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A RESOLUTION BY
 COUNCILMEMBER CLETA M. WINSLOW

Cleta Winslow
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY
 FOR AND ACCEPT A SUBGRANT FROM
 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR
 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN AN
 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 TO BE
 MATCHED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
 EXCEED \$8,333 TO FUND A JUVENILE
 OFFENDER RE-ENTRY PROGRAM
 DESIGNED TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM
 RATES AMONG JUVENILE OFFENDERS
 BY PROVIDING JUVENILE OFFENDERS
 WITH EDUCATION AND CHARACTER
 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS DESIGNED
 TO GIVE YOUNG OFFENDERS AN
 OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THEIR
 EDUCATION AND BECOME FIT TO
 COMPETE IN THE WORKPLACE, AND
 FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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MAYOR'S ACTION
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 MAR 14 2012
 WITHOUT SIGNATURE
 BY OPERATION OF LAW

AS SUBSTITUTED BY FULL COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A SUBGRANT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 TO BE MATCHED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,333 TO FUND A JUVENILE OFFENDER RE-ENTRY PROGRAM DESIGNED TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM RATES AMONG JUVENILE OFFENDERS BY PROVIDING JUVENILE OFFENDERS WITH EDUCATION AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO GIVE YOUNG OFFENDERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION AND BECOME FIT TO COMPETE IN THE WORKPLACE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office for Children and Families has announced the availability of Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds from the United States Department of Justice to be subgranted to local governments with a priority on programs designed to impact juvenile offenders re-entering the community following incarceration or other contact with the criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS, juveniles who return to the community following incarceration are less likely to return to school and succeed in school, and

WHEREAS, juveniles who return to the community following incarceration are more likely to return to associations and environments conducive to re-offending by that juvenile offender, and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Police Department already participates in a program with the Georgia Department of Corrections to supervise and support adult offenders returning to the community, and

WHEREAS, intervention to ensure re-entry to the community by juvenile offenders is critical to reducing recidivism rates among this population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Section one: that the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for and accept grant funding from the Governor's Office for Children and Families in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to fund a juvenile offender re-entry program. **A copy of the grant proposal is attached to this resolution.**

Section two: that matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$8,333 will be transferred from **Council Member District 4 Expense Account 1001.030204.57300041110000.00** to the grant project center as required by the grantor.

Section three: that the grant will also support Atlanta Police Department efforts to supervise and support re-entry by juvenile offenders.

Section four: that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all grant related documents to execute the grant award.

A true copy,



Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

MAR 05, 2012
MAR 14, 2012



CITY OF ATLANTA JUVENILE OFFENDER RE-ENTRY PROGRAM PROGRAM NARRATIVE

I. Problem Statement

Juvenile offenders who are released from custody by Georgia juvenile authorities are at very high risk to re-offend, due largely to a number of factors that can be effectively addressed by pro-active corrective and preventive measures. These risk factors are more fully described below:

1. Youthful offenders who have been incarcerated have missed some portion of the school year. Accordingly, immediate re-enrolment in school is most difficult. As a result these young people who do not re-enter school are at greater risk to have much idle time and often wind up on the streets or 'hanging around' businesses where the temptation to re-offend is often irresistible. Further, failure to re-enter and complete school is a certain first step to a life of poverty and crime. Even those offenders who re-enter school may find themselves at a disadvantage in terms of academic performance, due to their time of incarceration, which often results in missed school work. In short, re-entering juvenile offenders are at greater risk to re-offend if they subsequently do not resume their education.
2. Re-entering juvenile offenders are at risk to return to environments and associations that lead to their offending behavior in the first place. Intervention is clearly required to divert these youths from resuming their association with those who influence them to resume criminal activities.
3. All too often, juvenile offenders wind up in the criminal justice system due to a lack of family or community support to supervise their behavior and discourage criminal activities. Clearly, effective family support structures are essential to preventing recidivism among re-entering juvenile offenders.

The City of Atlanta presently receives some six re-entering juvenile offenders per month, on average. Recidivism rates among juvenile returning from incarceration presently average 41.3% for Region three, which includes the core of the Atlanta region, where the recidivism rate is slightly higher than the statewide average recidivism rate of 40.7%. This is the region defined by the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice for reporting purposes.. The combination of this volume of re-entering offenders and the recidivism rate make for an alarming potential for a high rate of juvenile crime. Atlanta needs to identify and supervise juvenile offenders returning to the community following state incarceration to ensure these juveniles are provided guidance and support to resume their education, where appropriate, or to become viable to enter into the workforce. At present, there is no effective system in place to guide re-entering juvenile offenders to a life in the mainstream, as is evidenced by the number of such youths who congregate on the streets with no direction or guidance, at great risk to resume a life of crime. When



considered in conjunction with the likelihood such youth will be unable to return to school, the degree of risk escalates, because a lack of a high school diploma is a certain pathway to the life of a career criminal.

II Program Goals

A. GOCF Performance Measures

The following table summarizes performance measures to be employed to measure program effectiveness.

#	Measure	Definition	Format	Short	Intermed.	Long
OP-1	Number and percent of program youth completing program requirements	Number and percent of program youth who complete individualized program	A. Number of youth who exited program having completed individualized program requirements. B. Number of youth who left the program. C. percent A/B	X		
OC-1	Number and percent of youth who reoffend	Number and percent of program youth who are rearrested or seen in juvenile court for a new offense	A. number of youth with a new offense. B. Number of youth in the program. C. Percent A/B	X		
OC-3E	GED	Youth in program who complete GED	A. Number of program youth who complete GED B. Number of youth served during report period C. A/B	X		
OC-3G	Job skills	Number and percent of youth who exhibit increase in job skills	A. Number of program youth in program who exhibit increase in job skills B. Number of youth served in reporting period C. A/B	X		

B. Program indicators

1. Number of juvenile offenders released from custody referred to the program by Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice.
2. Number of referred juvenile offenders who enroll in program, including GED, job preparedness and character development programs.
3. Number of Juvenile offenders who receive intensified supervision by Atlanta Police.



4. Number of referred juvenile offenders who enroll in program who complete programs.
5. Number of referred juvenile offenders who re-offend within 6 months of completing programs.

A. Output Indicators

1. Serve 96 juvenile offenders released by the Georgia Department of juvenile Justice annually.
2. 100% of juvenile offenders who did not complete high school complete GED program or return to high school.
3. 100% of eligible juvenile offenders complete job training programs.
4. 100% of juvenile offenders revealed to require character development based on initial assessment complete character development programs.
5. Parents of 96 juvenile offenders receive program support to enhance their skills as parents.

B. Outcome indicators

1. Number of juvenile offenders who complete GED and continue their education or find employment.
2. Number of Juvenile offenders who complete job training program who find employment.
3. Reduce the number of juvenile offenders who re-offend within 6 months of program completion.

III Evaluation Plan

The number of newly released juvenile offenders who receive individualized programs and who complete such programs will be measured to determine the level of participation in programs by youth to be served by this program. To determine whether the program succeeded in its primary objective to reduce recidivism rates among program participants, the number of program youth who re-offend will be measured and compared to the recidivism rate for youth not participating in the program. A measurable reduction in the recidivism rate to less than 40% will be the benchmark for program success.

IV Methods and Procedures

The City of Atlanta will collaborate with Visions, Unlimited, an area non-profit managed by a retired educator, to receive referrals from the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice of juvenile offenders who are being released from youth detention centers and returning to the Atlanta area. Further, the Atlanta Police Department will assign patrol officers to overtime assignments as needed and workable to provide intensified supervision of juvenile offenders enrolled in the program. Officers may visit the homes of



these juveniles to be sure juveniles are not in violation of any curfew orders. Further, officers may monitor juveniles to make sure they attend Visions programs, as assigned. Additionally, these officers may monitor school attendance and behavior, as necessary. Visions, Unlimited will assess these juveniles in terms of their needs to effectively reintegrate into the mainstream. Assessment may begin while program youth are still in custody. Assessment will include determination as to whether the juvenile needs GED completion or requires substance abuse treatment. Also, needs for job training will also be assessed by Visions as well as determination as to need to learn self control (anger management). The results of these assessments will be evaluated to design an individualized program for each juvenile offender to ensure program content matches the needs of the individual. Visions will conduct the customized programs and closely monitor participant participation. Education and training programs will make use of desktop computers supplied by an earlier grant by the Governor's Office for Children and Families. (JB-06FM-0008). After participants graduate from the program, Visions will monitor progress of the graduates and render support if a graduate is encountering difficulty or shows signs of reverting back to risky behavior that may result in new offenses.

V. Previous Program Accomplishments

The City of Atlanta had previously received subgrant support from the Governor's Office for Children and Families to implement a program base on the Chicago Cease Fire program also in collaboration with Visions, Unlimited. This program deployed former gang members to locations where high risk youth congregated and these former gang members contacted them and discouraged their risky behavior, based on their own previous experience involved with gangs. Further, these at risk youth were referred to programs at Visions to divert them from high risk behavior. This program diverted 60 at-risk youth to Visions programs to prevent gang involvement and criminal behavior.

VI Additional Funding Sources

The City anticipates support in the form of work space from the faith-based community and donation of labor from community volunteers and materials from a local business to finish the work space. This space may be used to augment rented space that will serve as the main operations center. Further, the City of Atlanta will provide police vehicles for officers assigned to monitor program youth. These police vehicles will travel some 1,200 miles per year in support of program activities.

VII Continuation Plan

The City anticipates assembling long term funding support from a collaboration of private donors, including local foundations, the faith-based community and business associations. Despite the less than ideal state of the economy, the City anticipates the success of the program in deterring juvenile crime will result in considerable interest in the community in the continued success of this endeavor.

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