

GRANTEE: City of Chicago

ADDRESS: 1615 W. Chicago Avenue, fifth floor
Chicago, IL 60622

AMOUNT: \$1, 200, 000

DURATION: 22 months

POPULATION SERVED: Ex-offenders (ages 18-29)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Productive Choices, a model project is to reduce recidivism among ex-offenders returning to Chicago by assessing them to obtain employment and become productive members of their community. To achieve this, the project will use innovative beneficiary-based providers offering job training, mentoring, and other reentry services for ex-offenders. The list of innovative programs launched as part of this effort, includes transitional jobs programs, customized training programs, social enterprise ventures, customized work services, and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funded ex-offender training programs. The project will be coordinated with programs by the State providing offenders with intensive drug treatment, cognitive skills development, vocational education and job preparation within the correctional setting, and intensive case management and heightened parole supervision following release.

SUBCONTRACTORS: City of Chicago, Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (MOWD); the Illinois Department of Corrections IDOC; and other reentry initiatives provided by local faith and community-based organizations, including St. Leonard's House, Good Samaritan, the Safer Foundation, and North Lawndale Employment Network

GOALS: Serve 225 ex-offenders

GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED: City of Chicago

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