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Lehigh County announces 2021 Returning Citizens Reentry Services Grant

Lehigh County, PA- On Thursday, June 17th, Lehigh County's Department of Community and Economic Development will begin to accept applications for the 2021 Returning Citizens Reentry Services Grant. The program is open to non-profit organizations within Lehigh County seeking to reduce recidivism through increased economic opportunities and services for returning citizens, reducing bail and pre-trial supervision for non-violent crimes, and supporting pre-sentencing problem solving courts. If approved, applicants can receive up to \$25,000-\$50,000 in funding.

Eligibility Requirements:

- An organization requesting a Returning Citizens Reentry Services Grant must be a cultural or civic, or organization and be recognized as either
 - a.) a nonprofit organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code or
 - b.) a nonprofit organization affiliated with a unit of local government.

If approved, the funding for the grant may be used for the following:

- Mentoring/coaching initiatives.
- Job placement assistance.
- Career pathway assistance.
- Vocational training, including soft-skills development.
- Linkage to medical assistance/mental health/behavioral health/substance abuse treatment.
- Linkage to housing support services.
- Bail reduction and pre-trial supervision for non-violent crimes.
- Case support for problem solving courts.

Further details, eligibility requirements, and application information can be found on the Lehigh County website at <https://www.lehighcounty.org/>.

"This is a step in the right direction for our incarcerated residents assimilating back into society after their sentence." Said Lehigh County Executive Phil Armstrong, "By providing the 2021 Returning Citizens Reentry Services Grant, we can help eligible organizations provide returning residents with the tools and services they need to get back on the right track. This will allow our returning residents to live a more sustainable life without resorting to crime, and ultimately, prevent further acts of crime in Lehigh County."

The deadline to apply for the 2021 Returning Citizens Reentry Services Grant is Friday, July 16th, at 4:00PM. All applications must be received by this date. To apply, please submit all completed applications to Aidan Levinson at AidanLevinson@lehighcounty.org or by mail to:

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