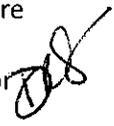


**Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
Vocational & Life Skills Program
Quarterly Report**

DATE: January 1, 2015

TO: Dave Heineman, Governor
Patrick J. O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature

FROM: Dawn-Renee Smith, Reentry Administrator 

RE: Vocational & Life Skills (VLS) Program

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Statute 83-904, the following provides a report on aid distributed under the Vocational & Life Skills Program.

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| Number of Individuals Receiving Programming | None |
| Types of Programming | N/A |
| Cost per Individual | N/A |
| Number of Individuals Successfully Completed Programming | N/A |

Funds not expended:

The rules and regulations for the vocational and life skills program were approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State on December 1, 2014. The grant announcement and application was distributed on December 2, 2014. The announcement/application was sent to all reentry contacts, placed on the NDCS website and released to the media through the communications office. The applications are due to NDCS on January 5, 2015. NDCS will announce awards January 19, 2015. Applicants have been advised the first funding cycle will be February 2015 through June 2016. If all funds are not awarded through this first application process, another cycle will be announced.

The reentry administrator continues working on design and implementation of the reentry plan. Feedback from two inmate focus groups will be reviewed in early January and adjustments made prior to full implementation.

cc: Mike Kenney, Director
Senator John Wightman, Chair, Executive Board of the Legislature
Esther Casmer, Chair, Board of Parole
Larry Wayne, Deputy Director
Levi Bennett, VLS Administrator
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