, and linkages through referrals to support services providers. The project will also offer vouchers through the Broward Workforce Development Board for educational expenses such as tuition and books.

**NON-FEDERAL MATCH:** The budget summary does not indicate a non-federal match. However, the proposal states that the project will leverage more than \$250,000 in non-federal support from churches, faith organizations, United Way, the Center for Self-Sufficiency, County general purpose revenue, and foundation support. The proposal also includes a matrix that lists the following in-kind resources: Work Force One WIB's network of service providing partners; Broward County Substance Abuse & Health Care Services for referrals; Mount Olive Development Corporation for access to their parenting/ fatherhood program; Second Chance Society, Inc. and Positive Images, Inc. for clothing; Daily Bread, Inc. for meal programs; Broward County Veterans Services for veteran's health care; FL Department of Children & Families for food stamps, TANF, and Medicaid; Community Action Agency/Legal Aid of Broward County for SSI advocacy, driver's licensing, legal assistance, and child support arrearage services; and Broward Sheriffs Office, U.S. Probation & Parole, and Department of Corrections for visitation rights with children. Dollar values for the in-kind contributions were not provided.

**SUB-GRANTEES:** Hispanic Unity (\$114,975) for employment and job training for 45 limited English speaking participants; and Mount Olive Development Corporation (\$105,000) for mentoring services.

**PARTNERS:** Broward Workforce Development Board; Workforce One Business Services Hub; 70+ employers, including Broward County, Broward Community College, City Furniture, and medical centers; United Way of Broward County; Sheridan Vocational; Concorde Career Institute; Broward County Substance Abuse & Health Services Division; and North Regional Homeless Assistance Center.

**OUTCOMES:**

- **Employment Rate:** 70% will be placed in employment at an average wage of \$8.70/hour
- **Retention Rate:** at least 65% will retain employment after six months
- **Earnings Change:** 70% will receive at least a 5% wage increase after six months; 8% increase after one year
- **Recidivism Rate:** 70% will remain in the community and not return to the criminal justice system
- **Other:**
  - 100% of enrollees will receive objective assessment
  - 85% will receive job readiness training
  - 45% will receive basic skills academic support or GED preparation
  - 35% will participate in an on-the-job training program
  - 65% will be matched with a mentor
  - 20% will be placed in community service
  - 30% will receive intensive training and earn a certificate or degree
  - 40% will receive assistance in finding and/or maintaining safe housing
  - 75% will be in compliance with probation and parole on a monthly basis
  - 100% will be screened for alcohol, drug or mental health conditions; 65% may be referred

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED:** High crime communities within Broward County: Ft. Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Oakland Park, Hollywood, and Hallandale/Dania.

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