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ODPS ANNOUNCES \$4.7 MILLION IN FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS FOR OFFENDER RE-ENTRY INITIATIVES

- \$4.7 million in ARRA funds awarded to 14 entities -

COLUMBUS – Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Cathy Collins-Taylor announced today that the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) is making selection of awards of nearly \$4.7 million in federal economic stimulus funds to support 14 entities across the state focusing specifically on offender re-entry initiatives.

Funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), programs were selected for grant awards under two categories: Innovations in Re-entry (Category I) or Development of Local Taskforce Re-entry Programs (Category II), and projects will operate March 1, 2010, to Oct. 31, 2011.

“This announcement represents a significant reinvestment in Ohio’s communities, enhancing a key priority that is emerging throughout our state’s criminal justice system,” said Director Collins-Taylor. “Investments in community-based re-entry programs such as these will ensure a reduction in recidivism, as well as successfully reintegrating citizens back into our communities.”

Category I Awards (Innovations in Re-entry)

Re-entry Coalition of Northwest Ohio (Lucas County)	\$ 722,377
Mid-Ohio Re-entry Coalition	\$ 530,711
Franklin County Re-entry Task Force	\$ 720,000
Highland County Comprehensive Re-entry Initiative	\$ 482,494
Montgomery County Re-entry Project	\$ 720,000
Sandusky County Offender Re-entry Initiative	\$ 376,108

Category II Awards (Development of Local Taskforce Re-entry Programs)

Darke, Miami and Shelby Counties Re-entry Taskforce	\$ 170,000
Portage County Re-entry Coalition	\$ 80,000
Washington County Re-entry Taskforce	\$ 150,000
Morgan/Noble County Re-entry Taskforce	\$ 150,000
Delaware County Re-entry Taskforce	\$ 150,000
The Comprehensive Wayne/Holmes County Re-entry Coalition	\$ 148,204
Fairfield County Re-entry Coalition	\$ 142,778
Clark County Re-entry Taskforce	\$ 150,000

Beginning at sentencing and extending beyond release, re-entry assesses, identifies and links offenders with services specific to their needs through associations with community partners, families, justice professionals and victims of crime.

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