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Call for Promoting Service Access and Equity Grant Program Applications Notice to Prospective Applicants

The Department is now accepting applications from regional centers (RCs) and community based organizations (CBOs) for grant funds available in FY 2020/21. This year's grant focus is on the development of culturally and linguistically responsive strategies that will lead to individual and family empowerment and improved access to services and supports.

The Department has identified key grant priorities with input through its Developmental Services Task Force Service Access and Equity workgroup meetings, statewide stakeholder engagement meetings, community-based organization meetings, and individual and family testimony. Priority areas of focus are:

- Building leadership capacity to increase representation and voice in the developmental services system for self-advocates and families in diverse communities.
- Creating collaborative opportunities for connection and learning between individuals, families, service providers, and regional centers.
- Improving access to technology, to include training for self-advocates and families.

Applicants must review the 2020-21 Guidelines and follow the DDS Application Instructions located on the Department's website [here](#). All applications must be submitted online through GrantVantage [here](#) no later than 5:00 p.m. PST on December 2, 2020. A list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) will be posted to the Department's website.

The Department seeks proposals that are innovative, demonstrate the capacity to carry out proposed activities and result in sustained strategies and collaborations after completion of the project. Proposals must address a local community or statewide issue/barrier identified through POS data, stakeholder feedback, and/or RC plans and recommendations to promote equity and reduce disparities.

The Department will host a Bidder's Conference Zoom meeting to answer questions regarding the grant on:

October 23, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Register in advance for the Zoom Meeting [here](#). Interested applicants are encouraged to submit questions in advance of the Bidder's Conference to: SAEgrantprogram@DDS.ca.gov.

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