

**GRANTEE:** Career Opportunity Development, Inc.  
(Name of Project: Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative)

**ADDRESS:** 901 Atlantic Ave.  
Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215

**AMOUNT:** \$660,000 (Federal Direct) + \$0 (Non-Federal Match) = \$660,000 (Total)

**DURATION:** 12 months

**POPULATION SERVED/RECRUITMENT:** Number to be served not noted. Recruitment will focus on those identified and referred through the formal prisoner discharge planning process already established by the Atlantic County Special Task Force for those exiting the Atlantic County Jail. This process involves over 20 community agencies, including the lead agency on this project. Additionally, the project will recruit from Bayside State Prison and Southern State Prison based on identification and referral by the NJ Department of Corrections.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** Services will focus on employment, mentoring, and job retention assistance, which are considered the major gaps in community services for ex-offenders. Specific services to include: case management; assessment; pre-employment/job readiness skills training; fast-track employment, including job training and placement through casino and retail employer and employer-union sponsored programs; supported work, job coaching and intensive retention services; faith-based mentoring; and referrals to social services providers and education/training providers such as the two local One-Stop Centers and community colleges for GED, ESL, and literacy needs. Housing to be provided via the local public housing authority, Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System, Catholic Charities, Joseph House (St. Monica's Church), and other faith-based and community facilities, including a state-licensed residential facility for those with mental and physical disabilities operated by the lead agency. The lead agency is co-located in the Atlantic City and Cape Atlantic One-Stop Career Centers.

**NON-FEDERAL MATCH:** No specific amount. Narrative notes the leveraging of services from over 30 non-profit organizations and public agencies.

**SUB-GRANTEES:** Two anticipated subcontracts: mentoring services (\$25,000) from un-named sub-grantee; Atlantic City Rescue Mission (\$19,440) for work preparedness hardening training. Lead organization's key partner is Career Quest, but sub-grant amount not clear.

**PARTNERS:** Career Quest/Disabilities Resource Center, a CARF-accredited (Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) non-profit for job retention and follow-up services.

**OUTCOMES:**

- **Employment Rate:** 60% to be fast-tracked into employment
- **Retention Rate:** 80% to be retained in employment
- **Earnings Change:** casino jobs via union contracts provide pay increases after 90 days
- **Recidivism Rate:** no specific data provided
- **Other:** cost per participant @ \$3,000/year

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED:** Atlantic County, NJ

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