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Chris Redlitz, co-founder of The Last Mile, explains why his program chooses to not pursue government funding as part of their effort to bring entrepreneurship and technology skills to prison inmates in California.



## Transcript

Governor Brown is very supportive, but we are making a conscious effort to do this privately.. So all of our funds and support will become privately.. I think when we went to Sacramento the first time, we finished the meeting with Mac Hayde who was the secretary of prisons at that time.. I think he was waiting for us to have our hand out.. And my hand was this instead of this, and it made a big difference, right.. So we can get a lot further by doing it outside of that.. And we really want to show that you can marry private and public effectively without taking public funds.. So that's really been our strategy...