

**GRANTEE:** Connections to Success (CtS)  
(Name of Project: same)

**ADDRESS:** 3102 Prospect Ave.  
Kansas City, MO 64128

**AMOUNT:** \$659,432 (Federal Direct) + \$174,000 (Non-Federal Match) = \$833,432 (Total)

**DURATION:** 12 months

**POPULATION SERVED/RECRUITMENT:** This project will serve 200 adult ex-prisoners in Year 1. Participants will be recruited through a formalized pre-release referral and intake process that is already in place through CtS's existing relationship with the Missouri Department of Corrections. Recruitment will also be coordinated through other existing inter-agency collaborations between CtS and local and state-wide institutions such as the U.S. Probation – Western District of Missouri; Kansas City Police Department; Kansas City Municipal Correctional Institution; Weed and Seed; the U.S. Attorney's Office; and the Mayor's Office of Kansas City, MO.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** The Project will utilize an employment-centered strategy to provide services to 200 ex-prisoners. Services will include assessments, workforce readiness training, job development and placement, individual training accounts (ITAs), substance abuse treatment, subsidized employment, transitional employment, industry-specific employment, mentoring, and post-placement support (follow-up, housing, transportation assistance). A central part of the project's strategy involves increased access to the Full Employment Council (WIB) One-Stop Center, and building the capacity of faith and community-based organizations (FBCOs) to create "mini career One-Stop Centers." The project's strategy is designed to replicate the United Way of Brevard County, Florida model and the national Ready4Work Initiative.

**NON-FEDERAL MATCH:** Non-federal resources totaling \$174,000 include: Canaan Missionary Baptist Church and Penn Valley Community College (\$4,000) for GED classes; Community Technology Center (\$103,000) – the value of a Microsoft grant that provides equipment, software, and a trainer for the center; Transitional Jobs Program (\$50,000) – the value of a grant to be awarded to CtS from the City of Kansas City to provide on-site job supervision, life-skills and retention training to ex-prisoners who are leaving the Missouri Correctional Institution; Wheels for Success (\$10,000) for inspection, licensing, insurance, and maintenance of 10 vehicles over six months; Bus Passes (\$1,000) for in-kind funding for FBCOs, employers and related others to purchase bus passes; and Donated Time (\$6,000) for the value of community professionals' donated time to serve on the Advisory Council to be formed for this project.

**SUB-GRANTEES:** 10 Faith- and Community-Based Organizations for staff time (\$180,000 = \$1,500/mo. x 12 mo. x 10 FBCOs) + office supplies (\$6,000) + telephone/internet service (\$18,000) = \$204,000 (TOTAL). The 10 subgrantees are: 1) Friendship Baptist Church; 2) Sheffield Family Life Center; 3) Veronica's Voice; 4) St. Mark's Church; 5) Morning Star Baptist Church; 6) Greater Corinthian Non-Denominational; 7) Paseo Baptist Church; 8) Metropolitan Baptist Church; 9) Community Praise and Worship Outreach Ministries; and 10) St. James United Methodist Church.

**PARTNERS:** Full Employment Council (FEC); Missouri Probation and Parole – Western Region; Office of the Mayor, Kansas City, MO; Federal Bureau of Prisons – Leavenworth, KS; U.S. Penitentiary and Federal Prison Camp; U.S. Probation – Western District of Missouri; Missouri Department of Corrections, including Kansas City Community Release Center; Municipal Correctional Institution of Kansas City, MO; Kansas City Department of Parks and Recreation; University of Missouri at Kansas City; Lens-Crafters; Parent's Fair Share; and employers including Goodyear, J.E. Dunn Construction, UPS, and Citicards.

**OUTCOMES:**

- **Employment Rate:** 156
- **Retention Rate:** 128 (after 90 days)
- **Earnings Change:** \$2,990
- **Recidivism Rate:** 10%

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED:** Kansas City, Missouri

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