

APP LICATI N R PORT

Project Name: Asian Out reach Specialist
Applicant Organization: San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center
Awarded Amount: \$89,000
Funding Announcement Name: Promoting Service Access and Equity Grant



PROJECT SUMMARY

This project will increase awareness of SG/ RC services in Asian Community in its service area by providing information through Asian mass media, outreach to Asian pediatricians, public libraries, religious organizations, and Asian cultural events and fairs. This project also increase number of Asian individuals receiving SG/ RC services by organizing and facilitating Asian support groups, providing one-on-one person centered conversation, managing webinar project and facilitating trainings through SG/ RC parent portal, managing Vietnamese Outreach Specialist, and providing Korean translation for individuals served by SG/ RC and their families. To support equity team mission to reduce disparity, it's necessary to support internal case management organization to implement a systematic way to identify persons with NO OS Low OS through specific data analysis tasks then work with cultural specialist to match educational supports that are provided through SG/ RC own equity projects those of CBO's. Additionally, this person is essential in supporting the immediate concerns of high caseload to address those most susceptible to disparity.

APPLICANT QUESTION	APPLICANT RESPONSE	ATTACHMENT
Applicant Eligibility		
Applicant Information		
1. Project Title What is the Project Title?	Applicant Response Community Outreach Specialist - Asian Communities	
2. Awarded Amount	Applicant Response \$89,000	1
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 The mission of the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/ RC) is to work in partnership with individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and the community to promote hope, empowerment, independence, and full integration into community life. The Regional Center represents the community in supporting and advancing the intent and entitlement of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act. SG/PRC has managed numerous projects to promote equity in accessing services, including the current Asian Community Outreach Specialist project, Vietnamese Outreach Specialist (VOS) project, and the Parent Mentor Initiative (PMI) being proposed for continuation funding. Outcomes are well documented in quarterly reports submitted to DDS of all those three projects.	
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		
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1. Previous Award(s)	Applicant Response	

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<p>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.</p>	Yes																																
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<p>3. Previous Grant Outcomes</p> <p>Provide a brief grant summary of your project outcomes for fiscal year 2019-2020 and/ 2020-21.</p>	<p>Applicant Response</p> <p>Through fiscal year 2019-2020 and fiscal year 2020-21, Asian Community Outreach Specialist (ACOS) successfully retrained on the training module prepared and provided support to Asian individuals and the reform through Peron-Centered Conversion, organizing and training Vietnamese, Chinese and Korean parent support groups with SG/PRC staff and OCRA staff, providing Korean and Vietnamese education, providing POS Expenditure Data Community meeting presentations with NO POS data analyzing. As a result, SG/PRC Asian over NO POS has improved by 2.5% comparing with the average of FY 2018 and FY 2020. On the other hand, ACOS continued to reach out to Asian community to increase development disability and registration on the Mong Asian community by outreach through mass media, participating community virtual meeting and on peron event, providing presentation to the group/education organizations even though the outreach activities are limited by pandemic. As a result, over Asian individuals served by SG/PRC increased in FY 2020 by 11.9% compared with FY 2017, which is about twice more of increase than other ethnic groups. Please refer to the final report of fiscal year 2019-2020 and quarterly report of fiscal year 2020-21 for detailed outcome.</p>																																
<p>4. Project Transition</p> <p>If awarded, how will you ensure project transition into the 2021-22 proposed project? Does your proposed project expand on the previous project, if so how? What activities, measures, target groups are being added? Provide a summary of the differences and reasons why you are proposing the change.</p>	<p>Applicant Response</p> <p>If it is awarded, Asian Community Outreach Specialist (ACOS) will continue all the activities defined in the previous plan with one positive change in Vietnamese Support Group and with expanding the Low/and NO OS clients by adding more activities.</p> <p>ACOS started Vietnamese Support Group (VSG) monthly meeting to support Vietnamese families in SG/ RC and it has been stabilized with regular participants. ACOS will work with other Vietnamese CBO to evolve this VSG to be more independent in advocating themselves. ACOS will continue to be a part of the Vietnamese community with Vietnamese Outreach Specialist.</p> <p>ACOS will expand its activities to more effectively educate the number of Low/NO OS client numbers by supporting SG/ RC service department by providing data analyze and educating plant each service units.</p> <p>When the project is awarded, ACOS will continue to reach out to the Asian community to increase the number of Asian clients in SG/ RC up to 1.1% of the general population in SG/ RC service area through the outreach activities. ACOS also will continue to support Asian individuals and their families in regional center system to increase service access and promote equity by utilizing the internet based training modules, supporting Asian parent support groups, having Person-Centered Conversations, facilitating online trainings.</p>																																
<p>General Application Proposal Summary</p>																																	
<p>1. Project Type</p> <p>Choose the project type that best describes your activities from the list below:</p>	<p>Applicant Response</p> <p>Engagement and Outreach</p>																																
<p>2. Duration of project</p>	<p>Applicant Response</p>																																

Choose the duration of your project.	12 months																	
3. Regional Centers	Applicant Response																	
Choose the Regional Center(s) that your project will serve. Check all that apply.	San Gabriel/ Marina Regional Center																	
4. Counties Served	Applicant Response																	
List the county/ counties your project proposes to serve. Check all that apply.	Los Angeles County																	
5. City of Los Angeles	Applicant Response																	
If your project proposes to serve the City of Los Angeles, list the zip codes your project will serve.	Not Applicable																	
6. Community Based Organizations	Applicant Response																	
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.	Yes. Asian Community Outreach Specialist (ACOS) will work with Vietnamese parents with Disabled Children Association (V DCA) to serve Vietnamese community better, work with Foundation for Disabled Youth (FFDY) and Chinese Parents Association of the Disabled (CAPAD) of Chinese community and families, and work with Circle of Friends in Love (COF), Being Built Together (BBT), and Korean American Special Education Center (KASEC) to serve Korean community effectively.																	
7. 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																	
8. Strategies and Sustainability	Applicant Response																	
How will you perpetuate its work after the grant funding has concluded?	<p>The project will be able to use the POS Disparity data to show that the Asian community continues to be significantly underrepresented in the SG/PRC population compared to their respective demographic and Asian adult clients in SG/PRC continue to have significant portion of NO POS clients due to cultural and language barrier and lack of information about SG/PRC POS process.</p> <p>After the grant funding has concluded, empowering SG/PRC Asian individuals and the reform already registered with SG/PRC through providing proper support and information need to continue. At the same time, SG/PRC need to continue reaching out to the Asian community currently either unaware of regional center services or reluctant to utilize regional center services for individuals and their families in need by continuing to visit and engage with individuals who have been developed and executed through this project.</p>																	
1. Ethnic Groups Served	Applicant Response																	
Select the ethnicity group(s) the project will serve. For "Indian", "Pacific Islander", "Slavic" or "Other" use comment section to list specific groups.	Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese																	
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2. Ethnic Group(s), Language(s) and Number of Individuals Served	Applicant Response																	
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<p>Select all Age Groups the project will serve.</p>	<p>Birth up to Three (Early Start), Three to 21, 22 and older</p>	
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Project Application		
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<p>1. Project Summary and Organizational Experience</p> <p>Provide a clear and concise project summary that includes a defined target population, a target area, and a 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>Applicant Response</p> <p>This project will increase awareness of SG/RC services in Asian Community in its service area by providing information through Asian mass media, outreach to Asian pediatricians, public libraries, religious organizations, and Asian cultural events and fairs. This project also increase number of Asian individuals receiving SG/RC services by organizing and facilitating Asian support groups, providing one-on-one services in Centered Conversation, managing webinars and facilitating trainings through SG/RC parent portal, managing Vietnamese Outreach Specialist, and providing Korean translation if individuals served by SG/RC and their families. The support equity team mission to reduce disparity, its necessary to support internal case management organization to implement a systematic way to identify persons with NO OS Low OS through specific data analysis tasks to then work with ultimate specialist to match educational supports that are provided through SG/RC with equity projects of CBO's. Additionally, this person is essential in supporting the immediate concerns of high caseload to address those most susceptible to disparity.</p>	
<p>2. Data and Community Input</p> <p>Explain how the target population(s) are underserved using RC OS data and 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>Applicant Response</p> <p>The Asian community in SG/PRC service area continue to be underserved by the regional system even though Asian individuals receiving services from SG/PRC increased 11.9% more than FY2017 which is twice more than over increase. The Asian community still need cultural and linguistic appropriate outreach to increase the number of Asian individuals receiving services through SG/PRC by increasing regional center recognition in Asian community. (See Attachment 5 - Comparison SGPRC to General Population)</p> <p>SG/PRC Director Comparison of No POS % by Ethnicity FY16-FY20 highlight how that Asian individuals not receiving any POS rate is higher than White individuals which is 22% higher than average NO POS rate except FY2020. If you concentrate on adult, 22+ age group, Asian NO POS individuals rate is higher than White, Hispanic, or Black/African-American group. FY2020 POS Expenditure by Ethnicity shows that utilization of SG/PRC Asian individuals, 77.6%, lower than White, Hispanic, or Black/African-American group. (See Attachment 6 - Comparison by Ethnicity and Attachment 7 - Service by Ethnicity)</p> <p>All the data presented in this section show the needs of underserved Asian populations in SG/RC service areas which demand continuation of Asian COS' activities until the disparity in representing the Asian community and receiving and utilizing OS through SG/RC.</p>	2
<p>3. Uniqueness</p> <p>How is the proposed project unique different from a fully funded grant (e.g., strategies, activities, and objectives) in the proposed regional center at the area? If the project is similar to a fully funded grant listed on the Department's website, how is the proposed project different?</p>	<p>Applicant Response</p> <p>Although this continuing project to improve service, equity, and reduce barrier to service for Asian individuals with developmental disabilities, this project will more concentrate on Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese individuals receiving services through SG/PRC in reducing NO POS number and increasing POS authorization on individuals in those ethnic groups. And other new proposals reduce Low or No POS number to individuals served by SG/PRC. The project also emphasizes outreach to Chinese community in the SG/PRC service area to impact on receiving Asian individuals over. For outreach to the community and providing regional center information to Korean individuals receiving services through regional center, Asian COS will expand and keep on increasing its activity rate to beyond SG/PRC service area to better meet the need of Korean community.</p>	
<p>4. Improve Quality and Service Access</p> <p>How will you project improve equity, access, and educational barriers to services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families?</p>	<p>Applicant Response</p> <p>Through this project, Asian community will be informed about the regional center system in culturally and linguistically appropriate ways, and as a result, more Asian individuals with developmental disabilities will become regional center clients to meet their needs.</p> <p>This project will improve equity, access, and educational barriers to services for Asian individuals served by SG/RC by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate information through support group workshops, 1:1 parent-Centered Conversation, Webinar series through SG/RC parent portal and website, and their SG/RC equity projects such as NRCS and MI.</p> <p>This project will also educate the numbers of Low OS/NO OS clients in SG/RC by providing data analysis and a transition plan to all service units in SG/RC.</p>	
<p>5. Support of RC Plan</p>	<p>Applicant Response</p>	

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<p>How does this project support the RC plan to promote equity and educate disparities in your proposed community area? If you are a RC, how does this project support your recommendations and promote equity and educate disparities in your community area? How will you partner with their organizations that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families?</p>	<p>COS Expenditure Data of FY16 and FY20 show that positive changes were made for Asian individuals served by SG/RC and also a comparison of NO OS % by Ethnicity FY16 to FY20 shows exceptionally positive change in FY20 NO OS Asian individuals at least twice than average NO OS at the first time since Asian COS started working in September 2016.</p> <p>To continue this positive change in promoting service access and equity in SG/RC, this project will directly work with client service department to educate Low OS/N OS client numbers by providing data analysis and action plans. This project will continue to engage activities to Asian communities in SG/RC service area to increase Asian clients and continue providing supporting activities to Asian clients and their family including collaborating with their organizations such as parent support groups, Asian parent support groups such as COF, BBT, FFDY, UniLve, CPAD, VPDCA, and Asian CBOs such as, KASEC, Good Stewards Church, Seesaw Communities, Chaisma Church, and Asian mass media including Kean Gospel Broadcasting, Radi Kean, Kean Times, and other Chinese and Vietnamese community broadcasting companies. This project continues to organize and facilitate meetings, workshops and conferences through online offline ways.</p>	3
<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 project will take to achieve its stated objective and measures.</p>	<p>Applicant Response</p> <p>Twelve activities and twenty measures under objective shows how COS will support each of Asian communities in SG/RC service area to increase the awareness of the regional enter system to increase the number of Asian individuals who receive services through SG/RC and also shows the strategies and important components of how COS has been working to educate the number of Asian individuals in SG/RC system who didn't receive any OS through SG/RC throughout the whole project year round. On the other hand, these activities from #13 to #15 and five measures from COS-18 to COS-22 show steps and implementation of educating Low OS/N OS client number in achieving stated objective over the project year.</p>	
<p>7. Project Measures</p> <p>Before answering this question, applicants must enter performance measures into the Activities Template located in the middle tab directly above.</p> <p>Are your proposed 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>Applicant Response</p> <p>All of twenty-five (25) proposed measures have been developed through the collaboration with DDS through previous project periods since 2016. This year, five (5) new measures were added to provide insight into the effectiveness of new activities related with educating Low OS/N OS client numbers in SG/RC. All of activities will be tracked and measured by these measures each quarter and the effectiveness of the overall design of this project will be documented in the quarterly reports.</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 Restitutions are available here. 	<p>Applicant Response</p> <p>This budget will serve Asian Community Outreach Specialist (ACOS) salary, benefits and mileage reimbursement which is 6% increase from previously spent to hold ACOS position to complete activities and fulfill the measurement for a year.</p>	
<p>9. Budget Costs</p>	<p>Applicant Response</p>	

<p>Explain how the project budget items are clearly associated with the project activities and objective and confirm that the budget does not include non-allowable costs items funded by other sources.</p>	<p>The project budget items are directly related with all the activities Asian Community Outreach Specialist</p>	
<p>1. Confirm Proposal Discussion with RC(s)</p>	<p>Applicant Response</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>Yes</p>	
<p>2. RC Contact</p>	<p>Applicant Response</p>	
<p>CBOs are required to submit their application on only to the Department and to each RC(s) that 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>Not applicable.</p>	
<p>3. Applicant Certification</p>	<p>Applicant Response</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>Yes</p>	
<p>Applicant Comment</p>		