



January 2025 Featured Grant
Restoring Dignity & Hope After Incarceration



About Featured Grants

Featured Grants fund:

- direct services
- new projects
- expansion of existing projects
- capacity building



The Global Issue: Poverty, Incarceration, and Reintegration of Women

- 740,000+ women & girls in prison globally – 60% increase since 2000
- Often poor, may have mental illness and/or history of sexual and physical abuse
- Poverty & incarceration linked
- Poverty after release = stigma, recidivism

January Featured Grantee: Clean Start Africa

Works with women, girls, and children impacted by the criminal justice system

Founder & 3-month-old baby served 1 year for crime she didn't commit

Positive impact on 4,000+ women

Life Challenges of Women in Kenya

In population served:

- 74% of women were imprisoned for petty survival-related offenses
- 90% mothers & single parents
- Stigma & isolation = cycle of poverty
- 70% imprisoned under The Liquor Act (selling illicit brews), often for survival
- 39% of women in prison in Kenya don't know whereabouts of children



How Our Grant Will Be Used

\$45,000 Project Grant

Beyond The Bars: Sustainable Livelihoods for Women Leaving Prison in Kenya

- Provides sustainable economic opportunities & dignity to women transitioning out of prison
- Addresses systemic socio-economic injustices & inequalities that contribute to incarceration & recidivism
- Includes business options & vocational training



How Our Grant Will Be Used

- Skill-building: 500 entrepreneurship starter kits & 150 vocational training sessions (beauty & hairdressing, culinary, textile/fashion, & briquette making)
- Two-year project: employment/small business opportunities
- Individual & group therapy support
- Continuous mentorship & advocacy supports reintegration
- Direct impact: 600 women & girls; Indirect impact: 2,400 women & girls



Budget

Item	Description	Cost
Equipment & Setup	Salon: hairdryers, salon chairs, washing stations, tools, products, etc. Textile: sewing machines, cutting tables, fabric, materials Culinary: appliances, furniture, initial stock of food Charcoal Briquettes Manufacturing: press machines, material storage & handling, materials	\$19,500
Rent & Utilities	Generally covering six month, until additional months are covered by revenue	\$9,000
Training & Capacity Building	Training, as needed by business type: professional hairdressing & beauty, tailoring & design, culinary courses, technical training	\$8,500
Marketing & Branding	Signage, branding, packaging, tags, etc.	\$4,500
Miscellaneous	Contingencies for unexpected costs, transportation for raw materials & finished products	\$3,500
Total		\$45,000

