

**APPLICATION REPORT**

**Project Name:** Developmental Screening  
**Applicant Organization:** Regional Center of Orange County  
**Awarded Amount:** \$120,000.00  
**Funding Announcement Name:** Mentoring Service Access and Equity Grant



**PROJECT SUMMARY**

Regional Center of Orange County will collaborate with CBO (Family Support Network) to schedule twelve in-person Developmental Screenings in diverse and under-served areas of Orange County. RCOOC and Family Support Network will work together to secure venues and coordinate the schedule for the screenings. Conduct community outreach, conduct the screenings, follow-up with families post-screening and collect data. The intent of this project is to increase access to Early Intervention Provisional Lanterman and Lanterman services throughout the Orange County catchment area.

APPLICANT INFORMATION	APPLICANT RESPONSE	ATTACHMENTS
<b>Applicant Eligibility</b>		
<b>Applicant Information</b>		
<b>1. Project Title</b> What is the Project Title?	<b>Applicant Response</b> Developmental Screening	
<b>2. Awarded Amount</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b> \$120,000.00	
<b>3. Organization Type</b> Choose the response that best describes your organization.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Regional Center (RC)	
<b>4. Description of organization/Group</b> 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 and add a website link.	<b>Applicant Response</b> The Regional Center of Orange County (RCOOC) is a private non-profit organization that, as mandated by the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Service Act, collaborates with persons with developmental disabilities, their families and the community to secure individualized services and supports that enhance the quality of life for the people we serve and assist them in realizing their full potential. We have partnered with Family Support Network (FSN) for many years to conduct developmental screenings in Orange County and have received a DDS grant for this purpose for four grant cycles (2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2020/2021).	
<b>5. Applicant in Good Standing</b> 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.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Yes	
<b>6. Subcontractors in Good Standing</b> 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?	<b>Applicant Response</b> Yes	2
<b>Grant Reapplication Information</b>		
<b>Grant Reapplications</b>		
<b>1. Previous Award(s)</b> Did your organization receive DDS grant funding in fiscal year 2019-2020-21? If yes go to question 2 to complete each column. If no skip this category and go to category 3.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Yes	
<b>2. Previous Grant Award(s)</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>	

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<p>Sin e fis al year 2019, omplete a wfo ea h DDS Se vi e A ess and Equity g ant y u organizati n was awarded funding.</p>	<p><b>Year Awarded</b></p>	<p><b>Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>Grant Number</b></p>	<p><b>Award Amount</b></p>	
<p><b>3. Previous Grant Outcomes</b> vide a bief g ant summa y of y u pr ect ut mes f fis al year 2019-20 and/ 2020-21.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b> The Developmental S eening pr ect in 2020-21 provided funding fo Family Supp t Netw k to h ld 5 developmental s eening in neighb h ods of diverse populations especially in areas where there are high numbe of n n-English speaking families. Du ing the pe i d f 04/2021-p esent, 2 devel pmental s eening were held; 67 hildren were s eened, esulting in 25 hild en being refe ed to Ea ly Sta t and visi nal Lanterman g ams.</p>				
<p><b>4. Project Transition</b> If awa ded h w will y u cu ent p e t transit i n int the 2021-22 proposed pr ect? Does y u proposed pr ect expand ontinue y u cu ent p e t, if s h w? What a tivities, measu es, o ta get g ups are being added? vide a summa y of the diffe en es and easons why y u are proposing the hange.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b> We were awarded \$50,000 in fis al year 2020-21 t host 5 in-pers n developmental s eening. We have h sted 3 in-pe s n events thus fa and b th of them ex eeded the maximum apacity. Due t the pandemi most of the devel pmental s eening s ndu ted by othe c mmunity partners we e pla ed on h ld swit hed to vi tual events. Even th ough the vi tual s eening all wed the families t omplete the s eening to ls within the nvenien e f thei h me, it c eated a ba ie fo th se that did n t have a ess to a mpute o eliable inte net. In addition the s eening staff and the apists we n t able to inte a t di e tly with the families and child en, whi h made it ha de to identify thei needs and provide appropriate support. Theref e, we w uld like t expand the funding f developmental s eening in fis al year 2021-22 t host twelve in-pers n developmental s eening in under-served areas; the emphasis will be on the Asian (Vietnamese, K ean Cambodian Japanese and Chinese) Latino and Af i an-Ameri an ommunities.</p>				
<p><b>General Application Proposal Summary</b></p>					
<p><b>1. Project Type</b> Ch se the p e t type that best des ibes y u a tivities fr m the list below:</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b> Engagement and Out each</p>				
<p><b>2. Duration of project</b> Choose the du ation f y u pr ect.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b> 12 m nths</p>				
<p><b>3. Regional Centers</b> Ch se the Regi nal Cente (s) that y u p e t will se ve. Che k all that apply.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b> Regional Cente of O ange C unty</p>				
<p><b>4. Counties Served</b> List the unty o unties y u p e t p ses to se ve. Che k all that apply.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b> O ange C unty</p>				
<p><b>5. Cit of Los Angeles</b> If y u pr ect p oposes to se ve the City f Los Angeles list the zip des y u p e t will se ve.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b> N t Appli able</p>				
<p><b>6. Community Based Organizations</b> Will y u be w king with ne r mo e C mmunity Based Organizati ns? If s , p vide the name of the organizati n and h w y u will be w king togethe .</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b> Yes, Family Supp t Netw k (FSN). RCOC will assist in dete mining the ta get c mmunities, and will be p esent at s eening events to explain ES, P visi nal and Lanterman se vi es. FSN idinates all the inv lved vend s wh a tually c ndu t the s eening; p vides ut ea h to the mmunity th ough advertising in l al papers adi and s ial media and with ha d py ma keting mate ials; sets-up/b eaks-d wn the venue; and handles individual family pape w k and generates necessa y eports.</p>				
<p><b>7. Multiple Organizations</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p>				

<p>Does your project include partnership with one or more organizations either as a co-applicant or subcontract? If "yes" please upload a letter of support from each organization that includes an explanation of their role in the partnership.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1</p>																					
<p><b>8. Strategies and Sustainability</b> How will you perpetuate its work after the grant funding has ended?</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b> RCOC will continue to collaborate with Family Support Network as well as other community agencies that offer free developmental screenings to help identify children for early intervention services and raise awareness about Early Start, Visual Language and Language Services.</p>																						
<p><b>1. Ethnic Groups Served</b> Select the ethnicity group(s) the project will serve. For "Indian," "Pacific Islander," "Slavic," "Other" use comment section to list specific groups.  Applicant Comment</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b> African American, Cambodian, Chinese, Hispanic, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese</p>																						
<p><b>2. Ethnic Group(s), Language(s) and Number of Individuals Served</b> For each ethnicity group, provide the number of individuals you perpetuate intends to serve and the related language(s).</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="483 825 1328 1220"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cambodian</td> <td>5</td> <td>Khmer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chinese</td> <td>3</td> <td>Mandarin Cantonese</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vietnamese</td> <td>30</td> <td>Vietnamese</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hispanic</td> <td>80</td> <td>Spanish</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Japanese</td> <td>2</td> <td>Japanese</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Korean</td> <td>10</td> <td>Korean</td> </tr> </table>				Cambodian	5	Khmer	Chinese	3	Mandarin Cantonese	Vietnamese	30	Vietnamese	Hispanic	80	Spanish	Japanese	2	Japanese	Korean	10	Korean	
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<p><b>3. Age Group(s) Served</b> Select all Age Groups the project will serve.  Applicant Comment</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b> Birth to Three (Early Start) Three to Five</p>																						
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<p><b>1. Project Summary and Organizational Experience</b> Provide a clear and concise project summary that includes a defined target population, treatment area, and project design. Specifically describe what your project 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><b>Applicant Response</b> Clearly RCOC has been the lead agency in Orange County providing early intervention services and being responsible for child find activities since the inception of Early Start; Family Support Network (FSN) has been providing Developmental Screenings to Orange County families from more than 25 years. These screenings are held throughout Orange County at places like Family Resource Centers, Boys &amp; Girls Clubs, community centers, and preschools. RCOC will work with FSN to host 12 developmental screenings in neighborhoods where there are diverse and under-served populations in Orange County (target populations include African American, Cambodian, Chinese, Hispanic, Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese). This project gives families with children age birth-five years especially in low-income/under-served communities an opportunity to check on their child's physical, cognitive, and emotional development to make sure they are developing on track. The screenings offer hands-on assessments that are conducted by nurses, licensed therapists, and specialists covering the following areas of development: vision, hearing, fine and gross motor skills, speech and language, emotional/behavioral health, general overall health, and dental wellness. Each family has its own station where the parent/caregiver can meet with the specialist individually to discuss any concerns they might have about their child. Translators and bilingual specialists are available to assist non-English speaking families. Every family is given a copy of their child's Developmental Screening results as well as any recommended referrals including the Regional Center, LEAs, Optometrists, Dentists, Mental Health, Primary Care, Pediatrician, and FSN Behavioral Intervention program. The developmental screenings increase access to early intervention and link families with the resources within our community.</p>																						

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<p><b>2. Data and Community Input</b></p> <p>Explain how the target population(s) are understood using RCOS data. Other data as supporting evidence of the disparity. In your answer include how your organization used input from the community and/or target population to design the project?</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>We are hoping to better align the ethnic percentages we serve with overall county population percentages. RCOC has identified Asian, African-American and Hispanic target populations for outreach. As of October 2021, RCOC served 4277 Asian individuals in both Early Start and Lante man programs (18.5% of total persons served). Comparing the current data with data from past years, RCOC had only served about 13% Asian population in 2017, and 17.3% Asian population in 2019. We have made some progress through our Child Find activities, however, new 2020 census data will come out soon which will undoubtedly indicate an even larger Asian population in OC (preliminary census data indicates 21.7% of OC is now Asian), and the goal of outreach within the Asian community is to ensure that families are aware and able to access Regional Center services. The Vietnamese segment is the third largest in Orange County, so much of our outreach efforts will be focused upon that community. For the Hispanic and African-American communities, even though the data of persons served by RCOC matches the census data for 2010, which is 34.5% for Hispanic and 2.5% for African-American. COVID-19 pandemic may have created barriers in accessing RCOC services, so we would like to focus our outreach efforts upon these communities as well.</p>	
<p><b>3. Uniqueness</b></p> <p>How is the proposed project unique/different from a currently funded grant (e.g., strategies, activities, and objectives) in the proposed regional center at the moment area? If the project is similar to a currently funded grant listed on the Department's website, how is the proposed project different?</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>There are no other currently funded projects supporting in-person developmental screenings in this broad scale. Other monies in the county which had supported a small number of screenings have been withdrawn and thus, RCOC sees the need to expand the number of screenings funded.</p>	
<p><b>4. Improve Equity and Service Access</b></p> <p>How will you promote equitable access, and reduce barriers to services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families?</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>Based on many years of experience working with non-English speaking families, we know that they are usually not comfortable traveling outside of their neighborhood. The stigma on disabilities and cultural differences creates barriers to accessing needed services. Developmental screenings in local neighborhoods with bilingual staff and/or interpreters on-site will increase the opportunity for families to bring their child to a developmental screening and obtain needed services. Staff from RCOC are always present at the screening site to assist families with the intake process for Early Start and Previsal Lante man programs. This initial outreach helps to ensure that families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities know about RCOC as well as where and when to contact if needed in the future.</p>	
<p><b>5. Support of RC Plan</b></p> <p>How does this project support the RC plan to promote equity and reduce disparities in your proposed at the moment area? If you are a RC how does this project support your recommendations and plan to promote equity and reduce disparities in your current area? How will you collaborate with their organizations that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families?</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>Underserved families are less likely to access developmental screenings due to lack of transportation, fear of going to unfamiliar places, as well as lack of knowledge of the importance of early intervention. By providing developmental screenings in the neighborhoods of non-English speaking families (i.e., at local family resource center, community clinic, etc.) with bilingual staff and/or interpreters available on-site, more underserved families will be able to access RCOC services, helping to diminish the current disparity. RCOC will collaborate with organizations that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to share the flyers of the planned Developmental Screenings and/or host the screenings at their site.</p>	
<p><b>6. Project Activities</b></p> <p><b>Note: Before answering this question, applicants must complete the Activities Template located in the middle tab directly above.</b></p> <p>Clearly and specifically state how the schedule of activities demonstrates the steps that the project will take to achieve its stated objective and measures.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>Regional Center of Orange County will collaborate with CBO (Family Support Network) to schedule twelve Developmental Screenings in diverse and under-served areas of Orange County. RCOC and Family Support Network will work together to secure venues and coordinate the schedule of the screenings. Outreach community outreach, conduct the screenings, follow-up with families post-screening and collect data.</p>	
<p><b>7. Project Measures</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p>	

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<p><b>Before answering this question, applicants must enter performance measures into the Activities Template located in the middle tab directly above.</b></p> <p>Are you proposing measures appropriate to track the project's objective and activities? Explain how your 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>RCOC will collaborate with CBO (Family Support Network) to conduct twelve Developmental Screenings in diverse and under-served areas of Orange County within a 12-month period. Data is collected on an ongoing basis by Family Support Network and our internal system (Virtual Chat) to capture the number of children screened at each event and the number of referrals for RCOC and other community services.</p>	
<p><b>8. Budget Template and Narrative</b></p> <p><b>Note: Before answering this question, applicants must complete the Budget Template located in the tab directly above.</b></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"> <li>Budget Template example is located at Attachment C.</li> <li>Budget Details and Restrictions are available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>The amount of \$120,000.00 will fund Family Support Network to host twelve developmental screenings within a twelve-month period. The funding is used to enhance community outreach through advertising in local papers and social media and with hard copy marketing materials; and overall of the related cost to host the screenings (\$10,000 per screening). Man hours provided to support these screenings by RCOC staff will be an in-kind contribution to this project.</p>	
<p><b>9. Budget Costs</b></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 surpluses.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>The amount of \$120,000.00 will fund Family Support Network to host twelve in-person developmental screenings within a twelve-month period. Activities to be performed by FSN will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance community outreach through advertising in local papers and social media and with hard copy marketing materials.</li> <li>Compensate community partners for their participation to provide professional level screenings.</li> <li>Compensate FSN staff to do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify key locations which provide appropriate space, work with the community partner to set up the logistics of the screening, implement and monitor necessary safety measures due to COVID.</li> <li>Establish screening schedules and perform each activities to promote the developmental screenings primarily focusing upon diverse and under-served communities including door-to-door flyer distribution.</li> <li>Physical set-up of the screening stations.</li> <li>Be physically present at the screening to interact with families and offer interpretation services as needed; distribute the paperwork generated and make referrals to our community partners.</li> <li>Make follow up phone calls to families to assure that they were able to connect with the agency/community partner to implement the referral.</li> <li>Perform data collection.</li> <li>Complete post-screening reports.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Man hours provided to support these screenings by RCOC staff will be an in-kind contribution to this project.</p>	
<p><b>Proposal Certification</b></p>		
<p><b>1. Confirm Proposal Discussion with RC(s)</b></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>No</p>	
<p><b>2. RC Contact</b></p> <p>CBOs are required to submit their application directly 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><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p><b>3. Applicant Certification</b></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><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p>Applicant Comment</p>		