



March 16, 2010

Dear County Official,

This letter is to invite your county to apply for an Adult Redeploy Illinois planning grant for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010. These planning grants will be non-competitive. This means that if you are eligible (see below), interested and willing to accept the requirements of the planning grant, all you need to do is submit a signed Intent to Participate Form, along with a Program Contact Information Form and Planning Grant Budget Form, in the manner outlined below by the due date, and you will receive the planning grant. These planning grants will range from \$10,000 to \$30,000, depending on the work involved in designing the plan, and are expected to run from April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

What is Adult Redeploy Illinois?

The Crime Reduction Act (Public Act 096-761) took effect January 1, 2010. The Crime Reduction Act establishes the **Adult Redeploy Illinois** program, which provides financial incentives to local jurisdictions for designing community-based programs to treat offenders in the community instead of sending them to state prisons. Under the Act, funds will be offered to counties/groups of counties/judicial circuits to increase programming in their areas, in exchange for reducing the number of people they send to the Illinois Department of Corrections (with penalties if they do not meet the reduction goal). A copy of Public Act 096-0761 is available at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority web site at www.icjia.state.il.us by clicking on the Adult Redeploy Illinois icon.

This invitation letter specifically relates to planning grants and is geared toward counties/groups of counties/judicial circuits that need planning time to bring together key stakeholders and develop a strategy for diverting non-violent offenders in their county from Illinois prisons. If your jurisdiction would like to accept a planning grant, please complete the enclosed Intent to Participate Form, Program Contact Form and Planning Grant Budget Form by March 26, 2010 and submit it to the contact outlined below. The completed local plan for Adult Redeploy Illinois is due no later than August 1, 2010.

Planning Grant Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be a county unit of government in good standing with the State of Illinois. Counties may apply individually or as a group or circuit. A lead county must be selected to serve as the grantee. If an Intent to Participate form is received from more than one entity in identical or overlapping jurisdictions, further discussion with the applicants will be warranted regarding eligibility for receiving the planning grant.

Planning Grant Requirements

As part of the Adult Redeploy Illinois planning grant process, recipient counties will be expected to gather and analyze relevant criminal justice system data, including, but not limited to, current services offered, services needed, strategies for service delivery, potential eligible populations, local governance of issues, data collection and analysis capabilities, and estimated costs involving alternatives to incarceration. Planning grant recipients will also be asked to participate in designated meetings held as part of the Adult Redeploy Illinois program to facilitate the planning grant process.

The information collected through the planning grant process will be submitted at the end of the grant period as part of the jurisdiction's local plan for implementing an Adult Redeploy Illinois program should the jurisdiction be awarded an implementation grant through a separate Request For Proposal (RFP) process. Submitting a local plan is a requirement of the planning grant.

Local Plan Submission

- Submission of the local plan should be done using the standard plan template, which is available at www.icjia.state.il.us by clicking on the Adult Redeploy Illinois icon. The local plan will detail the work of the county, group of counties or circuit; the activities undertaken; and the compiled results of the planning grant process. The local plan will be due to the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (ARIOB) on or before August 1, 2010.
- Submission of a financial report documenting planning grant expenses to the ARIOB is also due to ARIOB on or before August 1, 2010 for all expenditures through June 30, 2010.
- **Although the local plan and financial report are due to ARIOB on or before August 1, 2010, ALL GRANT FUNDS MUST BE EXPENDED BY JUNE 30, 2010.**

Planning Grant Funding

Grant funding under this solicitation will ONLY be authorized to use grant awards for Adult Redeploy Illinois planning grant activities. These may include administrative and planning expenditures directly related to the grant. Planning grant expenditures may NOT include circuit court or county personnel costs or equipment purchases. Acceptable expenditures may include, but not be limited to: office expenses; meeting expenses; contractual/consultant fees; data collection, entry and analysis; report writing; and travel.

Due Date and Submission Requirements

The enclosed Intent to Participate Form, Program Contact Form and Planning Grant Budget Form must be RECEIVED by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2010**. Forms should be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the addresses below. Unsigned forms will NOT be considered.

The completed local plan and the required attachments should be completed and **mailed** no later than August 1, 2010 to the same address.

Illinois Department of Corrections and Illinois Department Human Services
On behalf of the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board
c/o Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
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Phone: 312/793-8550
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If you have any questions, please visit the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority web site at www.icjia.state.il.us and click on the Adult Redeploy Illinois icon, or contact Dr. Lisa Braude at the number above. The Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board looks forward to your affirmative response to this opportunity.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Randle
Director
Illinois Department of Corrections



Michelle Saddler
Secretary
Illinois Department of Human Services