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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal & Finance  
FROM: Barbara Garcia, Community Development Specialist  
DATE: April 1, 2009  
RE: Council approval for the Mayor to Sign a Support Letter for a State Department of Corrections Application for the State and Local Reentry Demonstration Projects Grant Offered Under the Second Chance Act.

The State Department of Corrections will write and submit an application to the Department of Justice for a State and Local Reentry Demonstration Project Grant under the Second Chance Act program. The Second Chance Act reauthorizes the Adult and Juvenile Offender State and Local Reentry Demonstration Projects to help states and communities test ways to reduce recidivism and address the alarming recidivism rates nationwide. The state will need a support letter from the City of Rapid City for the application, as the application will include funding for community based re-entry programs to complement the state program. If the State is awarded a grant, the City may apply for funds to assist with the implementation of our Offender Re-Entry program that helps offenders released from prison and jail reintegrate into the community.

**Staff Recommendation is for Council approval for the Mayor to provide and sign a support letter for a State Department of Corrections application for the State and Local Reentry Demonstration Projects Grant Offered Under the Second Chance Act.**



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