The First 30 Hours upon release!

EX-OFFENDERS
BUREAU OF PRISONS
BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO FORMER INMATES
(including those in halfway houses)
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE
WELFARE DEPARTMENT
STATE REHABLILITATION OFFICE

Go immediately to the nearest Social Security Office and ask for or to speak to a counselor so that you can apply for Social Insurance Emergency Supplement Benefits of 1,5000.

Explain that you are emotionally and mentally unprepared to hold a job, show them your parole or Mandatory Release papers in order to prove that you are just getting out of prison.

(YOU SHOULD RECEIVE THE CHECK WITHIN 72 HOURS)

While at the Office, fill out the necessary forms for the **$3.10 Monthly Disability Benefit for every month you were incarcerated (50 months = $15,500.).**

Now go to the nearest Welfare Department Office and apply for General Relief, again, show them your parole/mandatory Release Papers as proof that you are just out of prison. Tell them you need Financial Assistance Immediately, a check should be issued to you within two hours, it should be for approximately $150.00, don't forget your food stamps while you are there.

You should receive about $110 worth. While you are there, be sure to obtain your Medical Card for Health Protection Benefits, *Note: **This card can be used at any doctors or dental office.**

DO THIS WITHIIN THE FIRST 10 DAYS!!

Go to State Rehabilitation Center, where you can apply for various **Federally funded loans and grants.** If you want to start a small business, make a list of the approximate cost of all equipment you will need [tools, work clothes, etc.] and estimate for about how much operating cash you will need to start up the business until it begings to make a earning for you; **THEY MAY LOAN YOU UP TO $50,000.00** . If you are to be bonded or employed by private employer, you can obtain the bond from any District Court.

Go to the Probation&Parole Department. It should take less than an hour to have the validated forms in your hands.

(S.S.I.) Supplemental Social Income can best be described as a form of welfare that is paid through the Social Security Office. You automatically qualify for SSI because you are unemployed and considered to be disabled, be sure that you understand the situation concerning your disability.

Federal Legislation at this time documents recognition that you are and ex-offender to the fact that you have an emotional problem. The government had declared that had you not had and emotional problem, you would have been able to conform to the rules of society, thus preventing your commission of a crime. Regardless of whether or not you feel or except the fact,

that you as an ex-offender do in fact have emotional problems, it is considered by **both Federal and State Rehabilitation Commission to be a Disability.** According to the current policies, mental and emotional problems constitute a 100% Disability , moreover, you will be considered to have this disability until you have become a "productive member" of society. The whole purpose of supplemental social income, .SSI is to help you as a recently released ex-felon by relieving part of the **Economic Pressures you will be facing as you are Re-entering society and try to re-establish yourself as a productive member of your community.**

After your release, you , as a parolee or otherwise will qualify for assistance of up to $310.00 per month, although you do qualify, you will only be able to receive you SSI benefits payable quarterly. In addition, you can qualify for SSI benefits while you are still in prison waiting to be released. Now by law you have only 30 hours after you are released to reach the nearest social security office and submit your application. It is necessary that you take the required steps before your release date and apply for these benefits or you will lose the opportunity to take advantage of SSI, so 90 days prior to you release send in your application to be processed. You should have a check waiting for you. $930.00 Supplemental Social Income is covered under United States Law 42 U.S.138 (e); 20 CFR 416.305.

1. Ninety days before release, write a letter to the social security office where you live. They will send you five question applications. Fill it out as accurately as possible and then return it to the social security office nearest to you.

2. When your application is processed, you will get a check for three months totaling $930.00 at $310.00 each.

3. You can call the Food Stamp Hotline (office) and get $80.00 worth of food stamps when you go to the department of social services. In addition, you can apply for full food stamps grant, this will bring the total to $160.00

4. You are qualified because you are on SSI, the welfare department will automatically send you $228.00 per month for financial assistance and utilities, SSI is the same in each state.
A) Go to the dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation because you are on SSI.
B) A convicted felon is a depressed minority. You also qualify for a certain benefits package. The amount of this benefit is $1,900.00, to be used for a down payment on a car, the car must be needed to go back and forth to work.
C) In addition, you receive a $300.00 check for clothing for the job, in addition to another $400.00 check for personal clothes. Finally, a $400.00 check for tools. These are Grants not Loans so you do not have to pay them back.

S.B.A. has programs for ex-felons. You are qualified to receive a small Business Administration Loan of up to $50,000.00. This loan is only given in the case of business pursuits, and it would be called a "Starter Loan". In addition, the S.B.A. will provide professional assistance to help you plan employment. You must be Bonded for this loan. The Federal H.C.W. will bond you for free, if no other organization will. Because you are a ex-felon, rules are low, and for these reasons, :1.) You are a ex-felon, 2.) Business loans are less of a risk than conventional loans.

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