

THE COLLABORATIVE ON REENTRY

Reentry Housing Meeting
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Second Chance Act Appropriations Update

In fiscal year 2009, \$25 million was appropriated for Second Chance Act programs, including \$15 million for state and local reentry demonstration projects and \$10 million for grants to nonprofit organizations for mentoring and other transitional services.

Congress is now considering appropriations for fiscal year 2010, which begins on October 1, 2009. President Obama requested \$212 million for prisoner reentry programs in FY2010, including \$100 million for Second Chance Act programs administered by the U.S. Department of Justice and \$112 million for reentry programs administered by the U.S. Department of Labor.

During the week of March 9, 2009, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science held seven hearings focusing on prisoner reentry issues that reflect Capitol Hill's high level of interest in safe and successful reintegration.

In June, the House of Representatives approved an appropriations bill for the Department of Justice for FY2010 that provides \$114 million for prisoner reentry, including \$100 million for Second Chance Act programs and nearly \$14 million for reentry initiatives in the federal Bureau of Prisons. The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved an appropriations bill that provides \$64 million for prisoner reentry, including \$50 million for Second Chance Act programs and nearly \$14 million for reentry initiatives in the federal Bureau of Prisons. The Department of Justice appropriations bill is now awaiting consideration by the full Senate.

For additional information, please visit the following website:

[http://www.reentrypolicy.org/government_affairs/second_chance_act#APP UPDATE](http://www.reentrypolicy.org/government_affairs/second_chance_act#APP_UPDATE)

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