THE SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Safety and Justice Challenge

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To help create a more effective and humane justice system
Why?

ADMISSIONS

There are nearly 12 million jail admissions annually—equivalent to the populations of New York City and Los Angeles combined, and almost 19 times the annual admissions to state and federal prisons.

Local jails: 11,700,000

State & federal prisons: 631,000
CONVICTIONS

Three out of five people in jail are legally presumed innocent, awaiting trial or resolution through plea negotiations.
Why?

RACIAL DISPARITIES

Nationally, African Americans are jailed at almost 4x the rate of white Americans.

Kalief Browder, 1993-2015
Spotlight: pretrial detention

...doing the math

- Across the United States, 47% of felony defendants with financial bonds can’t pay and stay in jail until their case is heard (which can take years).
- Jail averages $74 per day

Community supervision costs $7 per day.
Spotlight: pretrial detention

...counterproductive

- Even short stints in jail can lead to:
  - Missing school
  - Getting fired from your job
  - Losing your housing
  - Hurting families

→ Higher risk of re-arrest
An initiative to reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails
Safety and Justice Challenge Applicants: 191 Jurisdictions
The 20 Network Sites
Network Sites: Jail Capacity

The 20 network sites represent a confined population of 81,207, or about **11%** of the total population confined in U.S. jails.

- **1,000 or less**: 4 sites
  - Mesa County, CO
  - Lucas County, OH
  - Pennington County, SD
  - Spokane County, WA

- **1,001-3,000**: 7 sites
  - Ada County, ID
  - Saint Louis County, MO
  - Multnomah County, OR
  - Charleston County, SC
  - Pima County, AZ
  - New Orleans, LA
  - Mecklenburg County, NC

- **3,001-5,000**: 4 sites
  - Shelby County, TN
  - Palm Beach County, FL
  - Milwaukee County, WI
  - **Connecticut**

- **5,001 and over**: 5 sites
  - Harris County, TX
  - Cook County, IL
  - New York, NY
  - Philadelphia, PA
  - Los Angeles, CA
Why Connecticut?

Your jurisdiction was chosen from 191 applications, submitted from 45 states.

Leadership  Capacity  Commitment to Change

The Safety and Justice Challenge Network
What Will We Accomplish Together?

- Develop and model safe, effective ways to keep people out of jail who don’t belong there;
- Demonstrate alternatives to incarceration as usual;
- Create models for reducing unnecessary jail use to make communities healthier, fairer, and safer; and
- Make change a national imperative.
Two Stages of the Competition

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<td>June—December 2015</td>
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<td>- 20 sites</td>
<td>- Up to 10 sites</td>
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<td>- 6 months</td>
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<td>- $150,000 grant per site</td>
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<td>- Develop a system reform plan and set concrete, measureable outcomes</td>
<td>- Implement system reform plan, achieve concrete, sustainable impact</td>
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Implementation Funding

- **10 sites**
  - As many as 10 network sites will receive grants to support implementation of their jail reduction plans.

- **Up to $2 million per year**
  - Implementation grants will be up to $2 million per site, per year.

- **2-3 years**
  - The Foundation will initially fund grants for 2 years, with an option to extend.
Let’s get to work.
Any questions?