

## Application – Centre County Re-Start Seed Fund



The Re-Start Seed Fund is a new “micro-loan” program for residents of Centre County who are formerly incarcerated and need cash to either 1) launch a new product or venture, or 2) pay for training or certification to enter employment or earn better wages. The amount of loan requested is up to you, but the first loan will typically be less than \$300. The Re-Start Seed Fund is part of the Centre County ReEntry Coalition (<https://www.centrecountyreentry.org/>) and is operated through Centre Peace (<http://www.centrepeace.org/>).

Please complete this application to help us evaluate the best ways to support your vision for your future. Any questions, please contact Centre Peace (814-353-9081) and leave a message for Liz Kisenwether. One of the members of the Re-Start Seed Fund advisory group will be back in touch.

None of the information below is released outside the Re-Start Seed Fund advisory group.

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Date of application \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently living in Centre County, Pennsylvania? \_\_\_\_\_

This program is only for formerly incarcerated individuals (returning citizens). Please list your release date and facility where you were incarcerated \_\_\_\_\_

[The target audience for Re-Start loans are returning citizens who are residents of Centre County within the last two years. However, applications from returning citizens in counties bordering on Centre County (Mifflin, Blair, Clearfield, Clinton) and released within the last 4 years will be reviewed.]

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Check one block below. I am applying for:

funds to help launch a new product or venture  
(Go to Section A)

funds to pay for training or certification  
(Go to Section B)

By selecting Section A (start-up), a mentor will meet you, review your product/venture idea, see how serious you are in pursuing the idea, review progress to date, feasibility, competition, etc. The goal: prepare you to "pitch" to the Start-up Seed Fund review panel for a loan.

By selecting Section B (training/certification), a mentor will meet with you to understand the need for training, options, timeline, etc. The goal: prepare you to "pitch" to the Start-up Seed Fund review panel for a loan.

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**Section A:**

1. Describe the idea you have or the problem you want to solve.
2. Why are you interested in pursuing this idea or solving this problem?
3. How long have you been working on this idea?
4. What is the biggest challenge you face in getting to a marketable product or viable venture?
5. What expertise or skills do you have to help you succeed?
6. Are you part of a team? If so, list your team member name(s) and their role.
7. Is there anything else you would like us to know?
8. How did you hear about the Re-start Seed Fund?

**Section B:**

1. Describe the training or certification you want to obtain. Provide as much detail as you can.
2. Why are you interested in getting this training or certification?
3. How long have you seen this training or certification being important to job success?
4. What is the biggest challenge you face in completing the training or certification?
5. Have you been told that completing this training or certification would help your career, such as getting a job, getting a raise in your current job or helping get a promotion?
6. Is there anything else you would like us to know?
7. How did you hear about the Re-start Seed Fund?