

A bill for an act
relating to corrections; authorizing a grant to address domestic violence and
intimate partner violence among offenders re-entering the community after a
period of incarceration; appropriating money.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **RE-ENTRY GRANT ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Re-entry grant.** The commissioner of corrections may award a
grant to a nonprofit having a section 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service
or a public or private institution of higher education that has expertise in addressing the
intersection between offender re-entry and domestic violence. The intent of the grant is
to provide services to re-entering offenders and their intimate partners to: (1) reduce the
incidence of domestic violence among offenders re-entering the community; (2) reduce
occurrences of domestic violence, serious injury, and death experienced by intimate
partners who are in relationships with offenders recently released from jail or prison; and
(3) reduce criminal recidivism due to domestic violence.

Subd. 2. **Grant criteria.** As a condition of receiving the grant, the grant recipient
must:

(1) subcontract with at least one community-based domestic abuse counseling
or educational program and at least one crime victim service provider to provide
comprehensive services to recently released offenders and their intimate partners;

(2) train the organizations selected pursuant to clause (1) on research-based practices
and best practices in addressing the intersection of offender re-entry and domestic
violence; and

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2.1 (3) serve as liaison to the department of corrections and provide technical assistance,
2.2 training, and coordination to the organizations selected pursuant to clause (1) in
2.3 implementing policies that address the intersection of offender re-entry and domestic
2.4 violence.

2.5 Subd. 3. **Program evaluation.** The grant recipient must rigorously evaluate the
2.6 effectiveness of its intervention and work with subcontracted organizations to collect data.
2.7 The grant recipient must submit an evaluation plan to the commissioner of corrections
2.8 delineating project goals and specific activities performed to achieve those goals.

2.9 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.10 \$750,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of corrections
2.11 for the grant authorized in section 1. Of this amount, \$400,000 is available for the fiscal
2.12 year ending June 30, 2008, and \$350,000 is available for the fiscal year ending June
2.13 30, 2009.