

Reentry Works RFP Q&A 2019

What is the deadline for the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ)?

September 16, 2019.

On page 9, 2nd paragraph; “For those leaving the area, we anticipate providing a comprehensive package upon release to support them at the destination”, what does the comprehensive package look like?

The comprehensive package provides information that will direct the individual to appropriate resources and services for basic needs, services connected to suffice probations/parole requirements and workforce needs in the area in which they will be residing upon release.

Page 11, #3 Clearance: How about if you have clearance already—do you have to do it again? You also stated no felony conviction; what if you have a Certificate of Rehabilitation (COR) or expungement? And if you do not have COR or expungement, how old should the felony be to be able to get clearance?

Clearance must be reviewed and approved annually per facility through the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Reentry Services Division. Individuals who have COR or expungement will be required to follow the clearance process. Approval can only be determined once the background investigation is complete.

Page 12, section B: “Staff at the Sheriff's and Probation departments will be responsible for selecting and referring eligible participants to the jail-based career center.” What about High Level Women? Do they get this same opportunity?

All participants who meet eligibility requirements of the program can be referred for program and/or career center services.

Page 16, 1st paragraph: Will there be formerly incarcerated individuals as peer?

Individuals with lived experience of incarceration are encouraged to participate in peer-to-peer learning and empowerment.

What date [not just month] will a written contract be given?

An exact date cannot be provided. Much is dependent on timeliness of documents received by the awardee, contract negotiations and funder approval.

What is the official start date of the contract?

Tentative start date is October 1, 2019.

Is a pre-planning period permitted prior to starting program services for employing staff, clearance checks, training etc.?

It will be up to respondents to include a pre-planning phase in their plan for service delivery.

What date do you expect the commencement of program services to clients?

This depends on the awardee's ability to have staff in place and services available-dependent on respondent's timeline to provide services.

Estimated funding, page 4 states, “An estimated total Reentry Works funding amount of \$1,940,000 is available”. However, it then goes on to say “The costs cannot exceed Table 1: Total Overall Funding \$1.6M” but the budget templates show funding of \$1,941,645.

Estimated total amount of funding available in the RFP is \$1,600,000. Any additional funds will be made available for “earn and learn” opportunities for justice-involved individuals through a request for bid(s) (RFB) — (See Amendment 1).

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What is the total funding available across the award?

The estimated total award for this RFP is \$1,600,000.

What criteria should be used when allocating costs across the four funding streams?

For the purpose of the RFP, no criteria are required for allocating costs across the four funding streams.

Which expenses are allocated into which funding stream?

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How will recidivism be measured?

(Pending funder confirmation on definition)

Recidivism will include any participants enrolled that return to custody.

What is the current recidivism rate of the client group to be served?

There is no client group currently receiving services in which recidivism data is being tracked.

Please confirm that the goal is to serve 900 clients over the length of the contract.

Over the period of performance, a maximum of 900 participants must receive a minimum of one (1) job center service pre-release at either the LCDRF or EMRF.

Of the 900 served pre-release, or individuals who have previously been incarcerated, on probation or parole, 250 participants must be enrolled and receive post-release services.

Are services available to individuals who are not currently incarcerated?

Yes, post release services are available for individuals who have previously been incarcerated, on probation or parole.

If yes, is there a time limit once released that they can be served? i.e. If they have been released during the last 6 months, 1 year or 5 years, can they be a participant?

(Pending funder requirements) It is up to respondents to propose the specifics of participants who are most in need of services.

At a minimum, to participate in funded activities under this grant, an individual must:

1. Be a sentenced justice involved individual located EMRF, LCDRF, a justice-involved individual enrolled at any of the six (6) community career centers, and/or on probation or parole
2. Have a release date scheduled within 180 days of the individual's enrollment in the program, or on probation or parole

Do these individuals count in the 900 to be served?

No. Only pre-release participants will be included in the 900.

There is no mention of the number to be served from the Imperial County Detention Facilities. Is there a target number to be served from this facility?

SBR recommends respondents address the distribution of Reentry Works funds and number of participants served based on total county population, and incarcerated population shown in Table 2 on page 5.

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Please define credential attainment.

(Pending funder confirmation on definition)

The number of participants enrolled in an education or training program (excluding On-the-Job Training [OJT] or customized training) who attain a recognized post-secondary credential or a secondary school diploma, *or its recognized equivalent during participation, or within one year of program exit.

Please define Training Completions.

(Pending funder confirmation on definition)

The act of identifying and learning a skill and finishing it. WIOA Title II programs provide adult education and literacy instruction.

EDD identifies trainings such as:

Basic Training — Obtain a GED or strengthen your basic math, English, or reading skills.

Vocational Training — Become trained in skills in that are needed for jobs in demand today.

On-the-Job Training — Become trained by a local employer in skills needed for a particular job through on-the-job training programs or apprenticeship opportunities.

Please define/explain “average wage”.

(Pending funder confirmation on definition)

Average wage is the point of reference to which wages are compared within a local, national and global economy.

How many points are available to be awarded?

A maximum of 85 points are available—see Amendment 1.

How is this broken down across the scoring criteria?

See RFP Scoring Methodology on page 19.