

Vendor name	Adult Day Experiences, Inc.
Vendor number(s)	HA0742 & HA0893
Primary regional center	Alta California Regional Center
Service type(s)	Adult Day Program
Service code(s)	510
Number of consumers currently serving	62
Please describe your person-centered approach ¹ in the concept development process; how did you involve the individuals for whom you provide services?	<p>Individuals participated in several brainstorming groups to help develop ideas that would help us fall into new compliance rules. We discussed numerous options. We have a diverse group of people with various experiences and interests, including volunteering, attending college courses, and more frequent access and involvement in the community. As a group, we determined that we have needs in the two following areas:</p> <p>1. Transportation, especially for those who use wheelchairs. We have one client who independently moves about the center using his electric wheelchair. However on outings, he is limited to a center-supplied wheelchair due to wheelchair lift and vehicle constraints. That client suggested that at least one of the new vehicles is large and heavy enough that he can take his electric chair on outings. It was also suggested that a smaller van for smaller outings could be purchased for clients who use smaller wheelchairs and can enter the vehicle using a manual wheelchair ramp.</p> <p>2. Because of the interest discussed in brainstorming groups, individuals suggested so many ideas that that participants agreed that we need help in the development of community-based opportunities for meaningful, client-driven integration and involvement which will including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, and engage in community life. Collectively, our clients need more information as to what their options are.</p>
Does the concept address unmet service needs or service disparities? If so, how?	<p>1. Our concept includes the need for 2 vehicles that allow for wheelchair access, but also seats for those people who are ambulatory. We are also requesting replacement of our current outdated lift, which is often in need of repair. This would allow increased community access & development of our outreach plan within the hours of operation without concern of timeliness from other agencies. (Dial-a-ride, or public transportation, for example)</p>

¹ 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 <http://www.nasddds.org/resource-library/person-centered-practices/>

	<p>2. Secondly, requesting funding for specific staff position to help discover and develop a program that provided both community integration (not just of goods and services), but for the purpose of contributing to their community. Having this extra staff person will help us customize our participants' delivery of day program services, by providing them the chance to see what types of options exist for work, volunteer and other community participation.</p>
<p>Barriers to compliance with the HCBS rules and/or project implementation</p>	<p>1. Our programs currently share 3 vehicles, among the 62 clients we serve. 1 is a large van that seats 8, plus one person who uses a wheelchair, so has a wheelchair lift that is older and needs repair at least twice per year. The van it is in runs very well, but the lift is in need of replacement. In addition, our current lift is not strong enough for clients who use an electric wheelchair, therefore limiting their mobility to a manual chair that the lift can manage safely. The other is a large SUV that seat 8, and the last is a small SUV that seats 5.</p> <p>Our current barriers include lack of wheelchair accessible vehicles. We currently serve 11 people who use wheelchairs all the time, and at least 3 who use wheelchairs for long distance due to mobility or stamina constraints. We have used Dial-a-ride for people who use wheelchairs, however they require a 3 hour stay at a location which is not always practicable. Many of our participants need assistance with using the restroom, and are most comfortable at the center rather than a public restroom. If a person has a toileting accident, it is not feasible for them to wait for long periods to return to the program if needed. Even though we are prepared with changes of clothing, often a quick return to the center is warranted. Public transportation has similar time constraints.</p> <p>2. We currently do not actively involve ourselves as contributors in the community (volunteer, regularly scheduled activities), and based on ratio requirements, do not have the resources or expertise required to help develop a program to include those areas in which our participants have interest. Additionally, our clients are not completely aware of the vast array of options that really do exist for them. We currently do not have an available staff person to dedicate to that particular need, and would benefit from funding to hire someone to do so.</p>
<p>Narrative/description of the project. Identify which HCBS federal requirements are currently out of compliance; include</p>	<p>Our first request is for funding for 2 vehicles, one of which would be large and heavy-duty enough for a client who uses an electric wheelchair to use his/her chair in all settings. The other would be a small van with a wheel chair ramp and seating for at least 2 other participants. This would allow much more access to our local and surrounding communities. In addition, having additional vehicles allows clients who will be participating in our new community</p>

<p>justification for funding request</p>	<p>outreach plan a way to easily get to volunteer destination sites on time and return on time for end of day activities, as well as be able to quickly return to the center in the event of a personal need or other non-medical emergency. Additionally, we request funding for a replacement lift in our current van, so that there is no interruption in community access services in regard to lift breaks.</p> <p>Finally, we are requesting funding for one additional staff member to devise a plan to discover participant interests and build upon ways to incorporate interests in community. That staff would be tasked with prioritizing the preferences of clients and to utilize client feedback in the development of the outreach program.</p>
<p>Estimated budget; identify all major costs and benchmarks — attachments are acceptable</p>	<p>2017 Ford Transit with wheelchair lift conversion kit, registration fees, 2 years vehicle maintenance, 2 years lift maintenance, insurance costs for 2 years = \$72,000 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan with manual wheelchair ramp, side entry, registration, 2 years maintenance, insurance costs for 2 years= \$61,600 VMI Ricon Slide Away lift to replace outdated lift = \$12,000 One staff for community outreach discovery and development, works compensation insurance, taxes, and other fees associated with hiring new staff = \$35,400.</p>
<p>Requested funding for 2017-18</p>	<p>\$181,000</p>
<p>Estimated timeline for the project</p>	<p>For vehicle purchase and lift repair the expected time of completion would be within 3 months of approval of funding. For the development of community outreach plan, the timeline for development and implementation of a quality program would be March 2022.</p>