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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

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# Offender Reentry Program

## Purpose

The Department of Corrections (DOC) applies for and receives grants from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), to provide reentry services in both correctional institutions and Community-Based Corrections (CBC) District Departments. This budget unit is used to administer the grants by processing offender reentry grant receipts and expenditures.

The majority of the funding received by the DOC is from the BJA under the 2008 Second Chance Act (Public Law No.110-199). This federal law provides grants to state and local governments as well as nonprofit organizations to provide transition services as offenders are released from prison and return to local communities. The purpose is to reduce recidivism by enhancing services for offenders released from state prisons, local jails, or juvenile detention centers.

## Funding

The DOC received a \$3.0 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, through the BJA for three years for the Statewide Recidivism Reduction Initiative (SRRI). The DOC partnered with the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) in the grant application and implementation of the grant award. The DOC is focusing on building partnerships with State and local government agencies and nonprofit entities to build capacity and sustainability. In addition to building partnerships, the DOC will be focusing on building infrastructure around recidivism reduction strategies.

The DOC received a Second Chance Act grant for \$545,000, shared between the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women (ICIW) and the Fifth Judicial District, for the Iowa Female Co-Occurring Treatment and Reentry Program. Six months of co-occurring disorders treatment at the ICIW is followed by six months of supervision by a parole officer. The grant includes housing vouchers and follow-up care with the House of Mercy.

The DOC received \$49,000 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to redesign the sex offender program so that the institution and community-based programs will consistently utilize the same curriculum that adheres to evidence-based standards for sex offender programming in a manner that allows for a seamless transition from institution to community programs and to establish assessment processes that are consistent with recent research and Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.

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## More Information

Department of Corrections: [doc.state.ia.us](http://doc.state.ia.us)

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**Related Statutes and Administrative Rules**

Iowa Code chapter [904](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [201](#)

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