

Vendor name	Shasta County Opportunity Center
Vendor number(s)	HF0201
Primary regional center	Far Northern
Service type(s)	Work Activity Program
Service code(s)	954
Number of consumers currently serving and current staff to consumer ratio.	The Work Activity Program currently has 60 consumers with a 1:8 ratio.
Have you or the organization you work with been a past recipient of HCBS Funding?	Yes
Please provide a brief description of the service/ setting that includes what a typical day consists of and how services are currently provided; include barriers to compliance with the HCBS rules.	The Shasta County Opportunity Center Work Activity Program currently has seven staff responsible for 60 on-site clients who perform assembly, packaging, and shredding services. Barriers to compliance include insufficient resources, equipment, and qualified staff to teach self-advocacy, health and wellness, community service and vocational training so clients will be engaged in meaningful community activities that are compliant with HCBS.
Identify which HCBS federal requirements this concept addresses that are currently out of compliance.	Federal requirements #1 and #2 are not currently compliant. HCBS funding is needed to provide resources and specialized staff that can engage clients in self-advocacy, health and wellness, community service and vocational training activities in community settings.
Narrative/description of the concept; include justification for the funding request and explain how the concept would achieve proposed outcomes.	<p>The current Work Activity Program is not compliant with being integrated in the community. To meet this requirement, we are actively working with FNRC to change the program to a community integration program model. Small groups of clients will be transported out of the Opportunity Center to perform meaningful self-advocacy, health and wellness, community service and vocational training activities in the community. The current staff to client ratio for our WAP program is 1:8 and HCBS funding will provide resources, equipment and specialized staff so community activities will be provided at a ratio of no greater than 1:4.</p> <p>HCBS grant funding will provide resources for:  <a href="#">Community Service Volunteer Teams</a> – Clients will assist during local civic events and associated informational booths.</p>

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	<p>Clients will be engaged in civic activities with local nonprofit organizations that serve our community.</p> <p><b><u>Vocational Training</u></b> – Client’s will learn new skills by participating in community vocational activities with partner programs and service organizations. We will provide TECHNOLOGY training as well as software driven modules for vocational skills building. Some sites also include opportunities for paid work experiences. We will use software programs for self-paced vocational skill building while out in the community, for employment related skills and behaviors. Tablets are used to research employers, employment opportunities and employment requisite skill requirements for desired positions that clients want to build skills for. Clients have identified interest in the growth industry of HIGH-SECURITY secure document destruction which requires incineration. With the purchase and installation of an incinerator clients will be in paid activity as they go to community agencies that have requested bins and they will pick up the bins and deliver them to the incineration site. Clients have also identified MOBILE waterless Car Wash as a paid vocational training activity that equipment is needed for.</p> <p><b><u>Self-Advocacy Track</u></b></p> <p>Client’s will increase their skill and knowledge in identifying and accessing local resources. Clients are learning about local services, employers and services. They will interact with community partners who provide resources in helping community members live productive, healthy &amp; meaningful lives. Client’s will learn to provide presentations to peers and other service providers about what it means to work and how to use benefit management resources to maximize earnings and benefits. Client topics to peers will include etiquette, appropriate talk/conversation at work, appropriate behavior, and public speaking skills, dress, grooming, and hygiene. Trainings are also geared to facilitate clients’ successful integration into the community.</p> <p><b><u>Health &amp; Wellness Track:</u></b></p> <p>Clients will participate in vegetable gardening, smoking cessation events and hygiene classes. We are working on partnerships with Connected Living, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP -CalFresh in California) and the YMCA for more Health and Wellness activities. We are working with the local Women, Infants and Children program (WIC). The WIC program promotes healthy eating habits and provides multiple channels of community education promoting nutrition. HCBS purchased equipment will be used to facilitate health and wellness activities in the community.</p>
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<p>Please describe your person-centered approach<sup>1</sup> in the concept development process; how did you involve the individuals for whom you provide services?</p>	<p>Clients were surveyed to identify personal preferences, satisfaction, and choice of community integrated activities. The activities identified by consumer choice and preference are vocational training, community service, self-advocacy, and health and wellness activities and events. Vocational training is desired for TECHNOLOGY, HIGH-SECURITY secure document destruction and MOBILE carwash.</p>
<p>Does the concept address unmet service needs or service disparities? If so, how?</p>	<p>Yes. The HCBS funding would provide specialized staff that are needed to assist clients in Self-advocacy, Health and Wellness, and Vocational training in the community.</p>
<p>Estimated budget and timeline; identify all major costs and benchmarks — attachments are acceptable.</p>	<p><b>Community service equipment: Two 6 foot tables, four portable chairs, logo windbreakers, back and side canvass pop up canopy with logo, popcorn machine and supplies. \$5,000.00</b></p> <p><b>Vocational training equipment: Four iPads and chargers, Training software. \$25,000.00</b></p> <p><b>Incinerator for community pickup of High-Security document destruction. \$67,000.00</b></p> <p><b>Mobile car wash equipment, pickers, gloves. \$5,000.00</b></p> <p><b>Self-Advocacy and Health and Wellness trained staff (2 Employment Services Instructors funded for 1 year). \$117,308.00</b></p> <p><b>Health and Wellness equipment: Hula Hoops, Fitness videos, yoga mats, stretch bands, jump ropes, 3 recumbent bicycles, pedometers, mobile sound equipment, sidewalk chalk, markers, poster boards, Frisbee golf, rubber balls. \$12,000.00</b></p> <p><b>Funding of transportation costs, materials and supplies needed for community based activities and tracks. - \$48,000.00</b></p> <p>Benchmark would be the ability to continue and replicate all HCBS activities past 6/30/2020.</p>
<p>Total requested amount.</p>	<p>\$299,308.00</p>
<p>What is your plan for sustaining the benefits, value, and success of your project at the conclusion of 2018-19 HCBS Funding?</p>	<p>We are working with FNRC to convert the Work Activity Program to a community integrated training program that will sustain community integration activities that are HCBS compliant. We have requested 1 time equipment purchases as well in order to avoid sustainability problems.</p>

<sup>1</sup> A person-centered approach emphasizes what is important to the individual who receives services and focuses on personal preferences, satisfaction, and choice of supports in accessing the full benefits of community living. For more information regarding person-centered practices, please visit [www.nasdds.org/resource-library/person-centered-practices](http://www.nasdds.org/resource-library/person-centered-practices).