APPLICATION REPORT

Project Name: Bilingual Spanish-Speaking Community Outreach Specialist

Applicant Organization: Harbor Regional Center

Awarded Amount: $192,473

Funding Announcement Name: Promoting Service Access and Equity Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY

The project's objectives are to continue to increase Harbor Regional Center's engagement and support of Hispanic clients and their families, and to maintained and strengthen our relationship with our Hispanic community through continued communication, exchange of ideas, and response to questions, misunderstandings, and concerns.

APPLICANT QUESTION	APPLICANT RESPONSE	ATTACHMENTS
Applicant Eligibility		
Applicant Information		
1. Project Title What is the Project Title?	**Applicant Response** Bilingual Spanish-Speaking Community Outreach Specialist	
2. Awarded Amount	**Applicant Response** $192,473	
3. Organization Type Please check the box that describes your organization	**Applicant Response** Regional Center (RC)	
4. Description of Organization/Group Provide a brief description of the organization/group (organization type, group mission, etc.). Explain what experience your organization has managing a program similar to the proposal and state the outcomes of that program.	**Applicant Response** Harbor Regional Center (HRC) is one of 21 private, non-profit regional centers contracted with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in California to provide community-based supports and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Our mission is to provide quality services, support, information and choices for people with developmental disabilities and their families, to promote their participation as valued neighbors in our communities. Harbor Regional Center has successfully administered grant-funded projects through the Promoting Service Access and Equity Grant program since 2016. For three years, our Community Outreach Specialist has successfully provided outreach information and training tailored to the needs of our Spanish-speaking client families, and has strengthened relationships within our Hispanic community.	
5. Applicant in Good Standing Is the applicant in good standing with the California Secretary of State, California Franchise Tax Board, and California Department of Tax and Fee Administration?	**Applicant Response** Yes	
6. Subcontractors in Good Standing	**Applicant Response**	

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Are the applicant's subcontractors in good standing with the California Secretary of State, California Franchise Tax Board, and California Department of Tax and Fee Administration?	Not Applicable	

Grant Reapplication Information		
Grant Reapplications Only		
1. Grant Number	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplications Only) What is the Grant Number of previously awarded project? If not applicable select Not Applicable.	19-HRC-06	
2. Project Title	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplications Only) What is the Project Title of previously awarded project? If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Bilingual/Spanish-Speaking Community Outreach Specialist	
3. Project Start & End Dates	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplications Only) What are the Start & End Dates of the previously awarded project? If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Start Date: 02/19/2020, End Date: 02/17/2021	
4. Project Duration	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplications Only) What is the Total Project Duration (in months) of the previously awarded project? If not applicable select Not Applicable.	12	
5. 2016/2017 Award	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplications Only) Enter the amount of funding that was awarded in FY 2016/2017. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable	
6. 2016/2017 Expenses	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplicants only) Enter the amount of funding that was expended in FY 2016/2017. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable	
7. 2016/2017 Remaining	**Applicant Response**	

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(Reapplicants only) Subtract the Total Expenses from the Total Award to determine the amount remaining from FY 2016/2017. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable	
8. 2017/2018 Award	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplicants only) Enter the amount of funding that was awarded in FY 2017/2018. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	$78,000.00	
9. 2017/2018 Expenses	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplicants) Enter the amount of funding that was expended in FY 2017/2018. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	$78,000.00	
10. 2017/2018 Remaining	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplicants only) Subtract the Total Expenses from the Total Award to determine the amount remaining from FY 2017/2018. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable	
11. 2018/2019 Award	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplicants only) Enter the amount of funding that was awarded in FY 2018/2019. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	$78,015.00	
12. 2018/2019 Expenses	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplicants only) Enter the total amount of funding that was expended, or is anticipated to be expended, in FY 2018/2019. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	$78,015.00	
13. 2018/2019 Remaining	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplicants only) Subtract the Total Expenses from the Total Award to determine the amount remaining from FY 2018/2019. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable	
14. 2019/2020 Award	**Applicant Response**	

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(Reapplicants only) Enter the amount of funding that was awarded in FY 2019/2020. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	$79,125.00	
15. 2019/2020 Expenses	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplicants only) Enter the total amount of funding that was expended, or is anticipated to be expended, in FY 2019/2020. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	$27,000.00	
16. 2019/2020 Remaining	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplicants only) Subtract the Total Expenses from the Total Award to determine the amount remaining from FY 2019/2020. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	$52,125.00	
17. Total Awarded	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplicants only) Combine the amounts included in FY 2016/2017, FY 2017/2018, FY 2018/2019, and FY 2019/2020 for the total amount awarded for the project. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	$235,140.00	
18. Initial Proposed Number of People Served	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplications Only) Include the initial number of people projected to be served. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	500	
19. Actual Number of People Served	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplications Only) Include the actual number of people served. Explain why this number is different from the projected impact number. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	From 2017 - 2020, The Community Outreach Specialist has reached 2,269 families through in-person support and training, as well as through direct support during the current pandemic (eg diaper drives and delivery of resource materials). In addition, the project has reached more than 5000 through Spanish-language social media and electronic newsletter distribution. The increased focus upon virtual training, information and support has allowed more families to participate in these activities.	
20. Regional Centers in Catchment Area	**Applicant Response**	

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(Reapplications Only) List all Regional Centers in the project catchment areas that the project has served. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	This is a Harbor Regional Center program for clients and families in the HRC catchment area.	
21. Cities Served	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplications Only) List the cities your project has served. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Harbor Regional Center Service Area includes the following cities. All of these cities will potentially be served by our project. Cities with asterisks have been given special attention due to the presence of a greater number of clients/families that are not utilizing or underutilizing available services within these areas. Manhattan Beach Hermosa Beach Redondo Beach Torrance Palos Verdes/Rancho Palos Verdes/Palos Verdes Estates *Carson *Harbor City *Wilmington *San Pedro Catalina Island *Long Beach *Signal Hill Lakewood *Bellflower *Norwalk Artesia Hawaiian Gardens Cerritos We have served families throughout the HRC service area, and have not tracked the residences of families that have benefited from community outreach and family support activities.	
22. Counties Served	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplications Only) List the counties your project has served. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Harbor Regional Center is located fully within Los Angeles County.	
23. City of Los Angeles	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplications Only) If your project has served the City of Los Angeles, list the zip code(s) and/or community(ies) your project has served. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	The individual cities of San Pedro (90731), Wilmington (90744), and Harbor City (90710) within the HRC service area are considered part of the city of Los Angeles.	
24. Activities to Date	**Applicant Response**	

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(Reapplications Only) Provide a detailed explanation of project activities to date. Include what the project has accomplished to date. From the start of the project to the date of reapplication, what are the key accomplishments? Have all activities been completed? If no, why not? If not applicable select Not Applicable.	The primary goal in creating the bilingual community outreach specialist position was to expand engagement, communication, outreach, training and support of Hispanic families throughout the service area. HRC's community outreach specialist participated in Spanish-speaking parent support group meetings throughout the service area. She attended these sessions with families in our community, in person, until it became unsafe for support groups to meet in person; thereafter she has attended virtual meetings.

Although several of these support groups have been on hiatus or are just beginning to resume activities during the pandemic, the community outreach specialist has met virtually with groups of families and provided information, answered questions, shared information about upcoming HRC events and trainings, worked to reduce misconceptions about supports and services, and reported on family issues and experiences to HRC service coordinators and managers.

We also ensured HRC had a consistent presence in the community through coordinating our participation in outreach events where we were able to talk to both clients and non-clients about Regional Center and the supports and services we offer those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Additionally, through collaboration with community based organizations like Pediatric Therapy Network, the Learning Rights Law Center, Carolyn Kordich Family Resource Center, Disability Rights California, and more , HRC's community outreach specialist also helped coordinate and facilitate Spanish-language trainings on topics of critical interest to parents in their home communities and more recently on virtual platforms. HRC clients and families were well informed about these trainings, resources, and support opportunities through continuous communication on Spanish-language electronic newsletter and social media and through service coordinators. Translated materials and interpreter services were also made available at other community outreach and training events.

Through these activities, the outreach and engagement work done through the bi-lingual community outreach position has supported over 2,269 families through in-person support and training, and more than 500 general community members. This year alone, we have reached 5360 families through Spanish-language social media and electronic newsletter distribution.

Through these efforts these families have an improved understanding and trust of the regional center, are better able to discuss service and support needs, and know where to turn if they have questions or experience challenges. We need to continue this program to maintain and build upon this level of communication and support and continue to reach more families in this underserved community. | |
| 25. Project Impact & Outcome | Applicant Response | |

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(Reapplications Only) Provide a detailed explanation of project impacts and outcomes to date. Attach data (summary of pre-tests and post-tests), participant success stories to demonstrate project outcomes and impacts. Provide outcomes of your project's impact in serving the target communities. Using your attached data, provide a brief statement of key findings. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	During the initial grant year: We recruited and hired the bilingual/Spanish-speaking community outreach specialist with experience and knowledge in accessing Regional Center supports and services as well generic and basic needs supports. In the first grant year the newly hired Community Outreach Specialist: Met with members of existing Spanish-Speaking community groups to explain her role, establish a relationship and plan joint activities. Supported the development of two new Spanish-language support groups in the Bellflower and Wilmington areas, where we had seen a high concentration of clients/families who were underutilizing available services. Coordinated four Spanish-language trainings for HRC families with CBO partner Learning Rights Law Center. During the following grant year, the Community Outreach Specialist: Participated in nineteen Spanish-language parent support meetings. Continued to coordinate Spanish -language training sessions with Learning Rights Law Center and Dr. Mariana Leneros to increase understanding of disabilities and development. Provided information about services, supports, upcoming training and events. Participated in 9 community outreach events to meet with existing and potential new clients/families. Provided ongoing resource and service information to 3000 individuals/families through electronic outreach. Coordinated resource events with engaging Spanish-language guest speakers on family support topics such as What Hats Are You Wearing? Thus far in 2020 The Community Outreach Specialist: Provided training and information for 591 families who participated in Spanish-language training events. Participated in 3 support groups. Reached 565 families through outreach activities. Coordinated with 6 new organizations for collaborative family support and training. Connected 260 families with basic resources; organized drive through distribution events for diapers and PPE in multiple locations and dates. Provided follow-up support to six families. Reached 5360 Individuals/Families through electronic outreach.	
26. Project Objectives	Applicant Response	

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(Reapplications Only) What are the projects objectives in addressing disparities and what remains to be addressed/completed? Explain why these objectives have not been completed during the current grant period. Provide a brief description of the key lessons learned from your current project, if any. What were some of the challenges that prevented your project from meeting your objectives/measures? What are some strategies your organization plans to implement to address challenges, if any? If not applicable select Not Applicable.	The project's objective is to continue to increase HRC's engagement and support of Hispanic clients and their families. We have been meeting and exceeding this year's goals thus far. We have learned that the relationship with this underserved community must be maintained and strengthened through continued communication, exchange of ideas, and response to questions, misunderstandings, and concerns. We will continue to promote strong individual relationships between service coordinators and the families they serve, but we have learned that having a dedicated staff member to plan and coordinate efforts to provide enhanced support for this community is needed. In the earlier years of this project we were challenged to overcome some reluctance, fear, and lack of trust within this community. We need to continue to build upon the trust that is being developed. The 2019/20 year has presented challenges that have arisen due to the interruption of our ability to meet face to face with families. On the other hand, the concerted efforts of the community outreach specialist to pivot to virtual meetings and trainings has allowed us to continue our efforts and even to reach more families. A dedicated bilingual Spanish-speaking community outreach specialist is needed to continue to identify our families' continued and evolving needs for information, support and training, and to tailor specialized activities to respond to these needs on an ongoing basis. We will continue the following successful strategies: Execute outreach and engagement activities with local parent support groups and community organizations. Research and identify additional parent support and local sommunity service organizations to target for HRC outreach.	
27. Project Transition	**Applicant Response**	
(Reapplications Only) If awarded, how will your current project transition into the 2020/21 proposed project? How does your proposed project complement your current project? Does your proposed project expand or continue your current project, if so how? What activities, measures, or target groups are being added? Provide a summary of the differences and reasons why you are proposing the change. If not applicable, select Not Applicable.	Our proposed project will continue our current project. We need to continue the current program and activities to maintain and strengthen relationships with the community and build upon communication and support. We need to continue to Conduct monthly outreach activities to engage more families in this underserved community. Continue and re-establish ongoing family support groups. Maintain at least weekly online communication, connection, and sharing of valuable resources through electronic newsletters and social media. Continue to collaborate with trusted community partners for the provision of support, information and training to reach more families in their networks. Provide a trusted point of contact within HRC for seeking of additional information and support, providing input, and expressing concerns..... We believe that as more and more families become more engaged, feel supported, and develop a better understanding of regional center services and supports, this improved relationship will better enable them to work with their service coordinators and access services that they need	

General Application

APPLICANT QUESTION	APPLICANT RESPONSE	ATTACHMENTS
Proposal Summary		
1. Individuals Impacted	**Applicant Response**	
Enter the projected number of individuals impacted.	800	
2. People Served	**Applicant Response**	
What is proposed number of people projected to be served?	1500	
3. Duration of project	**Applicant Response**	
What is the duration of the project? Enter Start & End Dates.	Start Date: 02/18/2021, End Date: 02/18/2023	
4. Duration of project (months)	**Applicant Response**	
What is the total duration of project in months?	24	
5. Regional Centers	**Applicant Response**	
List all Regional Centers in the project catchment areas.	Harbor Regional Center	
6. Cities Served	**Applicant Response**	
List the city or cities your project proposes to serve.	Harbor Regional Center Service Area includes the following cities. All of these cities will potentially be served by our project. Cities with asterisks will be given special attention due to the demographics and a greater number of families who have not utilized or underutilized services in these areas. Manhattan Beach Hermosa Beach Redondo Beach Torrance Palos Verdes/Rancho Palos Verdes/Palos Verdes Estates *Carson *Harbor City *Wilmington *San Pedro Catalina Island *Long Beach *Signal Hill Lakewood *Bellflower *Norwalk Artesia Hawaiian Gardens Cerritos	
7. Counties Served	**Applicant Response**	
List the county or counties your project proposes to serve.	Los Angeles County	
8. City of Los Angeles	**Applicant Response**	

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If your project proposes to serve the City of Los Angeles, list the zip codes and/or communities your project will serve.	The individual cities of San Pedro 90731, Harbor City (90710) , and Wilmington (90744) are considered part of the City of Los Angeles.	
9. Community Based Organizations	**Applicant Response**	
Will you be working with one or more Community Based Organization?	Yes	
10. Regional Center Data	**Applicant Response**	
If you plan to use regional center data for your project, indicate what steps you will take (or already have taken) to acquire it. For example, completing a data agreement, completing a data request, meeting with RC to discuss data availability/timelines, etc.	As a Regional Center we collect, post, analyze and report our own data on an annual basis.	
11. First Project Type Selection	**Applicant Response**	
Select your first project type.	Engagement and Outreach (community events, etc)	
12. Second Project Type Selection	**Applicant Response**	
Select your second project type (if applicable).	Parent Education (online or in person trainings, etc)	
13. Third Project Type Selection	**Applicant Response**	
Select your third project type (if applicable).	Not Applicable	
14. Multiple Organizations	**Applicant Response**	
Does your project include partnership with one or more organizations either as a co-applicant or subcontractor? If "yes", please upload a letter of support from each organization, that includes an explanation of their role in the partnership.	No	
15. Leverage & Strategies	**Applicant Response**	

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Describe how your organization will leverage and build upon strategies, collaborations, and lessons learned to continue to address the identified disparities after completion of the project. How will your project continue its work after the grant funding has concluded?	We will work to continue to leverage the training, support, and relationships with individuals, groups, and organizations that have been developed trough the work of the Community Outreach Specialist, to offer support tailored to the Hispanic community, and we will identify client/family and community leaders from within our Hispanic community with whom we will collaborate, and encourage to share our message. We will continue this collaboration between these community members and members of our staff, including service coordinators, managers, and other specialists, to continue outreach and engagement activities, to maintain communication, and increase understanding of our services. and supports. We will to continue to emphasize that we are partners working together on behalf of the individuals we serve and their families. We will strive to continue to build upon the trust that is still being established. We strongly believe that a dedicated bilingual Spanish-speaking community outreach specialist is needed to continue to maintain our focus upon evolving needs, and provide the necessary efforts for information, support, training, and specially tailored activities to respond to these needs on an ongoing basis. We hope that regional centers will be funded in the future to make this role an ongoing part of our workforce.	

Target Population

1. Target Groups Served	Applicant Response	
Select all groups the project will serve. If you select "Pacific Islander" or "Other" use comment section to list all groups.	Hispanic	
Applicant Comment		

2. Number of Target Group Served	Applicant Response	
For each target group selected in previous question, list number served.	We propose to serve at least 1500 families in the target group of Hispanic clients and families.	

3. Languages	Applicant Response	
Select all Languages the project will serve. If you select "Other" please list all languages.	Spanish	
Applicant Comment	We will serve both English- and Spanish- speaking families in the Hispanic community.	

4. Age Groups Served	Applicant Response	
Select all Age Groups the project will serve. If you select "Other" please list groups.	Birth up to Three (Early Start) , Three to Five , Three to 21 , 16 to 21 , 22 and older	
Applicant Comment		

Project Application

APPLICANT QUESTION	APPLICANT RESPONSE	ATTACHMENTS
Project Application		
1. Project Summary	**Applicant Response**	
Provide a clear and concise project summary that includes a defined target population, catchment area, and project design. Specifically describe what your project will accomplish and how it will benefit the community served.	HRC's bi-lingual community outreach specialist has helped our agency expand its engagement, communication, outreach, training and support of Hispanic families throughout the Harbor Regional Center catchment area. Her role is to continue to execute outreach and engagement activities with local parent support and community groups, and to expand the network of support by researching, identifying or developing additional groups or activities where our families can feel a sense of shared community. The community outreach specialist will continue working collaboratively with our local support groups to share information, coordinate guest speakers and trainings, and develop an environment of partnership where trust has been increased and information can be freely exchanged. This program will continue to build upon the information and support that we provide to our communities through virtual platforms and social media. Her continued active presence in our community, working collaboratively with other trusted community partners, is essential to continue to increase understanding, participation, and service access within our Spanish speaking community. We believe the activities of the community outreach specialist have had a direct and positive impact on how one of HRC's underserved communities understands Regional Center services, how more of HRC's Hispanic community can now relate to and engage with HRC, and upon families abilities to overcome barriers in their ability to access services.	
2. Organization Experience	**Applicant Response**	

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What experience does the organization/group have working with the target population?	Harbor Regional Center currently serves more than 6,000 Hispanic clients and families, who make up 42% of our total client population. We have for many years made a concerted effort to recruit and retain a highly diverse bilingual and bicultural staff, 63% of whom are Hispanic, and 193 are Spanish Speaking. Our mission is to maintain strong relationships between our bilingual Spanish-speaking staff and families, and to provide highly individualized support, information, and services for this community. We have continued to develop family-friendly publications and videos in Spanish, which our staff make readily available to families, to support their awareness and understanding of services. We have developed and encouraged family participation in Spanish language support groups and training presentations, and have worked with other groups in our community to promote this increased understanding and engagement. In recent years, with support from Service Access and Equity Grant Funding, we have had a dedicated staff member who can coordinate and expand upon all of these efforts and provide a focal point for our community.	
3. Underserved Target Populations	**Applicant Response**	
Explain how the target population(s) are underserved using RC POS data or other data as supporting evidence of the disparity.	Harbor Regional Center POS data has shown that Hispanic clients receive the lowest per capita POS in the age groups of 3-21 and over 22. **In 2018-19,** data showed that: - Hispanic children ages 3-21 were 46% of our population, and received 37% of expenditures, (a slight increase over expenditures in 2017-18 of 33%). - Hispanic adults age 22 and over were 33% of the population, and received 23% of expenditures, (with no change from 2017-18). - For infants and chidden ages 0-3, our data did not show that Hispanics were underserved. They were 45% of our population, and received 46% of expenditures (a slight increase over expenditures in 2017-18 of 42%). Source: Department of Developmental Services data for HRC Year End Performance Report http://www.harborrc.org/files/uploads/Final_2019_HRC_YE.pdf	
4. Input from Community	**Applicant Response**	

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How did your organization use input from the community and/or target population to design the project? What methods did your organization use to allow the community to advise you in designing the project? Were there any changes to your project design as a result of community input?	Harbor Regional Center has shared our progress over the past years at Public Meetings. In 2020 these meetings were held in August and September. • On June 12, 2020, there was a combined total of seventy-five public audience members present: sixty-seven (67) HRC parents; two (2) service providers; four (4) representatives from Disability Rights California; and two (2) representative from DDS; • On August 27, 2020, there were a total of seventy-seven (77) HRC parents; six (6) service providers; two (2) representatives from Disability Rights California, and three (3) representatives from DDS. Following the presentation of the data, we presented overviews of the various activities in which HRC has been engaging to reach out to our underserved communities, including collaboration with community-based partner organizations such as the Carolyn Kordich Family Resource Center, and Pediatric Therapy Network. Some expressed appreciation for keeping families informed and providing help in self-advocacy and navigation of different programs that could help the client and family. Some expressed their feeling that HRC should continue to do more in this regard, and questioned why the data still reflects disparity for Hispanic families. Some expressed appreciation for the more frequent distribution of vital community resource information during the pandemic, through our bilingual electronic newsletter and social media. Some expressed appreciation for assistance they received to work with the school district for development of their Individual Education Plan, while others expressed more recent concerns about their difficulties obtaining adequate support from their school district, and the additional challenges they experienced while having their children at home for distance learning during the pandemic. HRC will use this input in our planning for continued provision of support, information and training, with special attention to outreach, information, and suppport in the areas identified by our families.	
5. Improve Access	**Applicant Response**	
How will your project improve equity, access and reduce barriers to services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families and is sustainable?	The community outreach specialist will continue to place a strong focus upon providing information and training about disability conditions, family support services, regional center services, and community resources. She will encourage questions and dialog, to promote a stronger understanding of our services and those available to families from other community providers, and explore barriers that families experience. Through the family support network we will help families to learn strategies for overcoming barriers.	
6. Support RC's Recommendations	**Applicant Response**	

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How does this project support the RC recommendations and plan to promote equity and reduce disparities in their catchment area? If you are a RC, how does this project support your recommendations and plan to promote equity and reduce your identified disparities? How will your project collaborate with other organizations that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families?	We hope that as we continue to reach out to families in our Hispanic community, to provide information, and support their connection to their service coordinator, regional center, and community resources, we will continue to see a continued increase in utilization of authorized and available services, and greater reduction in disparity in expenditures. We will continue to work with our partners in the community, such as CBO Carolyn Kordich Family Resource Center and grass-roots Spanish-speaking parent groups, to make sure that they and the families they serve are as informed as possible regarding the individualized person-centered service planning process, and how the regional center can be their partner along with other community agencies.	
7. Project different or unique	**Applicant Response**	
How is the proposed project unique or different from a currently funded grant (e.g., strategies, activities, and goals) in the proposed regional center catchment area? If the project is similar to a currently funded grant listed on the Department's website, how is the proposed project different?	This proposal is for a continuation of our existing, Harbor Regional Center-based grant funded project. It provides a way for opening doors into understanding and utilization of regional center services in a way that CBO-based services cannot.	
8. Activities & Measures to Achieve Goal	**Applicant Response**	

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Clearly and specifically state how the schedule of activities and measures demonstrate the operational details and steps that the project will take to achieve its stated goals, activities, and measures. Note: **Before answering this question, applicant may want to complete the Activities Template located in the tab directly above.**	HRC's bi-lingual community outreach specialist will continue to coordinate and expand HRC engagement, communication, outreach, training and support of Hispanic families throughout the **Harbor Regional Center catchment area.** She will continue to execute outreach and engagement activities with local parent support and community groups. She will expand the network of support by researching, identifying or developing additional groups where our families can feel a sense of shared community. The community outreach specialist will continue working collaboratively with our local support groups to share information, coordinate guest speakers and trainings, and develop an environment of partnership where trust has been increased and information can be freely exchanged. This program will continue to build upon the information and support that we provide to our communities through virtual platforms and social media. Her continued active presence in our community, working collaboratively with other trusted community partners, is essential to continue to increase understanding, participation, and service access within our Spanish speaking community. We believe the identified activities and measures for the community outreach specialist project will continue to have had a direct and positive impact on HRC's underserved communities understanding of Regional Center services, HRC's Hispanic community relationship and engagement with HRC, and upon families' abilities to overcome barriers in their ability to access services.	
9. Measures	**Applicant Response**	
Are your proposed measures appropriate to track project goals and activities, provide insight into the effectiveness of the overall design of the project and demonstrate how the impact on the community will be evaluated?	We have worked over the past few years of this project to refine the goals and activities so that we can identify and quantify measurable outcomes, and gather subjective and testimonial data to reflect the impact upon the community.	
10. Budget Narrative	**Applicant Response**	

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Note: Before uploading your Budget Narrative, applicants should complete the Budget Template located in the tab directly above. After you complete the Budget Template, please return to this question to upload your Budget Narrative. The project budget is consistent with stated projected goals and activities, and clearly and concisely explains how the proposed expenditures support the overall project design. The project budget costs are clearly associated with the project activities and goals. The project budget does not include non-allowable costs. The overall project budget is appropriate to the outcomes proposed. Please attach your Budget Narrative document. An example of a Budget Narrative can be found in Attachment C.		1
Proposal Certification		
Certification		
1. Applicant & Regional Center Discussion	**Applicant Response**	
If you are a CBO, have you discussed your proposal with the RC(s)?	Not Applicable	
2. Applicant Certification	**Applicant Response**	
By submitting this application, the Applicant is certifying the truth and accuracy of the proposal. The applicant also certifies that if you have subcontracting organizations, each participating organization has reviewed your project and agrees to their assigned activities, measures, and the budget. (Select Yes or No and enter you name in the comment box.)	Yes	
Applicant Comment		