

## **Prisoner Reentry Initiative Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. Who is eligible to apply?**

Applicants are limited to state government agencies, including but not limited to, state Department of Corrections and State Criminal Justice Administering Agencies, and federally recognized Indian tribes.

### **2. Are local government agencies, including local and regional jails, eligible to apply?**

No, but state agencies are encouraged to partner with local and regional jails when applying, or to serve as the pass-through agency for funding programs at the local level.

### **3. Can faith and community organizations apply for funding?**

No, but they should contact state agencies or federally recognized Indian tribes to encourage partnerships which can seek funding under the solicitation.

### **4. Are both non-violent and violent offenders eligible for services under this grant?**

Yes, both types of offenders can be served.

### **5. Can the grant be used for pre- and/or post-release services?**

Yes. Agencies are encouraged to use grant funds for both pre- and post-release services, as well as transition planning, assessments, and post-release supervision.

### **6. Do the grants have to include both phases?**

Yes, the application must include information on how they will implement both phases: assessment and planning (months 1-3) and implementation (months 4-24, or 4-36).

### **7. Must we have an advisory group?**

Yes, you must have a multi-disciplinary team in place.

### **8. Is the grant funded for 1, 2, or 3 years?**

That is determined by the applying agency, but the minimum length of time is 24 months, with a maximum time of 36 months. The budget and budget narrative must accurately reflect how the funds will be allocated over the term of the grant.

### **9. What are the match requirements?**

A 25 percent match is required either through cash or in-kind contributions. The source of the match must be accurately described in the application.

### **10. If a state received a Prisoner Reentry Initiative grant in conjunction with the Department of Labor Prisoner Reentry Initiative Grant in 2006, is the state eligible to apply for a Prisoner Reentry Initiative grant for FY 2007?**

Yes, the state is eligible.