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Executive Summary

The funding is to implement a program that will expand educational, vocational, and employment programs for incarcerated adult offenders that result in improved educational and employment outcomes. Through this pilot program, the City of New Haven will leverage partnerships with the Connecticut Department of Corrections, Court Support Services Division Adult Probation, State of Connecticut Board of Pardons and Paroles, New Haven Adult Education, numerous workforce agencies and the Reentry Department of the City of New Haven. This plan should serve approximately 52 offenders per year, with a budget of \$237,274.00/year (federal funds) and \$92,494.00 (non-federal in-kind match). The in-kind match are part of our existing expenditures and the city will not have to come up with capital to fund it.

Our service delivery model employs evidence-based practices for case management with a target audience of young adults, ages 18-25 with a high risk of recidivism, who are returning to the City of New Haven. Eligible candidates, identified by Department of Corrections and Project Fresh Start, shall commence educational and vocational training up to one year prior to release (dependent upon a needs assessment). Participants shall be paired with a case manager, who will assist with the creation and implementation of a case management plan, which shall follow the participant after release and during supervision. The case management plan may be adjusted with the assistance of any supervisory agency post-release.

A program coordinator, through Project Fresh Start, may implement a steering committee including the above-listed departments as well as community members who provide services to the reentry population. Together, the committee will assess the employment needs within the community as well as the capacity of our community partners. The Committee will utilize such information to combine resources, providing pre-release educational services and vocational training, which will result in employment and/or further educational opportunities through our community partners.

Post-release services include continued case management, vocational training, and job placement. The Connecticut Workforce Alliance, New Haven Chamber of Commerce and the Connecticut Retail Merchants Association will assist with job placement with stipends paid initially through the City of New Haven. These combined services are based on past evidence and have shown positive results in reducing recidivism by reducing major barriers to reentry.

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