

**Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
Vocational & Life Skills Program
Quarterly Report**

DATE: April 1, 2015

TO: Pete Ricketts, Governor
Patrick J. O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature

FROM: Dawn-Renee Smith, Reentry Administrator

RE: Vocational & Life Skills (VLS) Program

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Statute 83-904, the following provides a report on aid distributed under the Vocational & Life Skills Program.

The following community organizations have received funding under the vocational and life skills grant program:

Goodwill Industries – RESTART; Western Alternative Corrections, Inc.; Center For People In Need; Metropolitan Community College; Released and Restored, Inc.; Mental Health Association of Nebraska; Prairie Gold Homes; ResCare Workforce Services

Funding was awarded in January and programs could begin program design and hiring, effective February 1, 2015. Most programs are fully staffed and beginning to provide services to the target population.

The grantees are tracking the required information regarding program delivery; however, as the grants were awarded in February, that data is not available at this time. The next quarterly report will contain program participation data for the third quarter of FY 2014-2015. This will include the numbers of individuals receiving programming, cost per individual and numbers of those successfully completing programming.

Number of Individuals Receiving Programming	Unknown
Types of Programming	See attached list
Cost per Individual	Unknown
Number of Individuals Successfully Completed Programming	Unknown

Funds not expended:

The grant cycle includes the five months of FY 2014-2015 and all of FY 2015-2016. All available funds were awarded to eight organizations. Any funds not reimbursed will be known at the end of FY 2015-2016 and, per statute, will be carried into the next fiscal year.

cc: Scott R. Frakes, Director
Senator John Wightman, Chair, Executive Board of the Legislature
Rosalynd Cotton, Chair, Board of Parole
Cathy Gibson-Beltz, Deputy Director
Levi Bennett, VLS Administrator
File