



With funding from the Long Beach Mayor and City Council, the RISE program was announced on November 1, 2018, to assist residents with post-conviction relief and court diversion.

RISE (Restoration Initiative for Safety and Employment) is a new City of Long Beach program designed to assist those who are eligible to clear their criminal records. Additionally, RISE may assist some people with clearing a minor warrant, converting court fines to community service, enrolling in court diversion or alternative sentencing programs, finding employment and educational opportunities, and provide other benefits. One cornerstone of RISE will be four Fresh Start workshops held in 2019.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice:

“Criminal conviction brings with it a host of sanctions and disqualifications that can place an unanticipated burden on individuals trying to re-enter society and lead lives as productive citizens. The impact of these ‘collateral consequences’ is often discussed in the context of offender re-entry, but they attach not only to felonies and incarcerated individuals but also to misdemeanors and individuals who have never been incarcerated. Collateral consequences tend to last indefinitely, long after an individual is fully rehabilitated.”

The collateral consequences of a conviction, even for a relatively minor offense, can extend long after a person has completed his or her sentence, and after probation or parole is over. Some collateral consequences can affect a person's employment (or ability to find employment); others deny access to government benefits and program participation, including student loans, housing, contracting and other forms of participation in civic life.

All assistance provided through RISE will be free of charge for qualified participants. In some situations, assistance may be limited to those with cases in Los Angeles County or within the jurisdiction of the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office, which handles adult misdemeanors that occur within the city. Persons with specific questions about their cases may need to consult their own attorneys.

Below is information about the kind of assistance provided by RISE, and information about the workshops that will be held by the City of Long Beach:

#### Post-Conviction Relief Assistance

- Proposition 64 (marijuana) dismissal and record clearing
- Expungements
- Certificates of Rehabilitation
- Conversion of fine to community service

#### Diversion/Alternative Sentencing Programs

- Promising Adults, Tomorrow's Hope (PATH): Employment and Education-based court diversion
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) – Pre-booking diversion pilot program in North Long Beach
- Priority Access Diversion (PAD) – Alternative sentencing program for mental health and substance abuse
- Community Service Worker (CSW) Program: Community service in-lieu of jail or fines
- Anti-Recidivism Course (ARC): Diversion program life skills class
- CLD Course (Driver's license assistance for driving on suspended license cases)

### FRESH START WORKSHOP DATES

*Four FRESH START workshops will be held in 2019 to provide in-person assistance.*

*Check back here for specific dates.*

For my more information, email [RISE@longbeach.gov](mailto:RISE@longbeach.gov), or visit <http://cityprosecutordoughaubert.com/community-programs/>.

**Si usted no habla inglés pero desea obtener más información acerca de los programas listados arriba, o si tiene alguna pregunta, llame al (562) 570-5506 para hablar con alguien en Español.**