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The Atlanta Journal-Constitution recently ran a story mentioning the \$749,000 awarded to Fulton County for the Second Chance Act program. Chairman Eaves would like to share the story and the link to the full story below.

Second chance for prisoners

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Fulton County has been granted approximately \$749,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice as a part of the federal Second Chance Act to fund a program aimed at keeping convicts in the jail from re-offending when they get out as well as reducing the county's costs.

Currently the county criminal justice system costs taxpayers nearly \$222 million this year. Prisoners released into Fulton County from the state prison system have a recidivism rate of 47 percent, according to county officials.

Program managers will select inmates for services designed to help them change their behavior while in jail and for 18 months after their release. The grant was developed by the Fulton County Reentry Taskforce, headed by Fulton County Chairman John H. Eaves.

Fulton County is among 116 organizations in the national that will receive the funding this year.

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