

**Report to the Legislature
Pursuant to P.A. 87 of 2021
Criminal Justice Reinvestment Fund
Annual Report**

March 2022

Sec. 604. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for criminal justice reinvestment shall be used only to fund data collection and evidence-based programs designed to reduce recidivism among probationers and parolees.

(2) Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for criminal justice reinvestment, at least \$600,000.00 shall be allocated to an organization that has received a United States Department of Labor training to work 2-adult reentry grant to provide county jail inmates with programming and services to prepare them to get and keep jobs. Examples of eligible programs and services include, but are not limited to: adult education, tutoring, manufacturing skills training, participation in a simulated work environment, mentoring, cognitive therapy groups, life skills classes, substance abuse recovery groups, fatherhood programs, classes in understanding the legal system, family literacy, health and wellness, finance management, employer presentations, and classes on job retention. Programming and support services should begin before release and continue after release from the county jail. To be eligible for funding, an organization must show at least 2 years' worth of data that demonstrate program success.

(3) The department shall report on programs described under this section by March 30 to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the legislative corrections ombudsman, and the state budget office. The report shall include the reincarceration recidivism rate of program participants, the employment rate of participants who complete the program, and the cost of the program per participant.

INTRODUCTION

Public Act 87 of 2021, Section 604, requires the Michigan Department of Corrections to submit an annual report providing details of the Ex-offenders In Transition (EXIT) Program. The EXIT program is designed to reduce recidivism by creating an individualized plan for each eligible participant and placing the person into the below services and evidenced based programs as assessed:

1. Manufacturing training
2. Adult Basic Education and tutoring
3. High school credit recovery
4. Access to computer-based industrial/electrical training
5. Employer presentations
6. Cognition therapy
7. Parenting classes
8. Faith-based personal development
9. Mentoring, finance classes
10. Work readiness and retention
11. Simulated work experience
12. Community service
13. Health and wellness classes
14. Mental health assessment and referrals
15. Substance abuse recovery groups
16. Family literacy
17. Case management

This report includes the reincarceration recidivism rate of program participants, the employment rate of participants who complete the program, and the cost of the program per participant from fiscal years 2018 (10/1/2017-9/30/2018) and 2021 (10/2/20 – 9/30/2021).

EXIT Program Reincarceration Recidivism Rate

EXIT Program defines reincarceration recidivism as a participant who has completed programming, but has acquired new charges, resulting in a prison or jail sentence, within 30 days after completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 programming.

For FY 2018, the number of program completers of Phase 1 & 2 indicates 50 and 8 participants of the completers acquired new charges within 30 days of completion with the percentage of **16%** program reincarceration recidivism rate.

For FY 2021, the number of program completers of Phase 1 & 2 indicates 16 and 2 participants of the completers acquired new charges within 30 days of completion with the percentage of **12%** program reincarceration recidivism rate.

Program Employment Rate.

EXIT Program defines the employment rate as any participant who has been initially placed with an employer within 30 days after completing Phase 1 and Phase 2 programming.

For FY 18, the number of program completers of Phases 1 & 2 indicates 50 and 38 participants of the completers were placed with an employer within 30 days of completion with the percentage of **76%** program employment rate.

For FY 21, the numbers of program completers of Phases 1 & 2 indicate 16 and 13 participants of the completers were placed with an employer within 30 days of completion with the percentage of **81%** program employment rate

Cost of the EXIT Program

EXIT Program defines cost of the program as being based on the enrollment goal of 100 program participants and using the following three key program budget costs in contractual services, operating and supplies.

The determined cost per participant of \$7,870.42 during FY- 2018.

The determined cost per participant of \$4,054.83 during FY - 2021.