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Vendor and vendor number	Hall Avenue Rest Home #H79250
Primary regional center	Redwood Coast Regional Center
Service type and code	Residential facility adults 915
Number of consumers currently serving	11 – 7 clients use wheelchairs
Barriers to compliance with the HCBS rules and/or project implementation	Public transportation has limited seating for clients in wheelchairs and has limited hours in which services are provided. Public Transportation in Humboldt County has limited routes in the evening and on weekends. Hall Ave only has one vehicle to assist with transportation which is not accessible for 7 clients who use wheelchairs.
Narrative/description of the project. Identify which HCBS federal requirements are currently out of compliance; include justification for funding request	Federal Requirement #8 – individuals have the freedom and support to control their own schedules and activities and have access to food at any time. Many clients who use wheelchairs that live at Hall Ave. want to be supported to access community activities and events at night and on the weekends. We have not been able to help them get out into the community during times that the public bus or a taxi cab is not available. Dial A Ride services are only to help clients get to health care appointments and not available to clients who want to do
	activities or community events. While some clients in wheelchairs can be transferred to regular vehicles, some clients in wheelchairs are not safe to be transferred to a regular car. The clients who can't be safely transferred into a regular car have limited choices in the accessing community activities that happen in the evening or on the weekend. We have to plan far in advance on behalf of those clients

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	in order to find other people in the community who have an accessible van who can help us take the clients to those events or only take one person to the public transportation system. With limits of public transportation, we can't be flexible in supporting the clients' choices of some activities unless planned far in advance. Often, we can only support one client at a time to use the public bus. In order to support more than one client in a wheelchair who wants to go to a local play, musicals or movies, we have to plan at least a month in advance. Also, the clients we support are older adults. They would like to go an evening show with other adults their age. It is hard on the clients who want to go to an activity or event but can't because of they use a wheelchair and need accessible transportation. Clients who do not have transportation restrictions have more choices in their schedules. We are requesting to receive funds in order to purchase a
	wheelchair accessible vehicle. If we have a wheelchair accessible vehicle, the clients would have greater flexibility in setting their calendars to participate in events at night or the weekends. Some the activities clients want to do are to go to church, musicals and movies. Also, some clients also want to attend People's First of Eureka which is scheduled in the evening once a month. Many events for adults happen after work or on the weekend. As many people, clients may not know what musical, play, movie or event they want to attend until the week of the event, or even the day of the event. Clients in wheelchairs do not have the same flexibility in choice of events because of the lack of accessible transportation.
Estimated budget; identify all major costs and benchmarks— attachments are acceptable	A wheelchair accessible vehicle that is in good repair costs about \$45,000. We have local dealers who can help us get a reasonably priced 6 passenger used vehicle.
Requested funding for 2016-17	\$45,000
Estimated timeline for the project	Within three month of receiving the funds, we can obtain a 6 passenger wheelchair accessible vehicle.

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Narrative/description of the project. Identify which HCBS federal requirements are currently out of	Federal Requirement #9 - individuals are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time. The need for clients in a wheelchair to access bath/shower that is most accessible to them requires a weekly schedule sign up. Clients
compliance; include justification for funding request	using wheelchairs can only have a bath/shower every other day. Each shower/bath needs to be scheduled to accommodate all clients in a wheelchair which means some folks are getting a scheduled

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	shower/bath after their jobs which is a time often many clients want to visit with their friends. An additional accessible shower would allow more options for clients in wheelchairs to get a shower/bath at their own determination. Additionally, re-modeling the bathroom/shower to include more shower heads so clients can have the warm water running on them while using a handheld shower head to help them with the personal care cleaning. Staff assist with all shower/bath supports. However, staffs want to support clients to have as much independence in cleaning oneself as possible. Most clients want to have their independence in cleaning themselves before accessing the staff to assist them with cleaning. We are hopeful to have a second bathroom remodeled to be accessible for the clients in a wheelchair that not only includes access into the shower/bath space but to include several shower heads to assist with the client's need to clean oneself. The additional bathroom allows greater flexibility for the clients to schedule showers/baths at times in which do not interfere with the times typically used to have visitors or to interfere with times typically dedicated ot other client desired activities. The accessible shower/bath is one of the areas the clients have the greatest desire to be independent and comfortable. The use of a second accessible shower/bath allows clients greater choice of when they care for their personal hygiene while supporting the clients who use wheelchairs often do not have as many options as clients who do not use wheelchairs which is why we have developed accessible bedrooms for each resident and now wish to have extra funding to assist in remodeling the bathroom to allow more options for our residents in wheelchairs. A second remodeled bathroom would complete our home in having universal design in which all clients of all abilities would have equal access within their home.
Estimated budget; identify all major costs and benchmarks— attachments are acceptable	\$20,000
Requested funding for 2016-17	\$20,000
Estimated timeline for the project	within 6 months, remodeling can be complete. Each cost item can be provided as evidence for the reimbursement needed for the remodel.