

Vendor and vendor number	Alchemia - HN0405, HN0027 (NBRC) and HN89047 (GGRC)
Primary regional center	Corporate location in NBRC, equal numbers NBRC and GGRC
Service type and code	ADC 510
Number of consumers currently serving	100 (FTE of 55 in Marin County and 50 in Sonoma County)
Barriers to compliance with the HCBS rules and/or project implementation	Public and private transportation are inadequate and cost prohibitive for Alchemia’s licensed day program in Santa Rosa and our community-based day programs in Petaluma and Marin County.
Narrative/description of the project. Identify which HCBS federal requirements are currently out of compliance; include justification for funding request	<p>Alchemia is a non-profit organization that connects people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to their communities - and the global community - through the visual, performing and creative arts. We strive to support the people we serve to become professional working artists. Artists we support have performed across the world and have exhibited their work as far as Japan.</p> <p>Alchemia supports community integration for all participants. Through our licensed day program in Santa Rosa and our community based day programs in Petaluma and Marin County, Alchemia strives to support each participant to reach his/her artistic goals both onsite and in community settings. However, though individuals served have options for community integration and utilization of community services, cost-prohibitive public transportation and a lack of usage experience and training present barriers to regular, sustained, and self-directed community engagement for the people we serve.</p> <p>Public transportation</p> <p>At present, not all persons served in our Santa Rosa, Petaluma, and Marin County programs regularly access the greater community during program hours. Those who access the community via public transportation may be largely dependent on an instructor for planning and navigation. Improved understanding of and ability to use public transportation will expand options for persons served so that they may participate in arts-focused internships, volunteerism, employment, and community activities. In the area of public transportation, Alchemia has identified a need for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training for both participants and instructors in public transportation 2. Mobility training curriculum 3. Improved partnerships and connectivity with local transportation operators, like Santa Rosa CityBus, Petaluma Transit, Sonoma County Transit, and Marin Transit 4. Bus passes for participants

Specifically, Alchemia would like to:

1. ***Fund a mobility consultant to train instructors on the philosophy behind and appropriate use of public transportation and explain how routing happens in communities*** - Demand for this exceeds the capacity of any service currently offered by service providers and local operators, and it is extremely important to the success of Alchemia's programs that we build buy-in for utilization of public transportation among our professional staff. This service would be available to all area service providers.
2. ***Purchase a mobility training curriculum that is accessible to instructors and participants and can be used across counties*** - We have a need for a systematic approach to support participants to build familiarity and confidence to use public transportation. We also need to provide tools so that Alchemia's staff can build their capacity to teach in this area. This curriculum would be available to all area service providers.
3. ***Devote resources to building relationships with local transportation operators in an effort to improve communication and responsiveness regarding fixed-route transportation*** - Alchemia has a need to spend staff time building bridges with local transportation operators to identify partnership opportunities. Though local operators make efforts to reach out to transit riders with disabilities, their work largely focuses on homes and workplaces. The Executive Director of Alchemia sits on the Community Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as a Disability representative. This influence, combined with relationships Alchemia has already built with Santa Rosa CityBus, Petaluma Transit, Sonoma County Transit and Marin Transit creates great opportunity for partnerships that can support people with disabilities throughout Sonoma and Marin Counties. It should be noted that this is a mutually beneficial partnership, as ridership will undoubtedly increase and demand on local paratransit will be lessened. Participation in these partnerships would be open to all area service providers.
4. ***Purchase city and county bus passes for all participants who do not currently use public transportation*** - At present, about a quarter of Alchemia's participants across Sonoma and Marin Counties use a bus pass to travel to and from their day programs each day. The remainder utilize private transportation and paratransit and are ineligible for bus passes through the Regional Center. In addition to the purchase of bus passes, significant staff time will need to be devoted to assisting persons served in both counties to document qualification for the reduced disability rate.

<p>Estimated budget; identify all major costs and benchmarks— attachments are acceptable</p>	<p>Mobility consultant (January 2017 through June 2017) \$10,000 - Estimated cost Marin County (GGRC) - \$5,000 (50 hours at \$100 per hour) Sonoma County (NBRC) - \$5,000 (50 hours at \$100 per hour) Deliverables: - Train all staff in principles of public transportation - Support staff to learn bus routes - Support staff in teaching participants</p> <p>Mobility training curriculum (January 2017 through June 2017) \$1,000 - Estimated cost - \$500 (GGRC) - \$500 (NBRC)</p> <p>Resource and relationship building (January 2017 through June 2018) \$5,000 - Estimated cost - FY 2016-17 \$3,000 o NBRC - \$2,000 (outreach to 3 local transportation operators) o GGRC - \$1,000 (outreach to 1 local transportation operators) - FY 2017-18 \$2,000 o NBRC - \$1,000 o GGRC - \$1,000</p> <p>Bus passes Marin County (45 people, 31-day pass at \$25 per person) January 2017 through June 2017: \$6,750 July 2017 through June 2018: \$13,500 Sonoma County (30 people, 2 zone, 20-ride pass, \$21 per person) January 2017 through June 2017: \$3,780 July 2017 through June 2018: \$7,560</p> <p>Additional staff time - bus passes FY 2016-17 - GGRC: \$1,125 (avg. 1 hr per person at \$20/hr plus 25% load) - NBRC: \$750 (avg. 1 hr per person at \$20/hr plus 25% load)</p>
<p>Requested funding for 2016-17</p>	<p>FY 2016-17 - GGRC: \$14,375 - NBRC: \$12,030 FY 2017-18 - GGRC: \$14,500 - NBRC: \$8,560</p>
<p>Estimated timeline for the project</p>	<p>January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018</p>