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Re: ESR Clarification
Breaking Chains Funding

Please see our answers below regarding your Clarification Request regarding our ESR submission for Breaking Chains funding.

1. Is your proposal still viable for implementation as originally submitted?

Yes. On our original submission, we requested $70,000 to fund both a Case Manager and a Volunteer Coordinator for our Re-Entry Program. Both of these positions are still critically needed, even more so due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The jails and prisons are currently closed to outside visitors, so our Case Manager and volunteers cannot meet with clients who are incarcerated at this time. However, our Case Manager also meets with people being released from incarceration to assist them in making a smooth transition back into the community, and due to COVID-19, jails and prisons are releasing a record number of people.

According to a June 10 article in the Lexington Herald Leader, "the jail population in Kentucky plunged by 32 percent from late February through last week (first of June), falling from 24,449 to 16,542 according to a data analysis from the Vera Institute of Justice."

Our Case Manager works to help these people who are being release early to create their own personalized transition plan, including setting goals and developing strategies for finding housing, securing employment or furthering education, maintaining financial stability, building a community support system, and strengthening family relationships. Our goal is to help provide stability and support so these ex-inmates do not re-offend. In 2019, the Case Manager met with 80 men and 22 women, and nearly 95% maintained their freedom. In the second quarter of 2020, our Case Manager met with twice as many people as he did in the same time period in 2019 because of the number of people being released due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Volunteer Coordinator position is critical is securing, training and managing approximately 75 volunteers who serve as ongoing mentors to clients to help them with life skills needed to successfully acclimate back into society. As more and more people are being released from incarceration, it is more

critical than ever that they have people trained and ready to walk alongside them and provide the support they need to be successful.

2. Please detail any modifications you will be making to the original submission in order to comply with the new service delivery requirements in the COVID-19 environment?

Our Case Manager is appropriately social distancing with clients, and wearing masks, to comply with service delivery requirements. Likewise, all groups are kept at a number that will allow the needed social distancing.

3. Will these new modifications increase or decrease your proposed budget? Please detail any increases or decreases to your proposed budget including additional costs and/or secured funding.

The biggest increase in our budget due to COVID-19 is in our client assistance line item. As a large number of people are being released from prison, we are working hard to help them self-isolate for 14 days in a hotel. Sometimes this stay will be even longer as we assist them with finding employment and a permanent place to live. We received a $24,000 COVID-relief grant from the ACLU to offset current additional costs related to our Re-Entry Division.