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Lane Workforce Partnership, the designated local Workforce Investment Board for Lane County, Oregon has been awarded a **Linking to Employment Activities Pre-Release (LEAP-2)** grant from the Department of Labor. The \$500,000, two year grant will build stronger partnerships between Lane County Jail, Lane County Parole and Probation, Lane County Council of Governments, Lane Community College, Sponsors Inc. and WorkSource Lane to offer workforce services pre-release while affording a smooth workforce service transition, post-release for 180 individuals that are incarcerated in the Lane County Jail.

The Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, Karol V. Mason, stated that “If we expect the millions of Americans who come into contact with our justice system to become contributing members of our communities, we have a responsibility to give them the skills and support they need to succeed. By providing critical job training, helping to clear criminal records, and offering an array of services to ease the transition back into society, we are tapping a large vein of human potential that can lead us to greater public safety.”