

Request for Information for Parolee Reentry Services

SD Department of Corrections

The South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC) seeks, by means of this Request for Information (RFI), responses from providers, including jails, interested in providing or developing residential and case management services for adult male and female parolees participating in the Community Transition Program (CTP) or held on detainee status. A parolee is an individual who has been conditionally released from a SD DOC facility prior to the expiration of the individual's sentence under the supervision of the DOC.

CTP participants are parolees transitioning between prison and the community. The objectives of CTP are to provide access to community services based on needs (including chemical dependency, mental health, life skills and cognitive programming) and transitional housing. Parolees are placed in CTP directly from prison or from the community in lieu of a parole revocation. The focus of CTP is successful transition from prison to community. CTP participants are typically competitively employed in the community. Historically, many CTP offenders have been housed at minimum security DOC facilities but access community resources. The DOC would like to move parolees from prison facilities and develop/utilize community based options for the provision of parolee services.

Parole detainees are parolees held in temporary custody due to violations of their parole conditions, release plan failures or possible pending criminal charges. These parolees have been in the community but were not successful or compliant with their release from prison. Detainment is an interim step prior to parole revocation. Detainment is designed to provide a temporary period of removal from the community for sanctioning, placement in a sober environment, sorting through outcomes of possible legal charges or in response to release plan failures. Detainees do not have access to the community and have been housed in secure DOC facilities.

The DOC is interested in securing up to 20 beds for female detainees, up to 20 beds for female CTP participants, up to 50 beds for male detainees and up to 120 beds for male CTP participants. The DOC is specifically interested in securing beds in Minnehaha County, Pennington County and counties in northeast SD (Brown, Beadle, Codington and Roberts). For female offenders, the DOC is also interested in services in central SD. These preferred locations are based on the location of residence for most parolees and communities with jobs and services required under this program. These parole reentry services could be delivered by one or two vendors providing 100-200 beds or by multiple vendors, providing a smaller number of beds. Vendors can respond for services for the CTP population, the detainee population or both. The DOC encourages proposals that provide services for at least 10 individuals.

Chronic criminal behavior is common with this population and chronic substance abuse is a significant need of this population.

The mandatory elements of the program are residential services and case management with CTP offenders accessing existing treatment services in the community. It would be ideal if a vendor could provide a level of treatment interventions on site for the detainees.

A competitive Request for Proposals may follow this RFI; however, the DOC does not guarantee any contract will be awarded as a result of this RFI.

The DOC currently seeks information from agencies interested in providing or developing housing and case management for parolees. Residential services for CTP participants can be provided in a non-correctional or correctional setting. Residential services for detainees will be provided in a correctional/secure setting. Both CTP and detainee housing must have 24/7 staffing and provide space for counseling, food service and local transportation for program participants. The DOC is looking for services starting in state FY 2019 (July 1, 2018). Providers with existing services or anticipating available services after July 1, 2018 are encouraged to respond and indicate the date of anticipated service availability even if it is before or after the start of FY 19.

Questions: Interested providers may submit questions until 5:00 PM CST August 7, 2017. Please email your questions to Heather.VanHunnik@state.sd.us. The DOC's responses to questions will be posted at <http://doc.sd.gov/> by 5:00 PM CST on August 9, 2017.

RFI response: Providers responding to this RFI are asked to submit information to the DOC by 5:00 PM CST on August 14, 2017. Submissions may be mailed to the address listed below or emailed to Heather.VanHunnik@state.sd.us. Please include the following in your response:

1. A description of the agency interested in providing residential and case management services;
2. Identification of any other population that may be housed in the proposed space;
3. Anticipated date services could start;
4. The number of parolees to be served, male and/or female and indication if this would be detainees or CTP participants;
5. Anticipated cost per day per person; and
6. Names, email addresses, and telephone numbers for agency contacts.

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