

**GRANTEE:** Word of Hope Ministries, Inc. (WHO)  
(Name of Project: WIA-Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative )

**ADDRESS:** 2677 N. 40<sup>th</sup> St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53210

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

**DURATION:** 12 months

**POPULATION SERVED/RECRUITMENT:** For year one the Project will serve 200 formerly incarcerated individuals. Word of Hope (WOH) will develop a formal referral process with the local and state of Wisconsin Department of Correction agencies to conduct outreach and recruitment activities.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** The Project will expand upon WOH's current Ready4Work (R4W) program, a year-long collaborative with Public/Private Ventures (P/PV) and the Department of Labor, providing comprehensive prisoner re-entry services to ex-offenders, including: job readiness training and placement, mentoring services, educational and vocational training, health care, social service counseling, substance abuse treatment, and children's academic enrichment. WOH will work in partnership with the Private Industry Council to provide vouchers to participants for vocational and hard skills training services.

**NON-FEDERAL MATCH:** Although the Application for Federal Assistance summary Sheet (Form 424) indicates \$0 for non-federal matching funds, the proposal states that WOH will leverage non-Federal resources from Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division (BHD) to access treatment services for participants co-enrolled in BHD's Wiser Choice project and the PRI program. WHO will leverage additional resources from private foundations and individuals.<sup>1</sup> No specific amounts were listed.

**PARTNERS:** Milwaukee Private Industry Council; Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division (BHD) Wiser Choice Project; Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership BIG STEP (Building Industry Group and Skilled Trades in Employment Program); Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC); University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Educational Opportunity Center; and HeartLove Place.

**SUB-GRANTEE:** None

**OUTCOMES:**

- **Employment Rate:** 70% (140) will be placed in employment
- **Retention Rate:** 70% (98) will retain employment
- **Earnings Change:** 15% (30) will report wage increases
- **Recidivism Rate:** Maintain a recidivism rate of less than 20%
- **Other:** 90% (180) of participants will be matched to mentors

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED:** The City and County of Milwaukee, WI

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<sup>1</sup> Word of Hope Ministries Inc., DOL PRI-Proposal, Applicant SGA/04-08-040, Question #5: Page 20