

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

Enclosure C

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	Dungarvin Long Beach (PH1743)
Primary regional center	Harbor Regional Center
Service type and code	Adult Day Program (515)
Number of consumers currently serving	60 (program capacity is 60) 2 sessions (30 AM and 30 PM)
Barriers to compliance with the HCBS rules and/or project implementation	<p>While Long Beach has had some success with community integration and personalized activities, without the proper coordination there is room to improve. Community coordination and integration is essential in developing person centered plans, individualized activities, along with scheduling and transportation.</p> <p>On average approximately 33% of persons served are sent out into the community. Transportation is an obstacle as we are only able to transport a few people at a time in each van due to wheelchairs and the staff ratios. Limited transportation is a barrier to community integration, person-centered planning implementation, and engagement individualized activity choices.</p> <p>A significant amount of persons served are nonverbal and they are unable to communicate their wants and needs. Our participants would benefit from the ability to communicate their wants and needs, as well as staff being able to accommodate more choices, more quickly.</p> <p>Limited hours and time for consultants and administrative staff (i.e. trainer(s) as well as the high level of need in the program, force training to be fragmented and done by multitasking staff that are</p>

	<p>simultaneously providing services.</p> <p>The project below focuses on Federal Requirement #1, #2, #4, and #5 and discusses how additional funding would be beneficial in assisting Long Beach with getting in compliance with the requirements.</p>
<p>Narrative/description of the project. Identify which HCBS federal requirements are currently out of compliance; include justification for funding request</p>	<p>The proposed project emphasizes the need for greater personalization and community based services when developing activities and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities. Along with greater personalization, enhanced community supports will need to be in place to support the transition into greater integration and independence. This will be a shift from traditional site based supports and will require staff training regarding all of the possibilities that are available in the community and how to access those opportunities. This project also includes support equipment in the form of augmentative communication devices to increase participation in individualized planning and choice making. Lastly, additional transportation vehicles will be used to increase community opportunities while at the same time reduce the size of groups entering the community. The project is broken into four main components.</p> <p>First, the ongoing success of this project would require internal restructuring and the addition of a Community Coordinator. Funds will allow this person to focus on the complex scheduling and transportation, last minute changes, and ongoing community outreach. This person would also be included in the assessment phase and would assist in matching individuals' interests with opportunities</p> <p>Next, two additional transportation vehicles would be purchased to allow for an increase in the number of community opportunities and the length of time engaged in these opportunities each day. The vehicles would also be used to achieve smaller groupings. Currently, vehicles are maximized to accommodate the greatest number of individuals in the community. But these larger groups can create isolation in the community rather than inclusion in the community; with the knowledge that that the company would absorb preventative and repair costs.</p> <p>Third, funding to purchase supplemental assistive technology, such as iPads, smart boards, and speech generating devices to be used throughout the program would allow for communication skills to be developed, encouraging persons served to learn to make choices they might not otherwise be able to delineate.</p>

	<p>Finally, funding would allow additional staff training from one specific trainer and from various consultants. In particular, funding could be used for additional consultation hours for staff training and in-program support, as well as for Direct Support Professionals to provide lower ratios on an as-needed basis in the community. Consultants such as physical therapist, and/or occupational therapist could use their expertise, person-centered-planning, and community integration to achieve each person's set goal(s). Consultants would also be used to work in conjunction with the community coordinator and help with training staff. It is expected that additional training would assist staff in proactively and successfully offering choices. A trainer position would better allow for float staff to provide less-formal support to the team (such as deescalating behaviors and assisting with hygiene), while simultaneously ensuring a more consistent training experience that does not rely on the specific availability of the program director or program coordinator.</p>
Estimated budget; identify all major costs and benchmarks—attachments are acceptable	See attachment A
Requested funding for 2016-17	Requesting funding in the amount of \$163, 824.10
Estimated timeline for the project	12 months