

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY • SUPPORTING VICTIMS • CHANGING LIVES

In June 2017, Republicans, Democrats and Independents came together to rethink Louisiana's criminal justice system. This bipartisan effort that Gov. Edwards signed into law is anticipated to save the state more than **\$262 million** over the next decade. In addition, the reforms mandate that 70 percent of the savings be reinvested into programs to **reduce recidivism, support victims** and **improve public safety**. In Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the state saved **\$12.2 million** as a direct result of this legislation. This money is being redirected toward Community Incentive Grants, Victim Services and Reinvestment and Reentry Programs.



LOCAL PROGRAMMING

Allocated to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) for targeted investments in reentry services, community supervision, educational and vocational programming, transitional work programs, and contracts with parish jails and other local facilities that house state inmates to incentivize expansion of recidivism reduction programming and treatment services.

COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANTS

Allocated to DPS&C to award incentive grants to parishes, judicial districts, and nonprofit community partner organizations to expand evidence-backed prison alternatives and reduce admissions to the state prison system.

VICTIM SERVICES

Allocated to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice (LCLE) to award competitive grants for victim services.

JEFFERSON PARISH

\$794,433

COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANTS

\$272,433

Louisiana Parole Project: transitional housing, intensive reorientation program

\$22,433

United Way of Southeast Louisiana: Wraparound services, community coordination

\$250,000

LOCAL PROGRAMS

\$422,000

Insuring the last two years of incarceration will be spent at a local facility in close proximity to the inmate's home parish. Programming will include **education, technical training**, and programs like Thinking for a Change, which teaches inmates how to make informed decisions, and others that address **anger management, substance use treatment, housing and job placement**.

REENTRY COURT

\$100,000

Expanding reentry court.