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## **Call for Promoting Service Access and Equity Grant Program Applications**

### **Notice to Prospective Applicants**

Date: September 8, 2021

In 2016, ABX2 1 (Chapter 3, Statutes of 2016) added Section 4519.5(h) to Welfare and Institutions Code which allocated funds to the Department of Developmental Services (Department) to assist regional centers in the implementation of strategies to reduce disparities in the purchase of services (POS).

The Department is now accepting applications from regional centers and community-based organizations (CBOs) for grant funds available in FY 2021-22. Regional centers and CBOs are invited to respond to this call for applications for the ***Promoting Service Access and Equity Grant***. Applicants must follow the instructions contained in the ***Grant Guidelines for Applicants*** located on the Department's website [here](#).

Applications must be submitted [here](#) no later than **5:00 p.m. PST on November 3, 2021**. A list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) will be posted to the Department's webpage.

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

**Thursday, September 16, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**[https://cal-dds.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kr5NUYoVTSqRy92UVqwAVw](https://cal-dds.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kr5NUYoVTSqRy92UVqwAVw)**

**Interpretation will be provided in ASL, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese.**

**Interested applicants are encouraged to submit questions in advance to:**

**[SAEgrantprogram@dds.ca.gov](mailto:SAEgrantprogram@dds.ca.gov)**

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