

One Minnesota Budget

Successful Reentry for Public Safety

The work of the Department of Corrections (DOC) to accomplish its mission of **transforming lives for a safer Minnesota** begins when an individual enters the corrections system and continues through their release into the community. The stakes rise significantly during a person's reentry back into the community, therefore successful reentry means **increased public safety, fewer victims, and stronger families and communities.**

To support the successful reintegration of the **95% of individuals in prisons released back into Minnesota communities,** the DOC asks for the following investments:

Addiction-Focused Release Planning, Case Management, and Narcan Kits



\$1.357 million a year ongoing for health service release planning and case management for those who are incarcerated and approaching release to the community. The investment includes \$500,000 twelve opioid release planners, social workers, and case managers to improve continuity of care upon release for individuals with substance use addictions, and Narcan kits for all individuals leaving incarceration.

Approximately 90% of Minnesota inmates are diagnosed with a substance use disorder. Dedicated additional resources for those who need it, both through case management and reentry services, will increase successful recovery, health, and recidivism outcomes.

Native American Culturally Specific Release Programming



\$875,000 each year for a culturally specific release program for Native American incarcerated individuals preparing to release back to Tribal communities. This funding includes operating costs related to supervision, needs, and daily care and needs of participants and seven staff to provide case management and substance use disorder treatment.

Native Americans are overrepresented in Minnesota's prison system. Data and experience have shown that supporting meaningful cultural connections to communities reduces the risk of recidivism for Native American incarcerated individuals upon release.

Reentry Peer Support Specialists



\$266,000 annually to create a Reentry Peer Support pilot project for individuals with high-needs/high-barriers in preparation for prison release and while on supervision in communities. The request also provides one staff for resource development, quality assurance of peer support services, coordination and oversight of contracts, and accurate service targeting to eligible clients.

This proposal would create a pilot project to deploy Reentry Peer Support Specialists through contracts across the state to serve high-needs/high-barriers persons in preparation for prison release and while on supervision in our communities.