

FY2024 Returning Citizens Support ("RCS") Mini Grant Overview

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Office of Human Services (OHS), and the Office of Returning Citizens (ORC) are pleased to announce applications are now being accepted for the FY2024 Returning Citizen Support (RCS) Mini Grant. This year, a total of \$80,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations providing reentry services and programs to Boston's returning citizens. Applicants may request up to \$10,000. [Click here for the application.](#)

Eligibility and Program Requirements

Eligible programs will include those that provide reentry and integration services to individuals returning to Boston from federal, state, or county correctional facilities. For the purposes of this grant opportunity, reentry and integration services may include, but are not limited to, stipends for job training programs, housing stability, peer mentoring, family reunification, community stability, food assistance, economic independence, and housing stability.

Please note that all funds awarded through this grant must be used solely to support the programming described in your grant application.

The RCS Mini-Grant Program is competitive, and non-profit organizations or those utilizing eligible fiscal agents are encouraged to apply. Please review the eligibility and program requirements carefully to ensure your application aligns with the grant's focus.

City of Boston Department: Office of Returning Citizens

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Funding Source and Amounts

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Grant Award Amount per Organization: Less than \$10,000. The ORC may award full funding, partial funding, or no funding. If partial funding is awarded, an updated budget

will be required. All funds must be used exclusively to support the reentry program described in the application.

Timeline

- Application Launch Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024.
- Application Deadline: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at midnight.
- Award announcements expected by mid-May 2024.

Reporting and Compliance

Award recipients must agree to site visits from OHS and ORC representatives as needed.

All grant recipients will be required to submit a comprehensive final report to ORC, detailing services provided, the number of returning citizens served, and any challenges or successes. All data must be de-identified.

Eligibility Criteria and Priorities

- Applicants must be a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization OR have a fiscal sponsor.
- Programs must be located within Boston and serve Boston's returning citizens.
- Services must be free for participants.
- A valid Supplier/Vendor ID number is required to receive a grant from the City of Boston.
- Priority will be given to organizations led by returning citizens, those applying in partnership with such organizations and/or prior experience working with returning citizens.
- The ORC may connect participants to award recipients; however, recipients have the final authority to accept or refuse that individual.