2026 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

PROJECT RESTART ATLANTA, INC.

Building pathways to education, employment, entrepreneurship, and lasting opportunity.

In 2026, Project Restart connected justice-impacted men and women with practical tools, supportive relationships, and individualized guidance to help them move forward. Through correctional-facility programming, post-release education, case management, and community partnerships, we focused on progress that continues beyond the classroom.

$89,190 Funds raised	**74** Six-week and post-release program completions	**167** Clients receiving one-on-one case management
$16,275 Micro-grants awarded	**84%** Alumni employed, operating a business, or in training	**4.8%** Reported recidivism rate

A year of meaningful connections

More than 75 people participated in our Second Chance Summit, and 22 individuals opened bank accounts with Regions Bank. Four Project Restart alumni now contribute to the organization as staff or board members - bringing lived experience into leadership and service.

All figures in this report are provided by Project Restart for its 2026 reporting. Program participation measures may overlap and should not be added together to estimate unique individuals served.

Our programs in action

Project Restart delivers structured learning inside partner correctional facilities and supports individuals after release with education, employment, entrepreneurship, and resource navigation.

39	16	19
Men completed six-week program at Metro Reentry	Participants completed six-week program at Atlanta Transitional Center	Men and women completed traditional post-release program

Reentry Navigator: individualized support

167 clients received one-on-one case management through our Reentry Navigator Program. This service connects participants with individualized guidance, practical resources, and next steps toward their goals.

Financial access and entrepreneurship

Project Restart awarded **$16,275 in micro-grants** to help participants advance their goals. At the Second Chance Summit, **22 individuals opened accounts with Regions Bank**, supporting access to mainstream financial services.

Alumni engagement and leadership

Project Restart reports that **84% of alumni** are participating in a training program, operating a business, or employed. **Four alumni** are now serving as staff or board members, strengthening our organization with firsthand experience and insight.

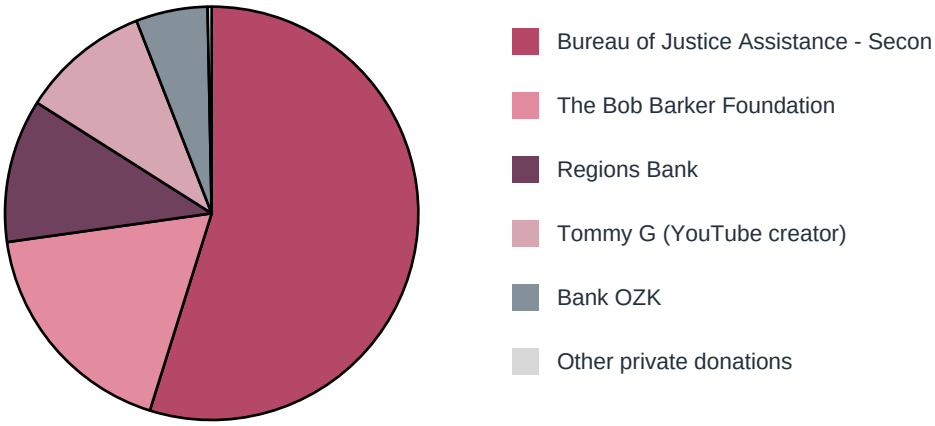
The 84% figure is organization-reported. The underlying alumni denominator, measurement date, and verification method should be documented before external benchmarking.

Stewardship of donor support

Project Restart raised **$89,190** in 2026, including a federal Second Chance Act grant, foundation and corporate support, an individual creator contribution, and private donations.

Funding source	Amount
Bureau of Justice Assistance - Second Chance Act	$48,909
The Bob Barker Foundation	$16,000
Regions Bank	$10,000
Tommy G (YouTube creator)	$9,000
Bank OZK	$5,000
Other private donations	$281
Total funds raised	**$89,190**

Funding composition



The figures above describe funds raised, not program expenses or audited financial statements. Financial statement totals, grant restrictions, and any in-kind support should be reported separately when available.

Outcomes and accountability

On **November 6, 2026**, Project Restart conducted criminal background checks for the **114 individuals** who had completed its programs and were no longer at one of its partner correctional facilities. Project Restart reports a **4.8% recidivism rate** from this review.

For a complete public methodology, Project Restart should specify the exact number meeting its recidivism definition, the definition used (for example, new arrest, conviction, or reincarceration), the observation period, and how records were checked. The reported percentage is presented as supplied and has not been independently validated.

What makes the model distinctive

Inside and outside facilities: Project Restart begins engaging individuals before release and continues to support reentry pathways in the community.

Multiple pathways to opportunity: Participants pursue education, workforce preparation, entrepreneurship, and practical digital and financial skills.

Personalized navigation: One-on-one case management helps translate goals into concrete next steps and resource connections.

Alumni leadership: Graduates help shape the organization as staff and board members.

Looking ahead

In 2027, Project Restart aims to build on its in-facility and post-release programming by strengthening Reentry Navigator services, expanding access to self-paced digital learning, improving outcome measurement, and deepening partnerships with employers, education providers, correctional agencies, and funders.

With gratitude

To our participants, alumni, volunteers, partners, and donors: thank you for investing in second chances and the potential of every individual to create a new future. Your support makes personalized guidance, financial access, education, and practical opportunity possible.

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Editorial note: This report uses the supplied 2026 figures. Before publication, confirm the fiscal reporting period, grant-recognition treatment, alumni outcomes methodology, and recidivism denominator. No logo has been used because a previously retrieved graphic was not the official Project Restart logo.