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Project Name:CLASE LatinCommunity facti eApplicant Organization:Autism So iety Inland Empi e

Awarded Amount: \$180,000.00

Funding Announcement Name: m oting Servi e A ess and Equity G ant



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This 2-year grant will ontinue t st engthen the CLASE Latin Community f act e leaders by providing ultu ally elevant leadership, bias, systems t aining, and support f at least 30 parent adv ates and leaders wh serve the Inland Empi e (Riverside and San Bernardin Counties) Hispani I/DD ommunity. Additionally, CLASE members will develop and disseminate twelve new es u es (3 each year in English and Spanish) t edu ate the Latin ommunity on Regional Center servi es in the next tw years.

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The Autism S iety Inland Empire's mission is t imp ve the lives f ALL affe ted by autism in the Inland Empi e sin e 1986. We are a grass oots nonpr f it ganization w king t improve the quality of life and edu e inequities in many areas. We provide wellness programs, edu ation, support, systems navigation, and grass oots adv acy f the Autism and I/DD ommunity in the Inland Empi e. We we e e ently awarded the Autism S iety of Ameri a Affiliate of the Year award f u w k in the ommunity in 2021. Among w k we have done in edu ation and employment, we have had the privilege to fa ilitate the CLASE C mmunity f a ti e fo the last th ee yea s. We have witnessed a fra tu ed ommunity start t heal. CLASE is a group f 41 leaders f om 19 different ganizations wh learn about es u es, systems navigation, leadership; eate and disseminate es u es t the over 16,000 Inland Regional Latin lients.	
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2. Previous Grant Award(s)	Applicant Response			
Sin e fis al year 2019, mplete a wf each DDS Se vi e A ess and Equity g ant y u ganizati n was awarded funding.				
	2019	Expansi n of the C laboración, Liderazgo, Abogacía, Se vicio y Edu a ión (CLASE) C mmunity f acti e	19-C02	94,740
	2020	CLASE C mmunity f acti e: Empowering Latin Stakeh Iders with a V i e fo Adv a y	20-C02	60000
3. Previous Grant utcomes	Applicant Response			
ovide a b ief grant summa y of y u or ect ut mes f fis al year 2019 20 and/ 2020-21.	The p e t out ome in 2019 was t ntinue t build the apacity f leaders wh served the Spanish Speaking ID/DD mmunities in the Rive side and San Berna din Counties by:			
20 and/ 2020-21.	(1) in easing kn wledge on pers n- entered thinking and planning f 32 leaders wh servi e the Inland Empi e Hispani /ID/DD mmunity			
	(2) In easing parti ipati n at stakeh lder meetings and systems adv a y			
	elevant t Regional Cente	nd es u e material f the er se vi es, eventually p odu viate bu nout and use new	ing a lib a y of tools t sh	are with all groups and
	independent parent adv a mmunity. As COVID or dist ibute tablets t all the 0	ates wh parti ipated, lean ared th ugh Calif nia, tha CLASE members t all w t	ned news skills, and develonks to the support for m DE hem to a lessolitical es	
	leaders t in ease thei ac are u ently 41 leaders f o f m va ious backg unds Leaders eated a Region asking f servi es and dis issues elated t the einst	till in p ess, the out ome dv acy effe tiveness and p om 19 ganizati ns wh att sha e thei experien es wit al Center systems navigati st ibuted th ugh ut the g uatement of S ial Re eati additional eport f qualitati	parti ipati n in egional e end this year's h t. The h adv acy and leadership n es u e in English and up's netw ks. CLASE is n servi es and p eparing	nter adv acy issues. The e e group has had leaders as a pers nfl. Spanish t assist families ur ently w king thr ugh t pa ti e stakeh lder
4. Project Transition	Applicant Response			

If awarded, h w will y u u ent pr ect t ansiti n int the 2021-22 proposed pr ect? Does y u proposed pr ect expand ontinue y u u ent pr ect, if s h w? What activities, measu es, target groups are being added? ovide a summa y of the diffe en es and easons why y u a e proposing the hange.	This CLASE C mmunity f acti e has eated learning ppor tunities, building apacity, sharing knowledge, eating new es u es, and most imp tantly, with the end goal of in easing access and equity fo the Latin I/DD mmunity. This prect would ntinue the Community f acti e by providing: (1) leadership and bias t aining th ough Cultue f overty and Em tional Intelligen e t aining; (2) in easing the leader's knowledge of Regional Center se vi es su h as a ti ipant Die ted Se vi es, S ial Rec eati n, Employment, Housing, C isis Se vi es, Community Navigat , what SSVIHSS support a asew ker an help with, Self-Dete minati n, Ea ly sta t/p visi nal eligibility, and EVV; (3) p viding m nthly "d op-in" meetings f CLASE members via a vi tual meetingt p vide a safe space f nversations n leadership, es u es and support; (4) developing easy-t -understand es u es f families n servi es in English and Spanish whi h all parti ipants an dist ibute; and (5) eating a passw d-protected website portal t allow all CLASE leaders t ac ess past and present es u es, p esentati ns, and ntact inf mati n. As y u a e aware, sin e COVID, the e have been many hanges in Regional Center se vi es, with new se vi es and servi e delivery models now available. COVID has als impacted the apacity fithe n n-profits in the Inland Empi e in va ious ways. S me have losed thei doors, while thers have merged. S me leaders have not been able t oin CLASE because of family obligati ns elated t COVID. The leaders wh se ve the Latin and Spanish-speaking ommunity must be suppo ted, equipped and knowledgeable, s they an, in tu n, n t only inf m thei families but als adv ate when needed. Ou ommunity needs t takes me time t n t nly stabilize but move f ward. This prect provides an ppor tunity t ensu e the Latin ommunity is n t left behind.	
1. Project Type	Applicant Response	
Choose the pr ect type that best des ibes y u activities f om the list below:	Educati n and T aining	
2. Duration of project	Applicant Response	
Choose the du ati n of y u pr ect.	24 m nths	
3. Regional Centers	Applicant Response	
Choose the Regional Center(s) that y u pr ect will serve. Che k all that apply.	Inland Regional Center	
4. Counties Served	Applicant Response	
List the ounty ounties y u pr ect p oposes t se ve. Check all that apply.	Rive side County , San Berna din County	
5. Cit of Los Angeles	Applicant Response	
If y u pr ect p oposes t se ve the City of Los Angeles, list the zip des y u pr ect will serve.	N/A	
6. Communit Based rganizations	Applicant Response	
Will y u be w king with one m e C mmunity Based O ganizati ns? If s , p vide the name f the ganizati n and h w you will be w king togethe .	Cu ent members f the CLASE in lude Angeles Especiales arent Support, B oad Spect um B ader Minds, Capacidades Dife entes, C ac hella Valley Special Needs a ents, Fiesta Edu ativa In High Dese t, GANAS, Inland Regi nal Cente , NESPE p la In lusion, adres C n oder, TASK, United Ce ebral alsy Inland Empi e, State Coun il on Developmental Disabilities and independent leaders. These group leaders give input on t pi s, develop and dist ibute es u es, and adv acy.	2
7. Multiple rganizations	Applicant Response	
Does y u pr ect in lude partnership with one m e ganizati ns either as a o-appli ant sub nt at? If "yes", please upload a lette f support f m each ganizati n, that in ludes an explanati n f thei le in the partnership.	No	
8. Strategies and Sustainabilit	Applicant Response	

H w will y u p e t ntinue its w k afte the grant funding has n luded?	As u mmunity stats t me ut f COVID, CLASE leaders need time t e laim thei equilib ium. Because of in eased federal funding and COVID pr t ols, there is an influx f new programs and pr edu es that need t be learned.		
	C mmunity f acti es foll ws five stages: potential, f ming, matu ing, self-sustaining, and t ansf mati n. In u opinion, the C llaborative is in the matu ing phase. The ommunity has started t f m st ong bonds and t ust and eate eal value f its members. It has g wn in mmitment and depth f kn wledge but still depends on a facilitat and Autism S iety Inland Empi e staff t guide and d mu h f the w k t prepare es u es. We plan that the Community f acti e will become self-sustaining at the end of tw years and have its momentum, n I nger equi ing a high level f staff support. If additi nal support is needed, we will pursue funding f m p ivate f undati ns.		
4 Ethnicit Crowns Comed	Applicant Decreases		
1. Ethnicit Groups Served	Applicant Response		
Sele t the ethni ity g up(s) the pr ect will serve. F "Indian", "acifi Islander", "Slavi " "Other" use mment se tion t list spe ific groups.	Hispani		
Appli ant Comment			
2. Ethnicit Group(s), Language(s) and Number of Individuals Served	Applicant Response		
F each ethni ity group, provide the number of individuals y u p e t intends t serve and the elated language(s).			
3. A e Group(s) Served	Applicant Response		
Sele tall Age G oups the pet will se ve.	Bith upt Thee (Early Start), Theet Five, Theet 21, 16t 21, 22 and Ider		
Appli ant Comment			
Project Application			
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Project Summar and rganizational xperience	Applicant Response		

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ovide a lear and on ise prect summa y that in ludes a defined ta get population, at hment area, and pet design. Specifially desibe what yupet will acmplish and how it will benefit the mmunity served. In yuanswer, in lude what experieney uganizatin has wking with the taget population?	With the generous support fDDS, the Autism S iety hland Empi e has had the privilege of fa ilitating the CLASE C mmunity f acti ef the last the eyears. C laboración, Liderazgo, Abogacía, Servi i y Edu ación (CLASE) is a mmunity pa the ship f lea ning and adv a y between individuals, families, se vi e p viders, egional enters, and I al and state agen ies. Ove the last the eyears, 53 leaders se ving the Latin I/DD ommunity have e eived valuable t aining and es u est st engthen thei ommunity and build t ust with the Regional Centert ac ess se vi es. Sub e t matter experts have delivered t aining f ers n-Centered Thinking, Stakeholder Adv a y, leadership, oping, and self- are t m e than 50 leaders. New es u es have been eated in English and Spanish and dist ibuted th oughout the Inland Empi e. The foundati n ft ust is m ving f ward. With y u ntinued support f the next tw years, the C mmunity f acti e will ntinue t evolve and st engthen the CLASE leaders by p viding ultu ally elevant leadership, bias, systems t aining, and support f at least 30 parent adv ates and leaders whise veithe Inland Empi e (Riverside and San Be nardin C unties) Hispani I/DD mmunity. Additionally, CLASE members will develop and disseminate twelve new es u es (3 each year in English and Spanish) t edu ate the Latin ommunity n Regional Center se vi es. As t usted messengers, each CLASE member will sha e this inf mation with theil I all mmunity. We expect this each t ex eed over 30,000 people. The p oposed priect is omprised of seve all diffe ent but elated activities: 1. Edu ate and aise awa eness of at least 30 CLASE leaders on e ning biases inviving hild en and families in poverty t is engthen inte a ti ns with Inland Regional Center Latin lients by Feb 2023. CLASE presentations in the Culture of overty and Em tional Intelligen e will be ffee diin pers in and on Zoom f those which an interesting to the promoter of the set of the promoters of the set of the promoters of th	
	5. C eate a passw d-protected website portal t allow all CLASE leaders t a ess past and present es u es, presentations, and onta t inf mati n. T determine whethe p e t objectives a e being met, qualitative and quantitative evaluations will take place.	
2. Data and Communit Input	Applicant Response	
Explain how the target population(s) are underse ved using RC OS data othe data as supporting eviden e of the disparity. In y u answer, in lude how y u ganizati n used input f m the mmunity and/ta get population t design the pr ect?	While the 19/ POS eport shows that while steady progress has been made clients with a primary diagnosis of Autism clients whose primary language is Spanish and clients of Hispanic ethnicity continue to have the greatest disparity of services and the need for additional support for the community. According to 19/ POS data Hispanic clients ages 3- 1 per capita expenditures were \$891 per client less than White clients. Additionally the 3-21 Hispanic cohort that utilized their authorized services had an average of \$ 134 less in per capita authorized services compared to White clients. For clients whose primary language is Spanish 1.5% (1 658 clients) did not have services. This is compared to English-speaking clients in which 2% were not receiving services.	
	CLASE leaders als eport that many Hispani and Spanish-speaking families feel there ontinue t be bar iers. These in lude families wh d not know what se vi es are p vided by Regional Center, may n t want providers t ome t thei h use, and lack ft ust with the Regional Center as well as agen ies wh are not familiar with the ommunity.	
3. Uniqueness	LASE leaders give regular input on the structure, projects, and topics LASE works on to ensure the ommunity of Practice stays relevant and productive. LASE leaders and nland egional enter staff input was incorporated into this grant in the areas of structure, topics and resources needed. Applicant Response	

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H wis the proposed prectunique different f mau ently funded grant (e.g., stategies, a tivities, and objectives) in the poposed egional enter at hment a ea? If the pet is similat au ently funded grant listed on the Department's website, hwis the proposed prect diffeent?	The e are a number of differen es whi h makes the CLASE C mmunity f acti e unique mpared t othe p e ts in the Inland Empi e: 1. While ther grants in the Inland Regional Center at hment a ea f us on taining and ut each with lients and families, the CLASE C mmunity f acti e uses the tain-the-taine model t in ease the apacity fexisting leaders and ganizati ns wh have been established netw ks f families and are seen as t usted messengers. CLASE u ently has 41 leaders f m 19 ganizations with a s ial media each f ve 31,000. 2. The Inland Regional Center Cultu al Specialist is part f u s lution t edu e bar iers and eat t ust within the ommunity. We a e proud t have Lilliana Ga ni a as a member of the C mmunity f acti e. She has p vided insight and put a fa e t a system demonst ating a ing professionals wh are invested in imp ving the lives of individuals with I/DD. 3. Learning and appli ati n is taking pla e in eal time t espond t issues taking pla e in the mmunity now. One of the goals f the goals the CLASE C mmunity f acti e had was to imp ve stakeholder adv acy skills t be able t influen e eal han e. One of the eviden e of this was the parti ipati n in the 2021 Se vi e A ess and Equity Stakeh I der Vi tual Meetings and ubli Input Su vey. In Feb, Inland egional Center was able t attend t present and hea feedback f m the CLASE leaders p viding the g eatest number f mments f om the ommunity.	
4. Improve quit and Service Access	Applicant Response	
H w will y u p e t improve equity, ac ess, and edu e bar iers t se vices f individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and thei families?	By providing apacity and t aining t the established and t usted leaders in the Latin ommunity, families will have a bette understanding of the servi es available and h wt navigate these se vi es. COVID put a spotlight in the wiking poor in the Inland Empi e. A ding tithe ublimited by Island 1 is Institute's July 2021 Report, we ty in Califinia, in San Berna din County, 15.3% of the population is living in poverty, while Riverside County eports 16.1% poverty levels. This is oughly the same ateas the average form of Califinia's poverty ate; 16.4% of Califinians (about 6.3 million) lacked enough es uildes	
5. Support of RC Plan	Applicant Response	
H w does this pr ect support the RC plant pr m ote equity and edu e disparities in y u p oposed at hment a ea? If y u a e a RC, h w does this pr ect support y u e mmendati ns and plant pr m ote equity and edu e disparities in y u at hment area? H w will y u p e t llaborate with ther ganizati ns that se ve individuals with intelle tual and developmental disabilities and thei families?	This pr ect supports the RC plant p m te equity and edu e disparities by utilizing the existing and t usted netw k of Latin CBOs wh se ve this ommunity. This p e t provides iti altaining t leaders s they, in tun, antain thei families t equest servies, advise them h wt navigate the Regional Center system, and provide es u es. CLASE ntinues t partner and einf es the elationship with Inland Regional Center. CLASE members parti ipated in the ultual p fi ien ytaining prect that Inland Regional Center e eived a DDS grant t devel p. CLASE has sha ed all the es u es designed with Inland Regional Center, and Regional Center asew kers a e using them thelp families. IRC has als started new suppot groups in which the leaders are invited to parti ipate in the COmmunity f at ie. BefecovID, IRC was fequently invited t attend out each events hosted by the CBOs who are CLASE members.	
6. Project Activities	Applicant Response	

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Note: Before answering this question, applicants must	Yea s f expe ien e fa ilitating CLASE have taught us the timelines and s me of the bar iers we face implementing this program and the s hedule fa tivities using past less ns learned.	
complete the Activities Template located in the middle ta directly above.	1. Edu ate and aise awa eness of at least 30 CLASE leaders on e ning biases inv Iving hild en and families in poverty t assist in st engthening interactions with Inland Regional Center Latin lients by Feb 2024.	
Clearly and specifi ally state how the s hedule of activities demonst ates the steps that the p e t will take to	a. Identify speakers f ve ty f Cultu al and Emoti nal Intelligen e and date f p esentati ns by 2/28/2022.	
achieve its stated objective and measu es.	.b. A ange f I ation and all logisti s f t aining events by 2/28/2022.	
illeasu es.	. Devel p p e/posttest by the 5th feach month.	
	In ease the knowledge of at least 30 CLASE parti ipants in Regional Cente se vi es su h as a ti ipant Di ected Servi es, S ial Re eati n, Employment, Housing, C isis Se vices, C mmunity Navigat , what SSI/IHSS support a asew ker an help with, Self-Determinati n, Ea ly sta t/p visional eligibility, and EVV.	
	a. i itize the s hedule by whi h es u es are needed m st by the ommunity by 2/28/22.	
	b. A ange f I ation, sub e t matter experts and logisti s, f designated ntent by 3/30/22.	
	. Devel p p e/posttest and have it approved by DDS by the 5th feach month.	
	ovide monthly "d p-ins" meetings f CLASE members via a vi tual meeting t provide a safe space f onve sati ns on leadership and es u es t all w leaders t dis uss issues su h as staffing, managing v lunteers/boards, ommunity issues, and sharing es u es.	
	a. S hedule m nthly meetings via Z m ublish a alendar of dates. by 2/28/22.	
	b. Ensu e all leaders have a ess t Zoom. Dist ibute tablets t new leaders each month as needed.	
	. Feedback taken on the value of groups by 2/1/2022 and make adjustments as ne essary. Take feedback at end f the f llowing year by 2/1/24.	
	4. Devel p and disseminate at least 12 easy-t -understand es u es (s ial media g aphi s, flye s, et) f families on Regional Center se vi es in English and Spanish. Thee English and Spanish (6) in 2022 and thee English and Spanish (6) by in 2023.	
	a. a. By 03/15/22, the CLASE group will determine whi ht ainings need t be scheduled fi st.	
	b. Res u e mate ial will be eated, f mat decided, t anslated eviewed by CLASE members, approved and dist ibuted by – 1st mate ial - 6/30/22, 2nd material – 9/30/22, 3rd material – 11/30/22, 4th material – 4/30/23, 5th material – 7/30/23, 6th material - 10/30/23	
	. Gather feedback n es u es dist ibuted by 2/1/23 and 2/1/24.	
	C eate a passw d-protected website portal t allow all CLASE leaders t a ess past and present es u es, presentations, and onta tinf mati n. a. Dete mine what es u es will be in luded.	
	a. By May 1, 2022, CLASE leaders will give input n es u es t be in luded in the portal.	
	b. By July 1, 2022, the website portal will be eated and tested.	
	. Feedback gathe ed in the value of the es u e by 2/1/23 and 2/1/24. Ad ustments are made if necessary.	
7. Project Measures	Applicant Response	

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Before answerin this question, applicants must enter performance measures into the Activities Template located in the middle ta directl above. A e y u p oposed measu es appropriate t tack the prect's	We ntinue t improve u eff ts t gathe quality data t demonst ate whethe u eff ts lead t hange in attitudes about the system, an in ease f servi es, an in ease in t ust, and a edu ti n f bar iers. We believe both quantitative and qualitative data an tell the st y in these areas. SMART goals have been w itten whi h an determine program perf man e.	
objective and a tivities? Explain h w y u proposed measu es provide insight int the effe tiveness f the overall design f the pr ect and demonst ate h w the impact n the mmunity will be evaluated.		
8. Budget Template and Narrative	Applicant Response	
Note: Before answering this question, applicants must complete the Budget Template located in the ta directly a ove.	See attached template and na ative.	
In y u Budget Template, explain h w the p e t budget is nsistent with the stated p e t objective and activities, and learly and on isely explain how the p oposed expenditu es support the overall pr ect design and proposed out omes.		
 Budget Template example is I ated at Atta Inment C. Budget Details and Rest i ti ns are available he e. 		
9. Budget Costs	Applicant Response	
Explain how the p e t budget sts are learly ass iated with the p e t activities and objective and onfi m that the budget does n t in lude n n-all wable osts sts funded by othe s u es.	This budget was d afted f m th ee years f experien e p viding these servi es ensuring the sts a e fiscally esp nsible and di ectly elated t this p ect. The budget does n t in lude any non-allowable osts as outlined in Atta hment C. The e is n othe funding sou ce f this p ect.	
Proposal Certification		
Certification		
1. Confirm Proposal Discussion with RC(s)	Applicant Response	
CBOs are equi ed t dis uss thei proposal with each RC(s) the CBO is intending t serve. If you are a CBO, have y u dis ussed y u p oposal with each RC you are intending t se ve?	Yes	1
2. RC Contact	Applicant Response	
CBOs are equi ed t submit thei appli ati n on u ently t the Department and t each RC(s) at hment the CBO is intending t se ve. If y u a e a CBO, state the name(s) f the nta tpe s n(s) at each RC you have dis ussed y u proposal with.	We have dis ussed this p oposal with CJ Cook, the IRC Community Engagement Manager as well as Lilliana Garni a, the Cultu al Specialist at IRC. The lette f support f m Inland Regional Center is atta hed.	1

3. Applicant Certification	Applicant Response	
By submitting this appli ati n, the Appli ant is ertifying the t uth and ac u a y of the p oposal. The appli ant als ertifies that if y u have subcont acting ganizati ns, each parti ipating ganizati n has eviewed y u pr ect and agrees t thei assigned activities, measu es, and the budget.	Yes	
Appli ant Comment	Beth Bu t	