

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rules CONCEPT PROPOSAL

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Existing regional center vendors may receive funding to make changes to service settings and/or programs to help them come into compliance with the HCBS rules. To be considered for funding, vendors must complete and submit this form and the Provider Compliance Evaluation form by October 1, 2016, to the regional center with which it has primary vendorization.

This form may not exceed three pages and must be kept in Arial 12-point font. The narrative should link to the federal requirement that is not being met. The Provider Compliance Evaluation should guide the narrative. The results of the Evaluation should be clearly laid out in the narrative. Additionally, the narrative should describe how the funding would achieve compliance. Concept proposals should be developed with a person-centered approach, with proposed changes/activities focused on the needs and preferences of those who receive services. The estimated budget and timeline need not be detailed at this point but must include all major costs and benchmarks.

More information on the HCBS rules and this form can be found at:
<http://www.dds.ca.gov/HCBS/>

Vendor and vendor number	Vocation Plus Connections, Inc. #: HC1115
Primary regional center	Central Valley Regional Center
Service type and code	510
Number of consumers currently serving	220
Barriers to compliance with the HCBS rules and/or project implementation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Inadequate transportation supports for individuals using wheelchairs, resulting in limited control/opportunities for employment, activities, choice in community settings and overall access to the greater community for these individuals. 2) Understaffing, specifically in the departments of Case Management and Scheduling confine staff from providing more individualized services, encumbering the goal of offering services driven by each individual (i.e. – community/program settings reflective of individuals' needs, preferences and choices, opportunities/options in seeking competitive integrated employment, opportunities/options for activities and programming that meet the needs and preferences of each individual). 3) Persons served have poor access/ability to view/control/advocate regarding their schedules, constraining staffs' ability to adequately support their choices and preferences timely and consistently.
Narrative/description of the project. Identify which HCBS federal requirements are currently out of	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Federal Requirement #1: With a goal of increasing accessibility, community integration and individual choice/preference in employment, activities and community locations for individuals utilizing wheelchairs, Vocation Plus Connections, Inc. kindly requests funding to support the

<p>compliance; include justification for funding request</p>	<p>purchase of two wheelchair accessible minivans. Vans are modified and equipped with rear-entry ramps, but, retain the image of unmodified vans on the road while accommodating two wheelchair passengers. Vans would serve to increase community opportunities/options for individuals already attending program with mobility needs, while also making VPCI services accessible for individuals interested in services with specialized transportation needs.</p> <p>2) Federal Requirements #:2,4,5: VPCI strives to ensure schedules, activities, community sites and vocational services/opportunities are unique to each individual. Due to understaffing, we often fall short of this goal with high demands limiting staffs' ability to support each individual in a way that reinforces personal choice. Consequently, individuals are encouraged to advocate for themselves, while staff struggle to help optimize desired outcomes by connecting each person to relevant services. The result is missed work opportunities, limited options for activities and other program services to support goals and interests. We are requesting funding assistance to hire a Connection Coordinator (CC). The CC will work with persons served and direct care staff to maximize services, connecting persons served to activities and supports aligned with expressed needs, preferences and interests. The CC will identify, develop and coordinate community integrated opportunities, expanding the scope of services/options available for persons served. The CC will verify/document with persons served that activities, settings and supports are of their choosing and compliment person-centered services plans.</p> <p>3) In 2016, VPCI engaged the help of a local developer to build a scheduling program to further emphasize quality and efficiency of program scheduling for persons served. We are interested in working with the developer to add a component for persons served; allowing log in access via computer and/or mobile application for individuals to view and interact with their schedules. The program would create opportunity for persons served to actively participate in their scheduling with the ability to make requests/organize future programming activities/program locations while overseeing their weekly/monthly schedules. The Connection Coordinator would support persons served in the use of the program/application.</p>
<p>Estimated budget; identify all major costs and benchmarks—</p>	<p>1) Two wheelchair accessible Vans: \$84,000.00 (\$42,000.00/van)</p> <p>2) Connection Coordinator: Salary and Benefits (2 Years) – \$110,000.00</p>

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attachments are acceptable	3) Schedule Program/Application: \$20,000.00
Requested funding for 2016-17	Total Requested Funding: \$214,000.00
Estimated timeline for the project	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Upon receipt of funding, purchase vans.2) Recruit/Hire/Train Connection Coordinator by August, 2017.3) Have schedule program/app. running and available to persons served by December, 2017.

