



MPRI Funding for Fiscal Year 2006

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The Michigan Legislature has approved Governor Jennifer Granholm's recommendation for a total of \$12 million for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Michigan Department of Corrections' (MDOC) budget for implementation of the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative (MPRI). Moreover, due to the aggressive management approach for the MPRI, these funds will be used immediately for implementation of the MPRI Model. This funding is in addition to several million dollars that the MDOC has reinvested for implementation of several components of the Model.

\$11 million dollars will be used for pilot sites and programs beginning in October of 2005:

- \$5,000,000 for the first eight Pilot Sites for parolee services in the areas of housing and employment; alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services; community coordination activities and management of local "Comprehensive Prisoner ReEntry Plans" for each community. In anticipation of approval by the Legislature of the Governor's recommendation for MPRI funding, the Policy and Strategic Planning Administration worked with the MPRI partners at Public Policy Associates and the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency to develop and promulgate an application for FY 2006 funds that requires the first draft of a local "comprehensive re-entry plan" for their community. These grant requests have already been reviewed and approved for funding for FY 2006 in the amount of \$625,000 for each of the first eight Pilot Sites¹.
- \$3,000,000 for Parolee Reintegration Services in the areas of residential, day reporting and other services. Again, in anticipation of this funding approval, several grants are already prepared for approval including residential, day reporting and employment services for women in Wayne County where the majority of our female offenders return. All of these services are already linked to the Intensive ReEntry Unit for female inmates at the Huron Valley Complex for Women in Ypsilanti where the MPRI process begins.
- \$3,000,000 for a statewide Mentally Ill Inmate ReEntry Demonstration Project. This Request for Proposal required special creativity as the interaction between the prison system and the mental health system has historically been very difficult. We have approved a contract to demonstrate how to achieve success with this difficult population.

\$1 million dollars will be used for planning and administration of the MPRI in FY 2006 within the MDOC:

- In order to manage the MPRI, the MDOC created in FY 2004 the Policy and Strategic Planning Administration which includes the Office of Offender ReEntry (OOR). In FY 2006, the OOR will be fully staffed with a manager, two community liaisons and a three-person Grants Management Unit.

¹ FY2006 First Round Pilot Sites (Berrien, Capital Area, Genesee, Kalamazoo, Kent, Macomb, 9-County Rural, Wayne)
FY2007 Second Round Pilot Sites (Muskegon, Calhoun, Jackson, Saginaw, Washtenaw, Oakland, St. Clair)

- In order to design, implement, and manage the performance and evaluative aspects of the MPRI, the Administration expanded the Office of Research and Planning with the reassignment or hiring of several dedicated employees. In FY 2006, this increased level of staffing will allow dedicated staff to assess, assist and monitor the increased use of Evidence-Based Practices in prisons and in the field as well as assist Public Policy Associates with the overall evaluation of the MPRI.

The staff completed the reviews of 12 prisons in September of 2005 to determine their preparedness for the MPRI and to develop specific plans of action for their implementation. As a result, the first eight MPRI Prison Facilities will begin implementing the MPRI for their first 20 inmates. These eight prisons are associated with the first eight pilot sites and have greatly benefited from what has been learned at the Intensive ReEntry Units that have been operating for several months.

- In order to help manage the local implementation process, the MDOC Field Operations Administration created four positions to assist with the MPRI at the Intensive ReEntry Units that opened in FY 2005 in Ypsilanti (52 beds for women) and in Jackson (480 beds for men). Having parole agents on site at the prisons is a critical innovation that allows the ReEntry Model to become an operational reality. The team of prison staff, parole staff and community representatives which comprise the Pilot Site Transition Teams have been interacting for months on these inmates' Transition Accountability Plans and staff report great improvements in the progress of the inmates upon release.

This funding augments the funding that has been made available for the operation of the Intensive ReEntry Units for FY 2005 and FY 2006 in the approximate amount of \$3 million.

- Contract funds are available and will be used in FY 2006 to support the work of both Public Policy Associates (PPA) and the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency (MCCD) for services and costs associated with the organization, operations and training of the local pilot sites in areas not covered by a grant provide to PPA by the JEHT Foundation. The JEHT Foundation is providing \$2 million to PPA for Community Coordinators, Public Outreach and Evaluation of the MPRI.

The \$5 million recommended for FY 2006 pilot site implementation includes funds for community coordination and management. While the money for services is the primary objective of state funding, MDOC will allow up to \$75,000 of the funds to be used for ongoing community coordination and management of the communities' Comprehensive ReEntry Plans. This allowance is sufficient to completely cover the costs of Community Coordinators who are expected to become "local employees" as early as November 1, 2005—two full months ahead of schedule. As a result, the funds from the JEHT Foundation will be available sooner than expected to begin the next round of Pilot Sites.

The MDOC/Office of Offender ReEntry, PPA and MCCD will work with the second round of pilot sites immediately so that Community Coordinators can be hired as early as possible in FY 2006 to begin the local community assessments of the assets, barriers and gaps for prisoner re-entry.