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## **Governor Quinn Announces Nearly \$7 Million to Divert Non-Violent Offenders from Prison to Community Programs**

### *Adult Redeploy Illinois Awards Will Expand Community-Based Alternatives to Incarceration*

CHICAGO – Governor Pat Quinn today announced that judicial services in 34 Illinois counties will receive awards totaling nearly \$7 million under Adult Redeploy Illinois, a promising program that diverts non-violent offenders from prison into more effective community-based services. These actions are part of Governor Quinn’s commitment to maximize criminal justice system resources and make offenders productive members of society again.

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Since 2011, Adult Redeploy Illinois sites have diverted more than 1,000 non-violent offenders. These sites spent an average of \$4,400 per program participant, compared to the annual per capita incarceration cost of \$21,500 in state fiscal year 2011. This represents more than \$18.5 million in potential corrections savings.

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ICJIA is dedicated to improving the administration of criminal justice with work in the areas of grants administration, research and analysis, policy and planning, and information systems and technology. Visit [www.icjia.state.il.us](http://www.icjia.state.il.us). For more information on Adult Redeploy Illinois, go to [www.icjia.org/redeploy](http://www.icjia.org/redeploy).

**Title: Illinois officials announce \$7 million toward non-violent offender program**

**Publication: The Republic – Columbus, Indiana**

**Date: December 29, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/0bc75e7fb44548f8ad5635213195912d/IL--Non-Violent-Offenders>**

CHICAGO — State officials on Sunday announced \$7 million more toward efforts to move non-violent incarcerated offenders into community-based programs.

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Quinn's office says that since 2011, the program has diverted more than 1,000 non-violent offenders. State officials estimate in 2012 that the sites spent \$4,400 per person versus approximately \$21,500 per capita in incarceration costs.

Among those getting the most money are \$1.5 million for the Cook County Justice Advisory Council, more than \$640,000 for Winnebago County Circuit Court and more than \$380,000 for the St. Clair County Probation Department.

A Quinn spokesman said Sunday that the money comes from the state's general revenue fund. A version of the program targeting juveniles was started in 2004. The idea was to help inmates turn away from crime while saving money.

Earlier this year, Quinn closed two major prisons to save money, something that an employees union tried to oppose with a lawsuit. Unions and prison employees fear unsafe working conditions. They claim the prisons are overcrowded, something state officials dispute.

**Title: Illinois Sends \$7 million to prison diversion program**

**Publication: St. Louis Public Radio**

**Date: December 29, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/illinois-sends-7-million-prison-diversion-program>**

Illinois Governor Pat Quinn's office has announced \$7 million in grants aimed at funneling non-violent offenders away from prison and into community-based services.

The funds come through Adult Redeploy Illinois, a program that encourages local jurisdictions to treat and supervise certain offenders, using tools like drug courts and mental health courts. Quinn's office says the program saves up to \$17,000 per year for each offender.

"It gives non-violent offenders the tools and services they need to turn away from crime, while at the same time saving the state millions in incarceration costs," says David Blanchette, the governor's spokesman.

The funds will be divided among 34 counties, including Madison, St. Clair, and Jersey Counties. Jurisdictions that receive funds agree to reduce the number of non-violent offenders sent to the Illinois Department of Corrections by 25 percent.

**Title: \$7 Million Headed to IL Counties, Helping Keep People out of Jail**

**Publication: clproud.com – Peoria, IL**

**Date: December 29, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://www.centralillinoisproud.com/story/7-million-headed-to-il-counties-helping-keep-people/d/story/bVDQOn53MUWE1w3yPzjhtg>**

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Some of those counties, right here in central Illinois

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It's part of Redeploy Illinois.

The money will help with supervision and programs for eligible offenders and also improve public safety. Those who qualify are offered a chance to avoid prison and take part in the program.

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**Title: \$7M going toward non-violent offender program**

**Publication: KWCQ.com – Quad Cities**

**Date: December 29, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://www.kwqc.com/story/24322255/7m-going-toward-non-violent-offender-program>**

CHICAGO (AP) - State officials are putting \$7 million more toward efforts to move non-violent offenders from prison into community-based programs.

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**Title: Winnebago, Boone awarded thousands to divert non-violent offenders from prison**

**Publication: Rockford Register Starr**

**Date: December 29, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://www.rrostar.com/article/20131229/NEWS/131229630/10333/NEWS>**

ROCKFORD - Courts in Winnebago and Boone counties have been awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars to divert non-violent criminals from prison to community-based services, according to a press release sent today.

The Adult Redeploy Illinois program, which is administered by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, provides financial incentives to judicial circuits or counties to expand their diversion programs. The 17th Judicial Circuit Court (Boone County) was awarded \$150,000, and the Winnebago County Circuit Court was awarded \$646,775.

The money is part of a nearly \$7 million state initiative to improve public safety in a way that's less costly to taxpayers. The programs offer criminals intense supervision and services, like cognitive behavioral and trauma-informed therapy.

Jurisdictions that have been awarded money must agree to reduce by 25 percent the number of commitments to the Illinois Department of Corrections from a target population of non-violent, prison-bound offenders.

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**Title: \$7M for non-violent offender program from budget**

**Publication: St. Louis Post Dispatch**

**Date: December 29, 2013**

**Direct link: [http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/illinois/m-for-non-violent-offender-program-from-budget/article\\_eb2dc62f-2d60-5058-8204-4f4860084615.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/illinois/m-for-non-violent-offender-program-from-budget/article_eb2dc62f-2d60-5058-8204-4f4860084615.html)**

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**Title: Grant money coming to Metro East probation programs**

**Publication: CBS – St. Louis**

**Date: December 29, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/12/29/grant-money-coming-to-metro-east-probation-programs/>**

CHICAGO (KMOX/AP) - Seven million more dollars are being spent on efforts to move “non-violent” offenders from Illinois prisons into community-based programs.

Governor Pat Quinn said Sunday in a statement that community programs save money and are shown to produce better results in rehabilitating non-violent offenders.

The grants are going to 34 counties through the “Adult Redeploy Illinois” program.

In the Metro-East, St. Clair County’s probation department is to receive more than \$388,000 while Madison County’s probation department will get nearly \$214,000.

**Title: Money on the way to divert non-violent offenders in Illinois**

**Publication: KHQA- Connecttristates.com – Quincy, IL**

**Date: December 30, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://www.connecttristates.com/news/story.aspx?id=988613#.UsXlaSLnbcs>**

ILLINOIS -- Illinois Governor Pat Quinn announced that 31 Illinois counties will receive a total of nearly \$7 million to divert non-violent offenders from prison into more effective community-based services.

The investments are through **Adult Redeploy Illinois**, a program that is part of Governor Quinn's commitment to reducing crime and improving public safety.

According to a news release from Governor Quinn's office, Illinois' recidivism rate has dropped from 55 percent to 47 percent under his leadership.

"Community-based programs are more cost-effective and produce better results in rehabilitating non-violent offenders," Governor Quinn said. "Everyone benefits when we can help offenders turn their lives around and become productive members of society without filling up our prisons."

Adult Redeploy Illinois will award 18 grants covering 34 counties, including \$436,680 to the 9th Judicial Circuit Court, which covers Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough and Warren Counties.

**Title: Metro East probation departments receive funding**

**Publication: St. Louis Business Journal**

**Date: December 30, 2013**

**Direct link: [http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning\\_call/2013/12/metro-east-probation-departments.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning_call/2013/12/metro-east-probation-departments.html)**

Probation departments in the Metro East are in line to receive more than \$500,000 as part of a statewide effort to move nonviolent offenders from Illinois prisons to community-based programs.

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**Title: \$7M Announced for Ill. Non-Violent Offender Program**

**Publication: WKMS- Murray, Kentucky**

**Date: December 30, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://wkms.org/post/7m-announced-ill-non-violent-offender-program>**

Illinois officials say the \$7 million announced for efforts to move incarcerated non-violent offenders into community-based programs comes from the state's general revenue fund. Gov. Pat Quinn announced the money Sunday, saying community programs save money and are shown to produce better results in rehabilitating non-violent offenders. The grants are going to 34 counties through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Quinn's office says that since 2011, the program has diverted more than 1,000 non-violent offenders. State officials estimate in 2012 the sites spent \$4,400 per person versus approximately \$21,500 per capita in incarceration costs.

**Title: Winnebago County Circuit Court receives grant to help offenders avoid prison**

**Publication: Rock River Times**

**Date: December 30, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://rockrivertimes.com/happening-now/2013/12/30/winnebago-county-circuit-court-receives-grant-to-help-offenders-avoid-prison/>**

The Winnebago County Circuit Court will receive a grant for more than \$600,000 to help non-violent offenders avoid prison, Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn (D) announced Sunday, Dec. 29.

The grant for \$646,775 is part of the \$7 million Adult Redeploy Illinois program that will provide assistance to 31 counties and judicial districts. Under the system, eligible offenders may be sentenced to participate in community-based programs instead of going to prison.

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Administered by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), Adult Redeploy has diverted more than 1,000 offenders from prison since 2011. Last year, participating counties spent an average of \$4,400 per offender, compared to the annual per capita incarceration cost of \$21,500 in 2011.

Those stats, Quinn’s office said, are the result of the governor’s commitment to reducing crime. While Quinn’s been in office, Illinois’ recidivism rate has dropped from 55 percent to 47 percent.

The 17th Judicial Circuit Court in Boone County will receive \$150,000 as part of the Adult Redeploy grant.

Meanwhile, Quinn hopes to ride legislative accomplishments as he heads into the final months of his bid for reelection. Quinn, who is in his first full term, says landmark legislation such as concealed carry, same-sex marriage and pension reform speak loudly of his ability to continue leading the state into the future.

“To me, leadership is all about working as a team,” Quinn told the Associated Press. “I want to be a humble governor who is proud of our people. I inherited a huge mess. I don’t think there’s any governor in America that had to deal with the three crises I inherited [corruption scandals from two former governors, the economic recession and the state’s fiscal crisis]. Those were very monumental challenges that require leadership, not just somebody who talks all the time about themselves.”

Lieutenant governor under former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, Quinn became governor Jan. 29, 2009, when Blagojevich was impeached and voted out of office by the Illinois Senate

**Title: Quinn: \$7M to divert non-violent offenders to community programs**

**Publication: WGNtv.com – Chicago, IL**

**Date: December 30, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://wgntv.com/2013/12/30/quinn-announces-7-million-to-divert-non-violent-offenders-to-community-programs/>**

Governor Pat Quinn announced Monday that Illinois is allocating \$7 million to divert non-violent offenders from prisons to community programs.

The funding will be distributed in 31 counties through the “Adult Redeploy Illinois” program. It provides financial incentives to counties and circuit courts to create or expand diversion programs that encourage local supervision of eligible non-violent offenders.

Over the last two years “Adult Redeploy Illinois” sites have helped save more than \$17 million in potential corrections costs

**Title: Illinois working on community programs for non-violent offenders**

**Publication: Tristatehomepage.com – Evansville, Indiana**

**Date: December 30, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://www.tristatehomepage.com/story/illinois-working-on-community-programs-for-non-vio/d/story/83hnUumkmkOQdsVc7DYFew>**

Illinois officials are helping non-violent offenders get out of prison and into community-based programs. The state is giving a total of \$7 million to 34 counties. Governor Pat Quinn says community programs save money and are shown to produce better results in rehabilitating non-violent offenders.



**Title: Adult Redeploy Illinois Awards Will Expand Community-Based Alternatives to Incarceration**

**Publication: E-new Park Forest – Chicago, IL**

**Date: December 30, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://www.enevspf.com/latest-news/latest-local/49075-governor-quinn-announces-7-million-to-divert-non-violent-offenders-from-prison-to-community-programs.html>**

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**Title: State: \$7M going toward non-violent offender program**

**Publication: The Southern Illinoisan – Carbondale, IL**

**Date: December 30, 2013**

**Direct link: [http://thesouthern.com/news/state-m-going-toward-non-violent-offender-program/article\\_6b38d632-7116-11e3-b8c6-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thesouthern.com/news/state-m-going-toward-non-violent-offender-program/article_6b38d632-7116-11e3-b8c6-0019bb2963f4.html)**

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**Title: Illinois moving non-violent offenders to community-based services**

**Publication: KTVI – St. Louis**

**Date: December 30, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://kplr11.com/2013/12/30/illinois-moving-non-violent-offenders-to-community-based-services/>**

(KTVI) – Inmates are getting a second chance in Illinois. Governor Pat Quinn says dozens of counties, including Madison and St. Clair, will split \$7 million.

The money will be used to move non-violent offenders from prison into community-based services.

The aim — to reduce crime and improve public safety. Quinn says community-based programs are more cost-effective and produce better results in rehabbing non-violent offenders.

**Title: Program frees up prison space**

**Publication: Galesburg Register-Mail**

**Date: December 31, 2013**

**Direct link: <http://www.galesburg.com/article/20131231/NEWS/131239989/10182/NEWS>**

GALESBURG — Knox County and several others in the 9th Judicial Circuit Court system will share more than \$430,000 in state funds in 2014 to support a program to divert non-violent offenders from prison to rehabilitation services.

The program, Adult Redeploy Illinois, was launched in 2011 as a cost-saving alternative to incarceration. Those alternatives include cognitive, emotional and behavioral therapy and treatments with intensive supervision.

But establishing an expanded drug-court program is where a large percentage of the 9th Circuit's funds will be directed, according to Mary Ann Dyar, program administrator with ARI.

"We're investing funds into the community," said Dyar, who added more than 90 percent of those sent to the Department of Corrections return to their community.

Knox County already has its own drug court program, which was launched in 2008. Dyar says the circuit-wide model, which will be the first of its kind in the state, will in part be modeled after Knox's program and fulfill a statewide mandate that each circuit court offer such alternatives for drug offenders.

Dyar believes the program will have a significant impact on the taxpayer and offender alike, noting most drug court programs have a success rate of 50 percent.

"We recognize the current way they're being dealt with is not effective," said Dyar. "They're going to prison, getting out and going back in."

Henderson County State's Attorney Scott McClintock says his county experiences a high-level of recidivism. He says he's seen first-hand some of the successes of drug court and other rehabilitation programs, and that he would rather use his "office to make some positive impact instead of just maxing out a sentence."

"Some folks have managed to become successful," McClintock added. "I still see them around today. They're working. They're productive members of society and they haven't reoffended."

McClintock also highlights the potential economic benefits of ARI. According to a press release from Gov. Quinn's office, the state could save up to \$17 million annually between the cost of ARI's programs and that of incarceration.

"Anything we can do to lessen the burden on taxpayers is a good thing," McClintock said

However, McClintock also believes there are certain limitations to how successful prison-alternative programs can be. For him, those facing methamphetamine charges encounter an uphill battle with drug court or similar programs due to the highly addictive nature of the drug.

“I don’t drive a hard line,” McClintock said. “I mean, each case is handled differently. But in my opinion pot and cocaine cases are more successful.”

Other area state’s attorneys also have seen the highs and lows of alternative programs. Knox County State’s Attorney John Pepmeyer says he’s seen his fair share of those who do and do not complete programs like Knox County’s drug court, but believes the positives outweigh the negatives.

“I think the program works quite well and serves its intended purpose,” Pepmeyer said. “We have seen more successes than failures.”

More than 1,000 non-violent offenders have successfully completed rehabilitation programs since ARI launched nearly three years ago

**Title: DuPage Circuit Court receives \$300K grant to keep nonviolent offenders out of prison**

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**Date: December 31, 2013**

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Counties across Illinois, including DuPage, will receive nearly \$7 million to divert nonviolent offenders out of prison and into community services, according to a Dec. 30 news release from the Office of Gov. Pat Quinn.

The money will be channeled through Adult Redeploy Illinois, the release said, which provides financial incentives to counties or judicial circuits to create or expand diversion programs.

One of the grants will be awarded to DuPage County's 18th Judicial Circuit Court, which will receive \$317,514, according to the release.

"Community-based programs are the most cost-effective and produce better results in rehabilitating nonviolent offenders," Quinn said. "Everyone benefits when we can help offenders turn their lives around and become productive members of society without filling up our prisons."

**Title: Ill. hopes to move more non-violent offenders from prison**

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CHICAGO — State officials on Sunday announced \$7 million more toward efforts to move non-violent incarcerated offenders into community-based programs. The 18 grants are going to 34 counties through Adult Redeploy Illinois, a program run by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, according to a news release on Sunday.

“Community-based programs are more cost-effective and produce better results in rehabilitating non-violent offenders,” Gov. Pat Quinn said in a statement. “Everyone benefits when we can help offenders turn their lives around and become productive members of society without filling up our prisons.” Quinn’s office says that since 2011, the program has diverted more than 1,000 non-violent offenders. State officials estimate in 2012 that the sites spent \$4,400 per person versus approximately \$21,500 per capita in incarceration costs.

Among those getting the most money are \$1.5 million for the Cook County Justice Advisory Council, more than \$640,000 for Winnebago County Circuit Court and more than \$380,000 for the St. Clair County Probation Department.

A Quinn spokesman said Sunday that the money comes from the state’s general revenue fund. A version of the program targeting juveniles was started in 2004. The idea was to help inmates turn away from crime while saving money.

Earlier this year, Quinn closed two major prisons to save money, something that an employees union tried to oppose with a lawsuit. Unions and prison employees fear unsafe working conditions. They claim the prisons are overcrowded, something state officials dispute.



**Title: State extends 'Redeploy' funding: Program diverts offenders from prison system**

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EDWARDSVILLE — Madison County, one of the first counties in the state to receive a “Redeploy” grant, has received an extension of funding aimed at steering people away from prison and into more productive lives.

“Our prisons are full, and people are finally realizing, particularly with respect to drug abuse, that it doesn’t pay to house them in prison and have them come out the same as they went in,” Circuit Judge Kyle Napp said. She presides over Madison County Drug Court, which makes use of the program.

Chief Deputy Probation Officer Nancy Cooper said the initiative is for non-violent offenders who would go to prison if it were not for the program. The \$213,700 grant is awarded to the Madison County Probation Department, which arranges a variety of services from non-governmental agencies.

“By providing services in the community, it saves the state money because these people are not going to the Department of Corrections,” Cooper said. “You see changes in these people when they get services that they would not have gotten had they gone to prison.”

She said the Probation Department signed an agreement to reduce by 20 percent the number of non-violent offenders sent to prison.

Napp said she is impressed by the number of people who graduate from Drug Court and singled out the Redeploy program as a significant factor in their recovery.

Madison County was one of 10 counties that received grants when the program started in 2011, and the number statewide has grown to 31 counties.

Gov. Pat Quinn announced the awards and said Redeploy Illinois comes to a total of \$7 million. In addition to Madison County, Jersey County was awarded \$123,800.

“Community-based programs are more cost-effective and produce better results rehabilitating non-violent offenders,” Quinn said. “Everyone benefits when we can help offenders turn their lives around and become productive members of society without filling up our prisons.”

Cooper said the Madison County state’s attorney signs off on people who may go to prison if not for Redeploy.

The offenders are evaluated by TASC, based locally in Edwardsville. TASC stands for Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities. It operates all over the state.

People who qualify for Redeploy are usually those with addiction, mental illness or post-traumatic stress syndrome, Cooper said.

Once they are evaluated, they receive help from a “recovery coach” under a contract with Chestnut Health Systems.

Marqueto Caffey-Hopkins is the coordinator of Redeploy through Chestnut Health Systems. Under the program, she provides additional support with how addicts relate to the community.

Cooper said Caffey-Hopkins makes sure the offenders go to the 12-Step program meetings they are required to attend, works with state job programs to provide training or help finding a job. They can even receive help in how to dress for a job interview or bus tokens to get them to meetings, job interviews or therapy.

After a period of treatment, she may insure that participants go to school, get a GED or get a jobs. "It is extremely difficult to get them a job," Caffey-Hopkins said in an interview in November, "especially if they have a felony conviction."

However, Caffey-Hopkins has contacts with several groups in Madison County communities, and when the participants find jobs, it does wonders for their progress by giving them more confidence, a better self-image and a feeling of self-worth, Caffey-Hopkins said.

Napp cited one drug court graduate who had a supervisory position before he was assigned to drug court and to Redeploy. He eventually graduated and was able to again get a job in a supervisory position after the judge wrote a letter to his prospective employer, she said.

"It is phenomenal," she said.

A graduate by the name of Sherry walked up to Caffey-Hopkins after the November Drug Court graduation ceremony, thanked her and promised to stay in touch. Others singled out Caffey-Hopkins for her help.

"Me standing here is nothing short of a miracle," she said. "I want to thank Marqueto for all the structure, love and support when I needed it most," Sherry said during the November graduation ceremony.

Cooper said many of the Redeploy participants are in Drug Court, but others are in Mental Health Court.

She said the Redeploy program is not an example of coddling criminals.

"It is a real tightly run program. They must make their court dates every two weeks. They have to attend treatment almost every day. They are subject to sanctions and curfews," Cooper said.

People receive therapy from Chestnut Health Systems or Wellspring, a community mental health agency based in Alton.

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More support is coming for alternative sentencing. The governor's office has announced \$7 million more for programs intended to rehabilitate non-violent offenders through Adult Redeploy Illinois, under the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Mary Ann Dyar, Adult Redeploy Illinois' program administrator, says people who would rather see the judges throw all the criminals in prison and throw away the key should consider that almost everyone knows someone who struggles with addiction. "If you were to look at the people who are getting caught up in the criminal justice system simply because their addiction is not addressed," Dyar says, "It is easier to look at this program as a 'smart on crime' solution."

Dyar's office gets grant money to local programs, such as one she cites in Macon County, where offenders submit to a "community restorative board," where the offenders are paired with mentors. "What we've witnessed," Dyar says, "is that the individuals in the circle – retired teachers, small business owners, pastors – offer to help these individuals get jobs. And that connection is what's going to make the difference."

**Title: Kane County court services to get \$300K grant for probation services**

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ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP – Kane County Court Services will receive a \$300,000 state grant to help nonviolent offenders complete probation and not go to prison. Kane is one of 18 grant recipients in 31 counties to receive nearly \$7 million through Adult Redeploy Illinois, administered through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Kane County Court Services Director Lisa Aust said the grant will cover the cost of hiring three more probation officers who specialize in high-risk defendants – those who are more likely to go to prison because they cannot complete the terms of their probation.

“They are missing their appointments because maybe they don’t have transportation,” Aust said. “Maybe they do not have employment, so they are not paying their fines.”

The temporary probation officers are hired only for the length of the grant, which ends June 30, Aust said, adding they hope to apply for another grant by then. Program manager Deanna Cada, who wrote the successful grant, said the program is for adults 18 and older. The probation department has identified about 100 people in the county who would benefit from this type of intensive service.

“These are not people committing serious crimes, they are not violent offenders,” Cada said. “Somehow, they have had this stumble, this barrier to being successful, and then they spiral downward. ... This is to have those barriers removed, so they can be successful [and] stop the downward spiral.”

Aust said keeping people out of prison benefits them and their communities.

“They’re employed, paying taxes, taking care of their kids, their families, paying rent, supporting the local economy,” Aust said. “And it’s not costing us by having to house them in prison.”

Cada said one of the things the Department of Corrections looks at in considering grant applications is the annual cost of incarceration versus how much it costs to help one person.

“It’s still more reasonable than sending somebody to the Department of Corrections,” Cada said. “We’re not keeping a hardened criminal in the community. We’re keeping people in the community who are contributing to it.”

Tom Shaer, a spokesman for the Department of Corrections, said the program already has demonstrated its impact on the criminal justice system.

“We’re still tabulating 2013, but for part of 2011 and in 2012, the 10 sites in full implementation diverted 838 nonviolent offenders – which is the equivalent of two cell blocks of a prison,” Shaer said. “It’s an average cost of \$21,500 to incarcerate an individual for a year. Of those enrolled since it began, 91 percent avoided prison altogether and did not commit another offense.”

State officials have estimated the savings at more than \$17 million in incarceration costs.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said the county will see the benefit from the grant.

"The research has shown the people who go back to work are less likely to find themselves back in the system for reoffending," McMahon said. "This grant will help court services work with people who are on probation. ... We'll all see a benefit. This is great work."