

Violent Offender Incarceration/Truth-in-Sentencing Incentive Grant Program

The primary purpose of the VOI/TIS program is to build or expand long term medium to maximum security correctional facilities. However, VOI/TIS funds can also be used for the following:

1. Community based correctional options that free up secure institutional bed space. These can either be early release options or direct sentencing options. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - a) half-way houses;
 - b) home detention programs;
 - c) bracelet programs;
 - d) day-reporting centers;
 - e) work-release programs
 - f) community based treatment programs (substance abuse, mental health, sex offender
 - g) family reunification programs (centers or facilities where parent and children are allowed to live on a trial basis under intensive supervision).
2. Parole Centers, these can either be pre-release or revocation centers but they keep this population out of the more secure, general population beds.
3. Reception and diagnostic centers, these must be long-term placements that free up secure beds.
4. Geriatric facilities, as the prison population ages, these would provide for more suitable correctional settings and free up secure beds.
5. Infirmaries, again these must be long-term housing options.
6. Leasing of Space, VOI/TIS funds can also be used for the short or long-term leasing of space from private or non-profit providers. These facilities can be either operated by the private firm or the state.
7. Juvenile Correctional facilities, these can be all of the projects listed above plus straight housing of non-violent juveniles. This purpose is capped at 10% unless the state declares exigent circumstances and then all of the grant funds can be used on juvenile programs.
8. Jail-based programs, this purpose is capped at 15% but allows for renovation and maintenance cost of local jail or detention facilities which cannot be funded elsewhere.
9. Drug testing, treatment and interventions, of the money received since FY 1999, 10% percent may be used for this purpose. Projects funded under this purpose can include but are not limited to:
 - a) treatment programs and/or treatment staff;
 - b) testing equipment and supplies;
 - c) K-9 units or other detection programs;
 - d) staff overtime for contraband searches, prevention activities, treatment, etc;
 - e) aftercare services such as community-based treatment, housing, job placement, educational services, etc.