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## County Awarded \$750,000 Grant For Reentry

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Local News



Sen. Barbara Boxer's office revealed Aug. 28, that Contra Costa County is the recipient of a \$750,000 grant from the Department of Justice.

"I'm pleased that Contra Costa County's efforts to help inmates reintegrate into our communities is being recognized and supported by the federal government through the Department of Justice's Second Chance Grant," said Supervisor Federal Glover.

The \$750,000 grant is the largest amount allowed.

The grant will pay for a pilot program for 100 inmates who have a high likelihood to recidivism. The program, CREATES (Contra Costa County Reentry Agenda to Empower and Ensure Safety), would be established in the City of Antioch, West County and Central County, the areas to which the largest number of formerly incarcerated will return.

If the pilot project is successful, it would be implemented long-term for all the returning inmates and those prisoners who would ordinarily be released from county jail. Inmates in the program would receive services before they are released and they would be closely supervised after they return to their communities. The grant would also fund the collection of data and evaluation of the test program's effectiveness.

"It took a real coordinated effort at all levels of government – from the county, cities, state and federal representatives in partnership with a host of community-based organizations to bring about this recognition," said Glover in a statement.

"In my meetings with Department of Justice officials in Washington earlier this year, they encouraged me to continue pushing for the Second Chance Grant even though an earlier effort failed to meet their requirements. I brought that message back to county staff and they began the arduous process of applying for the grant by bringing all the county agencies, state and local offices and nonprofits to the table."

"Through this grant, the county's realignment process, which has already started, will help us produce the data and results that we all want for a safer community," said Glover.

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#### Current Forecast

Thu, 06 Sep 2012 1:53 pm PDT

Fair **78°F** High: 79°F Low: 54°F

Tomorrow: Sunny

Sunrise 6:42 am  
 Sunset 7:28 pm  
 Wind: 13 mph  
 Humidity: 37 %  
 Visibility: 10 mi  
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