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Vendor name	PathPoint
Vendor number(s)	LSP HK4635
Primary regional center	Kern County Regional Center
Service type(s)	Adult Developmental Center
Service code(s)	Adult Developmental Center: 510
Number of consumers currently serving and current staff to consumer ratio.	44 people served; Staff to consumer ratio 3:1 & 1:1
Have you or the organization you work with been a past recipient of HCBS Funding?	Thanks to a two-year HCBS contract in 2016, PathPoint created the Community Integration team who supports the full access of people with disabilities to the greater community. The Community Integration team implemented new person-centered activities that increased individuals' ability to live a community life and make personal choices. PathPoint conducted a satisfaction survey with people supported before, during, and after the activities were implemented. The agency trained people served and their families about rights and offered resources for accessing the community.
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.	PathPoint supports people with developmental disabilities through Community Integration programs offered during the day, five days a week. Highly trained direct support professionals work with individuals to learn new skills and actively engage in community life. People supported by the Community Integration programs have a wide-range of disabilities with diverse and complex needs. While PathPoint made great progress towards meeting the needs of people with developmental disabilities through the previous project, the organization found that individuals with the most severe disabilities experience additional barriers. Staff use a person-centered approach to work with people supported on their goals and choose individualized program activities. However, for people with the most severe disabilities who may be non-verbal, non-ambulatory, or have an acute intellectual disability, it can be difficult to communicate personal choices. PathPoint found that the types and quality of community integration activities and employment options for people with severe disabilities are limited.
Identify which HCBS federal requirements this concept addresses	Federal Requirement #1

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that are currently out of compliance.	
<p>Narrative/description of the concept; include justification for the funding request and explain how the concept would achieve proposed outcomes.</p>	<p>By working with people with severe disabilities during the first round of HCBS funding, PathPoint found that assistive technology can increase community integration for people who are non-verbal and/or non-ambulatory. PathPoint's new project will focus on people with the most severe disabilities by using person-centered practices to meet the needs of a pilot group using assistive technology and then sharing the results with other vendors and the Regional Centers to reach thousands of people with similar levels of disabilities.</p> <p>The Community Integration team will work with people supported to determine their interest in assistive technology, level of need, and willingness to engage in training and share their experience with others. Staff will select the pilot group and perform a person-centered assessment to determine each individual's goals, barriers, and the supports they will need. Keeping the individual's preferences in mind, the staff will work diligently with community partner to craft a personalized support plan complete with appropriate assistive technology resources. The Community Integration Manager and/or community partners such as the Central Coast Assistive Technology Center will train staff and the person served on using the customized devices. Comprehensive, personalized, and ongoing training will ensure that people supported can use their devices at home, work, and/or in community life. Being able to take more control of their own lives (e.g. turning off their lights, accessing the internet on their own, communicating their needs) will help individuals with the most severe disabilities to live a community life to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS.</p> <p>By developing a tracking system for the resources/tools used, the methods in which they are used, and how effective they are in meeting each individual's needs as well as any progress made towards increasing community integration and self-sufficiency, PathPoint will be able to demonstrate the impact of assistive technology in the lives of people with the most severe disabilities. PathPoint will share this information with providers and the Regional Centers. People supported who are comfortable will share their experience as a peer educator and work with staff to teach others in the Regional Center system. PathPoint will develop and share broadly an online resource guide for best practices, training, products, and other useful information.</p>
Please describe your person-centered approach ¹ in the concept development	<p>During the first project, PathPoint involved people supported by conducting a survey before, during, and after program implementation. Through community trainings, many people supported and their families engaged in conversation with staff</p>

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<p>process; how did you involve the individuals for whom you provide services?</p>	<p>about their personal rights and needs. The Community Integration team also meets with a group of people supported monthly to plan community integration activities, discuss barriers, and evaluate satisfaction. PathPoint used the information gathered from the people supported to develop the new project. The organization will continue to involve people supported by including them in the selection process for the pilot, in the creation of their own support plan, and in sharing about their experience to other providers and their peers.</p>
<p>Does the concept address unmet service needs or service disparities? If so, how?</p>	<p>PathPoint's project meets an unmet need by focusing on people with the most severe physical and intellectual disabilities. Assistive Technology can be used as a tool for people who are non-ambulatory or non-verbal to express their personal preferences and have more personal control in their life such as turning on and off their own lights, choosing music or videos on their own, and communicating through email.</p>
<p>Estimated budget and timeline; identify all major costs and benchmarks — attachments are acceptable.</p>	<p>See attachment</p>
<p>Total requested amount.</p>	<p>\$ 45,671</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>The training, materials, and partners developed through the project will be retained beyond the conclusion of funding. PathPoint will also continue to support the Community Integration staff positions as a crucial part of the organization's program infrastructure. The results of the pilot will also help PathPoint understand how to work more effectively with community partners, the Regional Centers, and other agencies to provide more efficient staff training and resources for people supported after the funding is completed. PathPoint will increase and sustain the opportunities for people supported to use assistive technology in the community beyond the scope of PathPoint's program by outreaching and sharing the information broadly with Regional Centers, vendors, families and other partners.</p>