

SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES AFTER RELEASE

The Successful Outcomes After Release Program (SOAR) is designed to provide gainful employment to former offenders that meet program guidelines while supplementing the city’s existing workforce in areas of critical need for a period of six months. Under immediate supervision, SOAR participants perform routine labor jobs and participate in life skills training via lectures, group discussions, and activities.

In addition, the Mayor and City Council provide annual contributions to community organizations (that meet the legal requirements for receiving public funds, as stipulated in North Carolina General Statute §159-40 and for carrying out a public purpose consistent with North Carolina General Statute §160A-209) that provide educational, vocational, therapeutic, and employment training programs to the local former offender community. In the FY 2016-2017 budget, the Mayor and City Council expanded the grantee agency funding program to support organizations that provided services to at-risk youth as well as former offenders. In addition, the program started to provide “seed” funding (up to \$5,000) to those agencies that did not meet all of the eligibility requirements for the City’s established community agency funding program. Seed funded agencies are also required to attend a capacity building training within the funding year. Staff from the Police Department’s Community Relations Division hold regular meetings with all of the agencies that receive funding through Successful Outcomes After Release (SOAR) to facilitate dialogue about the populations they serve and to minimize duplication of services.

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EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM	Budget	Requested	Adopted	Percent
Work Experience Program	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>Change</u>
Reintegration and Youth Development ¹	\$772,200	\$792,990	\$795,590	3.0%
Subtotal	\$772,200	\$792,990	\$795,590	3.0%
 Grantee Agencies (SOAR)				
Boys2Men Mentorship Program*	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	0%
Eliza’s Helping Hands*	5,000	35,000	5,000	0%
Eureka Ministry, Inc.	20,000	20,000	20,000	0%
My Brothers Second Chance	5,000	15,000	5,000	0%
Piedmont Triad Regional Council – Project Reentry ²	41,150	41,150	41,150	0%
Southside Rides Foundation	10,000	30,000	10,000	0%
The Wells Center, Inc.*	5,000	5,000	5,000	0%
YWCA – Hawley House	13,500	48,160	13,500	0%
Contingency	10,000	10,000	10,000	0%
Subtotal	\$114,650	\$224,310	\$114,650	0%
 Total Expenditures by Program	 \$886,850	 \$1,017,300	 \$910,240	 2.6%

¹ Total includes administrative costs for SOAR and a youth development program

² Partially funded from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

* Seed funded agency

