

Sponsor/Title: Department of Justice (DOJ) - Community Reentry Settings Initiative

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361413>

Funding Opportunity Number: 26CS06

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

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Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-03-19

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-05-04

Purpose: The general purpose of this project is to develop and facilitate a process evaluation for identified State Department of Corrections (DOC) agencies and their current halfway house decision-making processes. Review, assess and report those findings of the evaluation. The central aim is to identify precise operational mechanisms and understand various factors that influence these critical determinations.

The first year will focus on the development, collection and analysis of the data while year two will focus on working with subject matter experts to develop national recommendations based on the collected data, to enhance utilization of halfway houses. The diagnostic approach ensures that observed discrepancies between intended goals and actual results can be used to improve upon that decision-making point in state departments of corrections.

NIC Funding Priorities / Focus Areas: The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) supports public safety by providing specialized corrections training, information services, and technical assistance to federal, state, local, and tribal justice agencies. The outcomes of NIC's activities contribute significantly to the achievement of the following correctional goals and priorities:

- Effectively managed prisons, jails, and community corrections programs and facilities.
- Enhanced organizational and professional performance in corrections.
- Community, staff, and offender safety.
- Improved correctional practices through the exploration of trends and public policy issues.
- Enhanced services through improved organizational and staff effectiveness.

Program Goal (Year 1): To understand the half-way house placement decision making process by state Department of Corrections.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/1FZScj4DiHWb9jE4A> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following Selection Criteria as outlined on page 28, in the NOFO.
 - Programmatic Review

- Organizational Review
- Management/Administrative Review

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.