The Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) rules ensure that people with disabilities have full access to, and enjoy the benefits of, community living through long-term services and supports in the most integrated settings of their choosing. In order to assist in determining eligibility for compliance funding, providers must complete this evaluation. Both "Yes" and "No" answers require an explanation. A "No" response *could* mean a service setting is out of compliance with the HCBS rules and is potentially eligible for funding to make necessary adjustments. Once this evaluation is completed, it should act as a guide for filling out the provider compliance funding concept, which is required for any provider to be eligible for compliance funding. **Completion of this evaluation is for the sole purpose of applying for compliance funding and does not take the place of future provider assessments that the Department may require to determine provider compliance with the HCBS settings rules. Only providers requesting compliance funding need to complete this evaluation.**

Federal Requirements #1-5 apply to providers of all services, including residential and nonresidential settings. Federal Requirements #6-10 are additional requirements that apply only to provider-owned or controlled residential settings.

The column labeled "Guidance" contains a series of questions intended to help identify compliance or non-compliance with each requirement as it relates to the HCBS rules. While responses to these questions can help in the determination of whether or not a particular requirement is met, these responses may not be the sole factor in this determination.

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Questions may be directed to HCBSregs@dds.ca.gov.

Date(s) of Evaluation: 02/04/2021	Completed by: Atrem Behmanesh
Vendor Name, Address, Contact: Vocation 92691, Joan Mckinney	al Visions, 26041 Pala, Mission Viejo, Ca
Vendor Number: PM2401- PM0522- PM01 H13715 - P20827	09- H22820- HM1252- HM0371- H13609-
Service Type and Code: 510,055,063,505,	950

Federal Requirement #1: The setting is integrated in, and supports full access of individuals receiving Medicaid HCBS to the greater community, including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and receive services in the community, to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS.	 <u>Guidance:</u> Do individuals receive services in the community based on their needs, preferences and abilities? Does the individual participate in outings and activities in the community as part of his or her plan for services? If an individual wants to seek paid employment, does the home staff refer the individual to the appropriate community agency/resource? Do individuals have the option to control their personal resources, as appropriate?
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Does the service and/or program meet this requirement? \Box Yes \boxtimes No

Please explain: While the individuals are able to participate in community outings and control their personal resources as per their service plans, Vocational Visions' capacity to provide individualized and targeted services has been limited, restricting our ability to provide the types of training that optimize the experience for individuals with our program. Currently, Vocational Visions lacks the necessary resources to employ two Community Integration Instructor who can help clients wanting to work to develop the necessary skills and connections with employment opportunities that meet the individual's needs, preferences, and skills and is based on person centered. This is most notable in the case of individuals placed in groups as they do not receive adequate training to be able to compete in the labor market. The employment of two full-time Community Integration Instructor would hence allow Vocational Visions to increase the opportunity for employment & paid internships, volunteerism, and life-enriching community integrated activities. Also, lack of sufficient number of computers for training and educational purposes limits the quality of services provided and the resulting outcomes.

Federal Requirement #2: Guida	ance:
individual from among setting options, including non-disability-specific Pla settings and an option for a private unit in a residential setting. The setting do options are identified and documented op	oes the provider have a current gional center Individual Program an (IPP) on file for all individuals? oes each individual's IPP ocument the different setting otions that were considered prior selecting this setting?

Does the service and/or program meet Please explain: Vocational Visions has the or Plan (IPP) for all individuals served in the prog	urrent regional center Individual Program
Federal Requirement #3: Ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.	 <u>Guidance:</u> Does the provider inform individuals, in a manner they can understand, of their rights to privacy, dignity, respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint? Does the provider communicate, both verbally and in writing, in a manner that ensures privacy and confidentiality? Do staff communicate with individuals based on their needs and preferences, including alternative methods of communication where needed (e.g., assistive technology, Braille, large font print, sign language, participants' language, etc.)?
Does the service and/or program meet	this requirement? 🛛 Yes 🖾 No

Does the service and/or program meet this requirement? \Box Yes \boxtimes No

Please explain: Our team at Vocational Visions informs all individuals of their rights to privacy, dignity, respect, and freedom from coercion and restrain. The team also makes sure to communicate with clients both verbally as well as via written documents in a manner that ensures privacy and confidentiality. However, due to lack of resources, our Vocational Visions team has difficulty communicating with clients who are not able to understand the traditional means of communication (verbal and written communication). The company lacks resources to provide sign language training for staff, and to employ alternative methods of communication such as assistive technology, braille, large font print, sign language, the participant's language, and etc. This makes it extremely difficult for Vocational Visions to communicate with individuals with hearing and sight problems.

Federal Requirement #4:	<u>Guidance:</u>
Optimizes but does not regiment individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices, including, but not limited to, daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.	 Does the provider offer daily activities that are based on the individual's needs and preferences? Does the provider structure their support so that the individual is able to interact with individuals they choose to interact with, both at home and in community settings? Does the provider structure their support so that the individual is able

eviction that tenants have under the landlord/tenant law of the State,

county, city or other designated entity. For settings in which landlord/tenant laws do not apply, the State must ensure that a lease, residency agreement or other form of written

	to participate in activities that interest them and correspond with their IPP goals?						
Does the service and/or program meet this requirement? $igtimes$ Yes \Box No							
Please explain: Vocational Visions' goal of s skills and receive services that allow them to effective. The company's approach allows the they would interact as well as make decisions place.	e individuals served to choose with whom						
Federal Requirement #5:	<u>Guidance:</u>						
Facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.	 Does the provider support individuals in choosing which staff provide their care to the extent that alternative staff are available? Do individuals have opportunities to modify their services and/or voice their concerns outside of the scheduled review of services? 						
Does the service and/or program meet	this requirement? □ Yes ⊠ No						
Please explain: Vocational Visions does con served with regards to the staff that is provide representatives can ask for modifications or v annual and annual meetings held at Vocation department managers at any time with their c restraints on resources, Vocational Visions ha individuals due to lack of alternative staff that individuals served.	nsider the preferences of the individuals ed to the clients. The individuals and their roice their concerns officially during the semi- al Visions. They can also contact the oncerns and questions. However, due to as difficulty to provide the preferred staff for						
Federal Requirement #6:	<u>Guidance:</u>						
The unit or dwelling is a specific physical place that can be owned, rented or occupied under a legally enforceable agreement by the individual receiving services, and the individual has, at a minimum, the same responsibilities and protections from	 As applicable, does each individual have a lease, residency agreement admission agreement, or other form of written residency agreement? Are individuals informed about how to relocate and request new housing? 						

agreement will be in place for each	
participant and that the document provides protections that address eviction processes and appeals comparable to those provided under the jurisdiction's landlord/tenant law.	
Does the service and/or program meet Please explain:	this requirement? 🛛 Yes 🗆 No
 Federal Requirement #7: Each individual has privacy in his/her sleeping or living unit: Units have entrance doors lockable by the individual, with only appropriate staff having keys to doors as needed. Individuals sharing units have a choice of roommates in that setting. Individuals have the freedom to furnish and decorate their sleeping or living units within the lease or other agreement. 	 <u>Guidance:</u> Do individuals have a choice regarding roommates or private accommodations? Do individuals have the option of furnishing and decorating their sleeping or living units with their own personal items, in a manner that is based on their preferences? Do individuals have the ability to lock their bedroom doors when they choose?
Does the service and/or program meet Please explain:	this requirement? □ Yes □ No
Federal Requirement #8: Individuals have the freedom and support to control their own schedules and activities, and have access to food at any time.	 <u>Guidance:</u> Do individuals have access to food at any time? Does the home allow individuals to set their own daily schedules? Do individuals have full access to typical facilities in a home such as a kitchen, dining area, laundry, and comfortable seating in shared areas?
Does the service and/or program meet Please explain:	this requirement? □ Yes □ No
Federal Requirement #9: Individuals are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time.	 <u>Guidance:</u> Are visitors welcome to visit the home at any time? Can individuals go with visitors outside the home; such as for a meal or shopping, or for a longer

	visit outside the home, such as for holidays or weekends?						
Does the service and/or program meet this requirement?							
Federal Requirement #10: The setting is physically accessible to the individual.	 <u>Guidance:</u> Do individuals have the freedom to move about inside and outside the home or are they primarily restricted to one room or area? Are grab bars, seats in bathrooms, ramps for wheelchairs, etc., available so that individuals who need those supports can move about the setting as they choose? Are appliances and furniture accessible to every individual? 						
Does the service and/or program meet Please explain:	this requirement? □ Yes □ No						

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By checking the box below, I acknowledge that completion of this evaluation is for the sole purpose of applying for compliance funding and does not take the place of future

provider assessments that the Department may require to determine provider compliance with the HCBS settings rules.

⊠ I AGREE

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 as one packet to the regional center with which it has primary vendorization.

Instructions:

- The concept form on the next page must be used, may not exceed four pages plus the budget worksheet and any cost backup, and must be kept in Arial 12-point font. Submit the form in Microsoft Word or PDF format. An extra half page is permitted to answer questions about prior funding.
- Using a form from previous years will negatively impact a concept score, so please ensure the current FY 20-21 form is used.
- For providers that operate programs with several vendor numbers involved in one concept, one evaluation and concept form should be submitted and should list all vendor numbers for related/included programs. If multiple programs owned by the same parent company have different compliance evaluations or concepts, additional applications can be submitted but should be attached in the same document as the other owned programs so they can be reviewed together.
- The results of the evaluation should be clearly laid out in the section referring to identification of federal requirements that are currently out of compliance, which the concept will address.
- The concept form includes detailed information that describes the funding requests and supports how the requests will assist the provider to come into compliance.
- There should be a clear link between what is being requested and the federal requirement currently out of compliance.
- Concepts should demonstrate how the requested change in service delivery will impact individuals in offering more choices and opportunities.

Strengths of previously funded concepts:

- Identified the need as well as proposed a plan to provide outreach and information regarding the HCBS rules to individuals served and members of their support teams.
- Discussed the need for additional funds to effectively support individuals served on a more individualized basis in overcoming barriers to community integration and employment, as appropriate.
- Prioritized the preferences of individuals served and utilized their feedback in the development of the concept.
- Implemented a sustainable plan for person-centered planning/thinking and training regarding the HCBS rules.
- Enabled residents to age in place and exercise more choice and independence.

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Vendor name	Vocational Visions						
Vendor number(s)	PM2401- PM0522- PM0109- H22820- HM1252- HM0371- HM0372- H13609- H13715 - P20827						
Primary regional center	RCOC						
Service type(s)	Adult Day program						
Service code(s)	055- 063- 510- 505- 950-						
Number of consumers typically and currently served	289						
Typical and current staff-to-consumer ratio	1:1- 1:2- 1:3- 1:4- 1:6						
consists of during regular pro	cription of the service/setting. Include what a typical day ogram as well as how services are currently being provided. he baseline/current levels for any aspects of the program for funding.						
services range from clients v only require partial assistance activities such as community developing jobs based on the variety of activities to develo	ple programs for individuals with different needs. These who require 100 percent support from the staff to those who e. The support provided by the staff include person-centered outings, helping individuals access community colleges, eir choice, job coaching, and our site based programs offer a p their personal interest.						
funding, including justification							
 Individualized Vocational Visions needs the addition of two new positions of Community Integration Instructor in order to be able to fully support the needs of individuals who desire employment. These new staff positions will be responsible for teaching individuals looking for employment with basic skills required for employment. These staff will also help those freshly employed to fully learn their new duties, and help them become proficient with their responsibilities at job sites. The Community Integration Instructors would also be accountable to train the staff to gain the necessary skills in order to provide a more person-centered service for the individuals who are seeking employment or are already employed to be more successful in their careers. The addition of these new positions would greatly enhance the ability of our Community Access Specialist to find employment and internship and volunteer opportunities that best suit an individual's preferences, needs, and skills, and benefit the community. Purchase of Computers/Software: Vocational Visions wants to include technology based skills training for our program participants. This proposal includes purchasing 10 sets of computers with necessary software to allow the staff to help individuals with disabilities learn the necessary skills to be more successful both in their personal lives as well as in their careers. Purchase of a Cash Register: As many of Vocational Visions clients desire to seek employment in the retail industry, the company needs to purchase a cash register 							

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Vocational Visions has participant's advisory board, as well as satisfaction surveys and individual planning meeting to secure input from our clients. Their input informs services offered.

8. Please describe how the concept you propose will enable you to provide more personcentered services to your clients.

The barriers our clients face are highly individualized and having these positions will allow us to address those barriers in a more person centered way. Participants will have more resources to use to develop the skills they require to achieve their desired goals. The staff will also be more trained and prepared to offer more person-centered services to the clients.

9. Please address your plan for maintaining the benefits, value, and success of your project at the conclusion of 2020-21 HCBS Funding.

Vocational Visions' request for funding for the above mentioned positions will not only improve the quality of services, but will result in more job placement and job retainments. The incentive payments earned from placements will fund the positions when HCBS fund is exhausted.

10. Write a brief narrative below explaining each major cost category and timeline. Complete the budget template at the end of the concept sheet. An excel version with formulas is available. When applicable, budgets should include personnel/benefits, operating costs such as consultants or training, administrative expenses/indirect costs, and capital costs (assets lasting more than 2 years). If project spans 2 years or occurs in phases, budget should be separated by phase/year.

Administrative costs, if any, must comply with DDS' vendor requirements, including a cap of 15% of the sum of personnel/benefits, consulting, and operating costs (must exclude capital costs). This information can be found at this <u>link</u>.

Hire two Community Integration Instructor within the first month of the project. Purchase computers and software by the end of month two of the project.

11. Please address sustainability of funding sources for all programs or concepts requiring any funding past the timeframe of the requested funding, especially those that involve staff or other long-term costs. Please mark "not applicable" if costs will all be incurred during the program timeframe; up to two years.

N/A

12. Have you or the organization you work with been a past recipient of DDS funding? If yes, what fiscal year(s)?	HCBS FundingNoX Yes. If Yes, FY(s)2018 Disparity FundingNoYes. If Yes, FY(s) CPP FundingNoYes. If Yes, FY(s) CRDP FundingNoYes. If Yes, FY(s) If Yes, FY(s) If yes to any question be sure to answer questions 13 and 14.
For providers who hav	re received prior HCBS, Disparity, CPP or CRDP Funding from

13. If your organization has received prior funding from any of the above sources, please provide an update on the prior funding project. You may copy and paste from progress update(s) previously provided to regional centers or DDS. Vocational Visions received funding in July 2019, and it was exhausted in February 2020. **Monthly Report** February 2020 Training • Created: Created a VV branded 1 hour Defensive Driving Training presentation including testing for knowledge Taught: • Pathways (Job Readiness Clinic) (morning/afternoon) - 2/18/20 2. Defensive Driving Training to ~ 50 ADP employees (testing completed) **Direct Hires** • None Direct hire applications completed for Lake Copeland, ADP: Cheesecake Factory, Ruby's Diner, ٠ Chick-fil-A, Knowlwood Restaurant (Irvine) Internships • Started - Townsend Cota, ADP: Texas Pit BBQ, LF Started - Desiree Brereton, ADP: Ted's Place, LN Started - Andrew Piszkiewicz, ADP: The Zuri Pet Spa and Resort, SJC • Researched an opportunity with Disability Rights California working through Regional Center, ٠ vetted our ADP clients for the right match to submit resume and cover letters - tested reading levels and interest levels of 4 participants, Amy Earlix, Sophia Deshotels, Lake Copeland and Adrienne Tamaki, and selected Amy Earlix (we could only bring forward one candidate) **Interview Training** Amy Earlix, ADP: one to one interview training and feedback, 1 hr • • Desiree Brereton, ADP: one to one interview training and feedback, 1 hr Jordana Shaff, ADP: one to one interview training, 1.5 hr • Lake Copeland, ADP: one to one interview training and feedback, 1 hr • **Job Interviews** Amy Earlix, ADP: Disability Rights Council, Tustin • Jordana Shaff, ADP: Ted's Place, LF Desiree Brereton, ADP: Ted's Place, LF • Lake Copeland, ADP: Ted's Place, LF

Employers Contacted

- Lou Webb Motor Car Company, AV
- Galaxy Martial Arts, AV
- National Gymnastics Training Center, AV
- Ice Palace, AV
- Pave School of the Arts, AV
- Bruegger's Bagels, AV
- The Fountains @ Sea Bluff, DP
- Villa Valencia, LH
- Ruby's Diner, Irv
- Crestavilla Atria Senior Living, LN
- Aegis of Laguna Niguel, LN
- YMCA, Laguna Niguel
- Hobby Lobby, LN (x2)
- Cheesecake Factory, MV
- Surfin' Donuts, MV
- Sunrise Senior Living, MV
- Fairfield Inn, MV
- Paradise Donuts Y Deli, MV
- Todos Santos, RSM

New Volunteer Sites

• Nothing here

Volunteer Sites Engaged or Re-engaged

• Aliso Viejo library and Friends of the Library Bookstore (the latter is willing to take 1 participant volunteer at a time with their job coach)

Microsoft Classes

• Nothing here

Bridging the Gap

• Nothing here

14. If your organization received prior funding, please explain how the current funding request is not redundant with any prior funding received and/or builds on the prior funding but was not part of the original funding.

The current request is not redundant because it provides skill training needed prior to seeking employment, internship, and/or volunteer services. Prior funding was for Community Access Specialist to develop relationships with the community for job development, paid internships, and volunteer sites.

HCBS CONCEPT BUDGET										
Vendor Name		Vocational Visions								
Vendor Number(s)	PM2401-PM0522-P	2-PM0109-H22820-HM1252-HM0371-H13609-H13715-P20827								
				Year 1 E	Budget		Year 2 Bu	idget		Total
		Wage and Benefits	FTE		Annual Cost	FTE		Annual Cost		Cost
Personnel (wage + benefits)										
Community Integrated Instructor		40933	1.00	\$	40,933	1.00	\$	40,933	\$	81,866
Community Integrated Instructor		40933	1.00	\$	40,933	1.00	\$	40,933	\$	81,866
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Administrative Expenses										
Staff Development				\$	1,500		\$	1,500	\$	3,000
Office Supplies & Colllateral Materials				\$	2,000		\$	2,000	\$	4,000
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Total Concept Cost				\$	92,526		\$	92,526	\$	185,052

See Attachment F for budget details and restrictions