

Partners for **R**eentry Opportunities in **W**orkforce **D**evelopment

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Grant initiative launched by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of Labor (DOL) to provide employment services in **3 stages** to federally incarcerated individuals as they approach community release and beyond.

PROWD awardees operate 48-month programs including 6-month implementation periods.

PROWD Stages



Operating Stages			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Federal Funding Source	DOJ Funding (FSA)	DOJ Funding (FSA)	DOL Funding (WIOA)
Services	Services provided during incarceration in federal prisons	Services provided during time spent in a residential reentry center (RRC), under Bureau of Prison Custody	Services provided after release into the community
Washington State PROWD Funding	N/A	\$6,256,524	Up to \$3,743,476*

*WIOA funds will be received as a separate award with a request submitted 60 days prior to the planned release date of the first stage enrollee.

PROWD Timeline



September 27, 2023

Washington State's PROWD award began September 27, 2023.

March 27, 2024

6-month implementation period ends on March 27, 2024 and Implementaion Plan is due to the Department of Labor.

March 30, 2024

Application for DOL-WIOA funds submitted for Stage 3 services.

April 1, 2024

Partcipant enrollment begins.

March 30, 2027

DOJ Stage 2 services scaled back with focus on Stage 3 in preparation for program end.

September 30, 2027

Washington State PROWD program ends.



Federal

- ▶ **Department of Justice (Bureau of Prisons):** Technical Assistance from a Federal-level specific to partnering with the prisons and Residential Reentry Centers (RRCs) under Bureau of Prison contract.
- ▶ **Department of Labor (Employment and Training Administration):** Cooperative Agreement Administration and Technical Assistance, National Program coordination.
- ▶ **High Impact Partners:** Programmatic Technical Assistance, provides each awardee a Technical Assistance with lived experience to support program implementation.

PROWD Partners Cont.



State

- ▶ **Employment Security Department:** Award administration, program lead, and 4 direct service staff including 2 Employment Specialists and 2 Reentry Peer Mentors.
- ▶ **TRAC Associates:** 2nd Tier subrecipient providing 3 direct service staff in partnership with ESD staff and operating Work-Based Learning services.
- ▶ **Workforce Development Council Seattle-King County:** 1st tier subrecipient, administering 2nd tier subawards for 3 direct service staff and 1 business engagement specialist
- ▶ **Pioneer Human Services:** Contracted by the Bureau of Prisons to operate the King County Residential Reentry Center (Pioneer Fellowship House)
- ▶ **King County Community Partnership for Transition Solutions (KCCPTS):** A consortium of over forty partners with a mission to support the successful transition of justice involved adults, provides community connections, support, and service guidance through expertise and lived experience.

PROWD Services

PROWD direct service staff create a structure of stable support beginning in Stage 2 and continuing the same structure during the transition to Stage 3 and beyond, supporting long-term success of each participant.

Each participant is supported by a team of 2 staff including 1 Employment Specialist and 1 Reentry Peer Mentor offering an array of support tailored to the individual needs and barriers of each participant's journey.

- ▶ Training (Occupational Skills Training, Apprenticeships/Pre-Apprenticeships)
- ▶ Community Navigation
- ▶ Basic Skills
- ▶ Support Services
- ▶ Program Incentives
- ▶ Needs Related Payments
- ▶ Work-Based Learning (On-the-Job Training)
- ▶ Mentorship
- ▶ Job Development
- ▶ Job Coaching
- ▶ Employment Readiness



PROWD Evaluation



Federal: Washington PROWD is committed to supporting a Federal-level program evaluation as funded through the DOL and DOJ to establish foundational knowledge about promising reentry employment programs for people exiting federal prisons and develop insights from the early implementation efforts of the PROWD grantees

State: Washington's PROWD program includes two ESD evaluations with the first focused on the implementation of the project and second focused on the outcomes of the project.