



PROJECT REBOUND

Associated Students, Incorporated -Funding Support Proposal

Funding Term: Fall 2020

Program: Project Rebound
Division: Academic Affairs

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Mission

The mission of Project Rebound Cal State LA is to support the higher education and successful reintegration of the formerly incarcerated through the mentorship and living example of other formerly incarcerated students, graduates, faculty, and staff. Project Rebound constructs a life-affirming alternative to the revolving door policies of mass incarceration by making higher education more accessible and supportive of formerly incarcerated student so that they can acquire the knowledge and skills of a university education, enhance their capacity for civic engagement and community leadership, secure meaningful and gratifying employment, empower themselves and their families, and ultimately make stronger, educated, and safer communities.

Abstract

Established in 1967 by John Irwin Ph.D., Project rebound was created in the wake of the rising percentage of recidivism rates in the state of California. Current data proves that recidivism rates (recidivism rates are rates at which individuals go back to jail), are at 70%, this number is decreased to 32 % with an AA/AS degree, furthermore, this rate drops to 10 % when students earn a BA/BS degree and the recidivism rate drops to zero when the student earns a Postbaccalaureate degree and beyond. Supporting the previously incarcerated student does not only decrease recidivism rates but it also creates better citizens of the world.

Current research and data reveal that Project Rebound Scholars outperform the traditional college student by having a 3.6 overall g.p.a. against the traditional students 3.2 over all g.p.a. It is imperative to continue the support for formerly incarcerated students and to ensure their academic success.

PROGRAMS, SERVICE AND DESCRIPTIONS

ADMISSION ASSISTANCE

Project Rebound educates prospective students about the admission process, prerequisites, and available degree programs, evaluates their academic records and provides detailed guidance on admission strategies.

FINANCIAL AID

Project Rebound provides personalized financial aid advisement, as well as direct student support including books, meals, computers, transportation, and we are planning a housing initiative for future Project Rebound Scholars.

COMMUNITY

Project Rebound welcomes students into a circle of support and provides a bridge into the wider community on-and-off campus. In doing so, Project Rebound ensures the successful re-integration of formerly incarcerated students into our communities.

MENTORSHIP, ADVOCACY & ACADEMIC ADVISING

Project Rebound provides individualized academic support, connecting students with tutors tailored to the subjects of their curriculums.

COUNSELING & WELLNESS SERVICES

Project Rebound connects students to counseling, psychological, and wellness services both on campus and in the community to help students improve coping skills, strengthen personal relationships, navigate the college transition, recover from traumatic experiences, and engage in self explorations

EMPLOYMENT & CAREER SERVICES

Project Rebound helps students secure employment and internships on and off campus and connects them to Cal State LA first-rate Career Services Center.

FINANCIAL PLAN AND EXPENSE DETAIL

Previously Incarcerated Students Scholarships & Stipends

Currently supplemental financial support is needed to ensure that previously incarcerated students continue their education. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, previously incarcerated students face many financial barriers. There are no scholarships available at Cal State LA that are specific for this population. In an attempt to bring equity, inclusion and

equality to the Cal State LA campus, Project Rebound is seeking out for financial support to fill this gap from ASI.

Budget Breakdown

<u>Person/Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost Description</u>
Project Rebound Scholar/Student	\$157.00	Academic Supplies

*Project Rebound will supplement this scholarship by adding \$142.00 to each scholarship. More specifically, each Project Rebound Scholar will get \$157.00 from ASI and \$143.00 from Project Rebound for a **grand total of \$300.00** for each student.

Funding Request

ASI funding request to support previously incarcerated student will provide this needed community with additional financial support to ensure their academic success.

1. Previously incarcerated student scholarships

38 students	\$5,999.82
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(Justification: \$157.89, 38 students for Fall 202.

TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST>.	\$5,999.82
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