

APPLICATION REPORT

Project Name: Central Valley Regional Center on Wheels
Applicant Organization: Central Valley Regional Center
Awarded Amount: \$30,000.00
Funding Announcement Name: Improving Service Access and Equity Grant



PROJECT SUMMARY

CVRC on Wheels will be targeting marginalized and underserved populations in the rural communities across the 6-county treatment area who do not have equitable access to services. This regularly scheduled service will function as any other regional center office. Families meeting with the mobile services may bring in documentation, be assisted with general issues, and have questions answered in person. Efforts will be especially focused on rural Native American communities to educate them about Early Intervention services, regional center services and how they relate with one another. Traveling to remote areas, CVRC on Wheels will be a mobilized team of 2-3 diverse regional center staff with a global understanding of regional center services and general issues who will provide on-site services. CVRC will also host meet and greet events at these sites with the community and regional center families to establish interpersonal connections. CVRC on Wheels will establish a physical presence and strengthen our relationships while improving the quality of our services and meeting the needs of those whom we serve in even the most remote areas. Items will be needed to keep this project as independent and confidential as possible from the shared spaces that CVRC will be occupying. For this, initial funding is being requested through the 2021-22 SAE grant to set up optimal services for the families and individuals when being provided services at locations.

| APPLICANT QUESTION | APPLICANT RESPONSE | ATTACHMENTS |
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| Applicant Eligibility | | |
| Applicant Information | | |
| 1. Project Title What is the project Title? | Applicant Response Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC) on Wheels: Mobile Services To Improve Services and Outreach to Rural and Native American Communities | |
| 2. Awarded Amount | Applicant Response \$30,000.00 | |
| 3. Organization Type Choose the response that best describes your organization. | Applicant Response Regional Center (RC) | |
| 4. Description of Organization/Group Provide a brief description of the organization/group. Explain what experience your organization has managing a project similar to the proposal and state the outcomes of that project. You may upload your brochure or add a website link. | Applicant Response Central Valley Regional Center is one of 21 independent Regional Centers established to advocate and coordinate services for the 350,000 people identified with having a developmental disability (IDD) (ARCA). Built on the foundation of the Lanterman Act of 1969, those with IDD and their families receive aid in accessing services which would best support them throughout their lifetime. CVRC supports a diverse 22,000 plus individuals across 6-counties located in the Great Valley: Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, and Kings. These counties expand over 17,859 square miles, primarily composed of agricultural lands, foothills and mountains. Per the 2019-20 POS Expenditure Data, those identified as Hispanic are the largest population served, with White and Other Ethnicity/Race following in size. An approximate percentage of 82% of the population CVRC serves reside at home with family. Although CVRC has always traveled to individuals, this will be the first project type for CVRC. | |
| 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? Please upload confirmation letter(s) proof of good standing. | Applicant Response Yes | |
| 6. Subcontractors in Good Standing 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? | Applicant Response Not Applicable | |
| Grant Reapplication Information | | |
| Grant Reapplications | | |
| 1. Previous Award(s) | Applicant Response | |

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| Did your organization receive DDS grant funding in fiscal year 2019-2020-21? If yes, go to question 2 to complete each column. If not, skip this category and go to category 3. | No | |
| 2. Previous Grant Award(s) Since fiscal year 2019, complete a worksheet for each DDS Service Area and Equity grant your organization was awarded funding. | Applicant Response | |
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| 3. Previous Grant Outcomes Provide a brief grant summary of your project outcomes for fiscal year 2019-20 and/ 2020-21. | Applicant Response Not Applicable | |
| 4. Project Transition If awarded, how will you continue the transition into the 2021-22 proposed project? Does your proposed project expand or continue your current project, if so how? What activities, measures, or target users are being added? Provide a summary of the differences and reasons why you are proposing the change. | Applicant Response Not Applicable | |
| General Application | | |
| Proposal Summary | | |
| 1. Project Type Choose the project type that best describes your activities from the list below: | Applicant Response Engagement and Outreach | |
| 2. Duration of project Choose the duration of your project. | Applicant Response 24 months | |
| 3. Regional Centers Choose the Regional Center(s) that your project will serve. Check all that apply. | Applicant Response Central Valley Regional Center | |
| 4. Counties Served List the county or counties your project proposes to serve. Check all that apply. | Applicant Response Fresno County , Kings County , Madera County , Mariposa County , Merced County , Tulare County | |
| 5. City of Los Angeles If your project proposes to serve the City of Los Angeles, list the zip codes your project will serve. | Applicant Response Not Applicable | |
| 6. Community Based Organizations Will you be working with one or more Community Based Organizations? If so, provide the name of the organization and how you will be working together. | Applicant Response Not Applicable | |
| 7. Multiple Organizations | Applicant Response | |

| <p>Does your project include partnerships with one or more organizations either as a coalition or subcontractor? If "yes", please upload a letter of support from each organization, that includes an explanation of their role in the partnership.</p> | <p>No</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>8. Strategies and Sustainability How will you perpetuate its work after the grant funding has concluded?</p> | <p>Applicant Response Funding to establish this proposed program is being requested through the DDS Service Access and Equity Grant of 2021-22. These funds will be used to provide mobilized teams with the essential equipment to assemble a safe mobile office. The team will be supplied with tools which will optimize the type of services which can be provided while in the field. When the grant year has been completed, the program will merge into CVRC fiscal allocations. No additional staff members will need to be employed for this service as it will pull from the current staff pool in a rational schedule. CVRC (Central Valley Regional Center) on continue to be funded by the regional center in the future.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>1. Ethnic Groups Served Select the ethnicity group(s) the service will serve. From "Indian", "Pacific Islander", "Slavic" "Other" use comment section to list specific groups. Applicant Comment</p> | <p>Applicant Response African American, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Hmong, Indian (list), Japanese, Korean, Mien, Native American, Vietnamese, Pacific Islander (list), Slavic (list), Other (list) This service will be for all populations in the communities.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>2. Ethnic Group(s), Language(s) and Number of Individuals Served For each ethnicity group, provide the number of individuals your service intends to serve and the related language(s).</p> | <p>Applicant Response</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="479 913 1333 1375"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ethnicity</th> <th>Number of Individuals</th> <th>Language(s)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Asian</td> <td>1,336</td> <td>Hmong, Mien, Preferred, English</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Black/African American</td> <td>1,237</td> <td>English, Preferred</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hispanic</td> <td>12,604</td> <td>Spanish, English, Preferred</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander</td> <td>2</td> <td>English</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Ethnicity Racial/Multi-Cultural</td> <td>2,447</td> <td>referred, English</td> </tr> <tr> <td>White</td> <td>5,725</td> <td>English, referred</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Ethnicity | Number of Individuals | Language(s) | Asian | 1,336 | Hmong, Mien, Preferred, English | Black/African American | 1,237 | English, Preferred | Hispanic | 12,604 | Spanish, English, Preferred | Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 2 | English | Other Ethnicity Racial/Multi-Cultural | 2,447 | referred, English | White | 5,725 | English, referred | |
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| <p>3. Age Group(s) Served Select all Age Groups the service will serve. Applicant Comment</p> | <p>Applicant Response Birth to Teen (Early Start), Teen to Five, Teen to 21, 16 to 21, 22 and older This service is intended to serve all ages of our populations.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>1. Project Summary and Organizational Experience</p> | <p>Applicant Response</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| <p>Provide a clear and concise executive summary that includes a defined target population, a treatment area, and a design. Specifically describe what you expect will accomplish and how it will benefit the community served. In your answer, include what experience your organization has working with the target population?</p> | <p>CVRC n Wheels will be targeting marginalized and underserved populations in the rural communities across the 6-counties treatment area, most of them rural and elevated areas. This service will be an integral part of the individuals in surrounding areas that will walk-in questions like any other integral part of the service. Mobile services will be available on a regularly scheduled day. News about the mobile services will be disseminated by Service Coordinators, social media outlets and community meetings. Families meeting with the mobile services may bring in documentation, be assisted with general issues, and have questions answered in person. Outreach will be especially focused on Native American communities.</p> <p>CVRC n Wheels will be a mobile team of 2-3 diverse integral center staff who will travel to fixed locations within the counties. This team will consist of already employed intake staff and Service Coordinators with global understanding of integral center services and general issues. Staff schedule will be tailored to suit their work duties and schedules. Specialist may also be part of the team to meet with community relations and assist with services. The intake staff will be able to meet with families to schedule appointments, receive intake documentation, and take referrals. A Service Coordinator will provide in-person services – this may also be arranged by assigned service coordinators for their individuals.</p> <p>These communities have been identified as ideal locations to begin the mobile services: L. S. Ban, Mendota and Dixley. These communities are a hub for smaller utilizing a case, allowing individuals to travel short distance to access these mobile services. CVRC will connect with community leaders and their agencies to identify existing spaces within the community.</p> <p>CVRC will also host meet and greet events at these sites with the community and integral center families to establish interpersonal connections. These social events will provide information about integral centers, integral center regulatory updates, and guest speakers (consultants, community partners and vendors).</p> <p>Items will be needed to keep this project as independent and confidential as possible from the shared spaces that CVRC will be operating. Laptops with data plans have been made available to staff, but items to collect documentation to put on presentation will be purchased. Signs to advertise CVRC presence will be purchased for each facility to be kept with their mobile services. Portable equipment for a fee is also an option and inventory of consumables is needed.</p> <p>The ease of this project is to establish a physical presence and strengthen relationships while improving the quality of services and meeting the needs of those whom we serve in even the most remote areas. Initial funding is applied to starting and setting up initially beneficial services for the families and individuals when being provided services.</p> | |
| <p>2. Data and Community Input Explain how the target population(s) are underserved using RCOS data. Cite their data as supporting evidence of the disparity. In your answer, include how your organization used input from the community and target population to design the project?</p> | <p>Applicant Response The Great Valley is home to a growing diverse population, but the Hispanic population remains the largest. Based on the 2019-2020 RCOS Expenditure Report from DDS, CVRC serves 12,604 individuals identified as Hispanic; 5,725; White; 2,447 Other Ethnicity Race/Multi-Cultural; 1,336 Asian; 1,237 Black/African American; 99 American Indian/Alaskan Native; and 18 Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Additionally, according to the same report, the percentage of RCOS in the area by ethnicity, all ages, are as follows: American Indian/Alaskan Native 80.8%, Asian 72.5%, Black/African American 77.1%, Hispanic 76.2%, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander 77.8%, Other Ethnicity, Race/Multi-Cultural 79.8%, and White 80.8%. These ethnic groups are spread out across the six counties, with about 82% of them residing at home with their families. This social outreach and engagement project will address identified barriers contributed by the stakeholders at the May 2021 RCOS Expenditure Data presentation. Barriers that were identified in the rural and personal barriers, the unintended anonymity of regional events, lack of transportation services, the COVID-19 pandemic, and most importantly, the geographical barriers. CVRC's presence will show the communities that there is an eagerness to connect with them and build relationships. We educate disparities when we educate these communities about integral centers at the same time.</p> | |
| <p>3. Uniqueness How is the proposed project unique/different from a traditionally funded grant (e.g., strategies, activities, and objectives) in the proposed integral center treatment area? If the project is similar to a traditionally funded grant listed on the Department's website, how is the proposed project different?</p> | <p>Applicant Response This proposed project will be unique as it will not be a typical outreach and engagement project. Historically, there have been other SAE grant projects for services that have gone into the community to provide and outreach, but this service will be unique in that an integral center is going into the community to provide services that individuals and their families would typically receive when coming into the facility. It will focus on the following initiatives: Improving access to early education services and services for diverse, underserved marginalized communities; cultivating meaningful relationships and tribal engagement between the Native American community, integral centers, and community-based organizations. At each available site, individuals and families can have an interpersonal interaction in a familiar environment in which they can easily access. CVRC will be able to educate community providers (medical facilities, Family Support Groups, SHLS) about the importance of integral center's work with early education services, and better late services for families in their areas. Our objective is to build a presence with the Native American communities to provide on-site services. We will work intimately with their Head Start programs in providing services for children fund eligible for integral center services.</p> | |
| <p>4. Improve Quality and Service Access</p> | <p>Applicant Response</p> | |

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| <p>How will you estimate equity, access, and educate best services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families?</p> | <p>Truly improve equity, access and education barriers to services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, it is important for CVRC to have a physical presence. Services and information about the regional center is not equitable in remote areas nor is there a strong presence. By mobilizing CVRC services to these remote areas, currently served individuals will have better access to regional center services. Additionally, a growing awareness of CVRC will be had by the communities who had no knowledge prior to this proposed outreach and engagement effort. This service will also address any hesitations families may have about utilizing CVRC services due to the complexities of navigating the system. Having an increased presence in the community will improve public presence, relationships and access for families and therefore improve equity education disparities.</p> <p>CVRC on Wheels will be addressing the geographical barriers which dislocate individuals and families from establishing receiving regional center services. Being able to access transportation is a must in the Great Valley as much of it is made up of agricultural lands and many small rural communities. Many services, even similar services, are located within larger cities. Transportation services are unavailable limited for many of the families and individuals served in the CVRC at present area.</p> | |
| <p>5. Support of RC Plan</p> <p>How does this reflect the RC plan to promote equity and education disparities in your proposed at present area? If you are a RC, how does this reflect your recommendations and plan to promote equity and education disparities in your at present area? How will you collaborate with other organizations that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families?</p> | <p>Applicant Response</p> <p>CVRC on Wheels will support the regional centers continuous efforts in addressing the disparities in communities by creating opportunities to accurately educate individuals and the community-based organizations in regional center services firsthand. CVRC's most prominent barrier to services being utilized is the anonymity surrounding the agency. The lack of accurate, consistent information shared regarding the agency services happens all too often and becomes detrimental to the relationships between the individuals whom we serve and the agency. Trust was also noted as a barrier from stakeholders, specifically voiced by our families and community partners across the different usage sites. Truly transparent services equifair face-to-face interactions to build trusting relationships between regional centers, those served and the community partners.</p> <p>CVRC plans to work with community partners by having the mobile services housed at their locations. This will be a mutually beneficial partnership as families and individuals are made more aware of their community services while mobile services disperse any anonymity about those organizations and CVRC. Families will appreciate a warm-handoff to accessible services due to this partnership. The regional center wants to promote equitable and inclusive activities in communities by modeling this. This proposed service will also promote partnership with these community-based organizations in serving our residents.</p> | |
| <p>6. Project Activities</p> <p>Note: Before answering this question, applicants must complete the Activities Template located in the middle tab directly above.</p> <p>Clearly and specifically state how the schedule of activities demonstrates the steps that the center will take to achieve its stated objective and measures.</p> | <p>Applicant Response</p> <p>The schedule of activities realistically demonstrate the steps that the center will take to achieve its objectives and generate intellectual measures. Beginning the process of building the CVRC on Wheels team and mobile stations will be the ground zero for the effort. Once items are purchased and staff rotation schedule is created, location sites will be established. These will be office buildings, community centers, vendors, educational institutes. A presentation about the services of regional centers and the population whom are served will be provided to the staff of the shared site - if they are not a vendor. These steps are for the objective of providing site-based services.</p> <p>To meet the objective of improving access and utilization of regional center services, building a diverse mobilized unit needs to be completed first. After which, information about CVRC on Wheels will be disseminated to service coordinators, vendors, and community partners through flyers. These flyers will also be posted to the CVRC website and social media pages. Based on the availability of the shared location site, a regular scheduled time will be established, to ensure consistency and edibility for families and individuals to feel more secured about services. The date of these visits will also be uploaded to the CVRC calendar, shared by Service Coordinators and community partners.</p> <p>Building a positive healthy relationship with individuals, families and the community is another targeted objective. This will be achieved by hosting social events, such as Coffee Socials, to give the communities a personal relationship with CVRC. After purchasing supplies to host this type of event, they will be scheduled and advertised through flyers to be disseminated to families by the service coordinators and posted with community materials, the CVRC calendar, and social media.</p> <p>Finally, objectives four and five will address the SAE Grant initiatives of cultivating connections with the Native American Community and improving access to early education services in underserved marginalized communities. With our partnerships with community partners, in particular the First 5 and Head Start programs, families will be educated in the services and referrals programs.</p> | |
| <p>7. Project Measures</p> | <p>Applicant Response</p> | |

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| <p>Before answering this question, applicants must enter performance measures into the Activities Template located in the middle tab directly above.</p> <p>Are you proposed measures appropriate to track the center's activities and activities? Explain how you proposed measures provide insight into the effectiveness of the overall design of the project and demonstrate how the impact on the community will be evaluated.</p> | <p>CVRC aims to be realistic with the measures and outcomes for this project. The proposed measures of the outreach and engagement project are appropriate to track the center's objective and activities because the use of the mobile services is to increase awareness of regional center services, improve access to quality regional center services, bringing awareness to the community of the inclusive and equitable services for our families, and ensuring that the families of Native American communities are accessing early educational services.</p> <p>To measure the success of the providing services through mobile sites, CVRC will use the following milestones: mobile unit cases assembled, staff and rotations schedule are established, and mobile site locations are secured. These milestones will attest to the program's readiness.</p> <p>By tracking the number of people served at the sites and attendance to the office services, CVRC can gather quantitative data to measure the involvement of a parent and utilization of CVRC services and the fostering of healthy relationships with our individuals and the communities. This data can then be used in comparison to the POS Expenditure data to track changes in disparities.</p> <p>To measure the objective of cultivating relationships with the Native American communities, mobile services placed near on Tribal Reservations will be measured as a milestone. CVRC will measure the outreach and education about Early Intervention and Education services, and how they collaborate with regional centers as a narrative. The narrative will also present information about how the efforts were used on educating the Native American communities especially.</p> | |
| <p>8. Budget Template and Narrative</p> <p>Note: Before answering this question, applicants must complete the Budget Template located in the tab directly above.</p> <p>In your Budget Template, explain how the project budget is consistent with the stated project objective and activities, and clearly and concisely explain how the proposed expenditures support the overall project design and proposed outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Template example is located at Attachment C. Budget Details and Restrictions are available here. | <p>Applicant Response</p> <p>The Budget template for CVRC on Wheels was designed with the purpose of starting up funds and services. In regards to the objective to provide access to CVRC services in remote areas, office supplies for use during the project by staff will allow for families to be provided services although they are in the CVRC office. Even the COVID-19 Pandemic was taken into consideration - safety items will also be purchased, such as table protective sneeze guards will also be used to keep CVRC staff and those being served safe. Travel expenses were also calculated because it will afford better support to the staff traveling out to remote areas, especially when they are utilizing their personal vehicles.</p> <p>Improving access and utilization means making individuals, families and the community aware of our presence. Advertising items will also be necessary to announce CVRC's presence at locations. These funds will be used for creating signs and flyers to share with families, individuals, vendors and community partners. The regional center services will acquire some instructional materials to be purchased in reasonable amounts during the term of the project and, if time and space availability permits, for workshops or trainings for grant participants. These types of materials would be multi-lingual infographics, instructions for applying for services, etc...</p> <p>When meeting the objective of building positive health relationships with those we serve and the communities they reside in, cost for food and beverages for conferences, potential conferences, and their families has been added to expenditures. Food and beverage will be used for meetings/training/workshops for the target populations to encourage a comfortable environment in which to participate in from the community will be encouraged. CVRC would also like to provide presentations engaging activities with the use of a project while having the social events.</p> <p>Overall, the funding will be essential in supporting the efforts to engage with our Native American communities and promote the early education and intervention services which are available. Being able to place CVRC staff at a tribal reservation site for the Native American communities to easily access services will reduce competition with the other initiatives by eliminating the barriers of transportation and navigating the regional center system by themselves.</p> | |
| <p>9. Budget Costs</p> <p>Explain how the project budget costs are clearly associated with the project activities and objective and confirm that the budget does not include non-allowable costs funded by the sponsor.</p> | <p>Applicant Response</p> <p>The projected budget costs for CVRC on Wheels have been generated based on research and information had by the Cultural Specialist. Careful consideration was taken to be sure that qualified Operational Expenses were calculated for completing the tasks and needs of the project. These costs include items needed for advertising and engagement, food and beverages for workshops/social events, and office supplies including tables, banners, sneeze guards, ectoplasms and table ectoplasms. Any travel expenses related to the mobile sites will be indicated by "Mobile Site Services" on the travel claim forms. There was no need for a subcontractor as CVRC will be utilizing the current employment to staff this project. Staff that reside in the areas of the mobile site services, and who meet all qualifications for this specialized task, may be highly regarded for a position on the team.</p> <p>In regards to the indirect cost, this will include the salary and benefits of managerial personnel. Also embedded in this cost are the salary wages and benefits for those who perform administrative functions such as payroll management, accounting and budgeting services. Other indirect costs will include data processing and computer support services, maintenance and repair facilities and other general expenses related to administrative functions. These costs are outlined as per the Welfare and Institutional code section 8; section 4629.7.</p> | |
| <p>Proposal Certification</p> | | |

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| <p>1. Confirm Proposal Discussion with RC(s)</p> <p>CBOs are required to discuss their proposal with each RC(s) the CBO is intending to serve. If you are a CBO, have you discussed your proposal with each RC you are intending to serve?</p> | <p>Applicant Response</p> <p>Yes</p> | |
| <p>2. RC Contact</p> <p>CBOs are required to submit their application on only to the Department and to each RC(s) attachment the CBO is intending to serve. If you are a CBO, state the name(s) of the contact person(s) at each RC you have discussed your proposal with.</p> | <p>Applicant Response</p> <p>N/A</p> | |
| <p>3. Applicant Certification</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>Applicant Response</p> <p>Yes</p> | |
| <p>Applicant Comment</p> | | |