

Davis Announces Availability of Second Chance Grants for Non-Profits

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Davis stated, "Today we are ready to take the next important step in implementing the Second Chance Act. This is a day of great significance for the reentry community."

These funds are designed to strengthen jurisdictions characterized by large numbers of returning offenders. As defined in the Second Chance Act "Reentry" is not envisioned to be a specific program but rather an evidence-based process that begins with initial incarceration and ends with successful community reintegration, indicated by lack of recidivism. This process includes the delivery of a variety of evidenced-based program services in both a pre- and post-release setting designed to ensure that the transition from prison or jail to the community is safe and successful. Mentoring of offenders is a significant component or element of a successful reentry strategy. These funds will allow non-profits and community organizations both secular and faith based to increase their roles in assisting ex-offenders successful reentry to productive citizens".

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