

# Application Report



**Applicant Organization:** Community Initiatives for Collective Impact - Hlub Hmong Center  
**Project Name:** Food Recovery Business Action Planning for Competitive Integrated Employment  
**Application ID:** [REDACTED]  
**Funding Announcement:** DDS Employment Grant  
**Requested Amount:** [REDACTED]

**Project Summary:** Sow Good Foods (SGF) is a food recovery business in Merced County. SGF will work with local people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and I/DD stakeholders to create and implement its Action Plan for competitive integrated employment (CIE). This will also serve as a model for other FRBs. California Senate Bill 1383 (adopted in 2022 and starting implementation in 2024) is fostering the development of FRB to ensure surplus edible food is used to improve food security and diverted from landfills. This legislation-driven emergence of the FRBs is an ideal opportunity to develop and implement action plans for CIE to improve the employment of people with I/DD. SGF's Action Plan will impact Merced and serve as a model for CIE in FRBs throughout California.

**Authorized Certifying Official:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
**Project Director/Manager:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
**Project Manager/Coordinator:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
**Compliance/Fiscal Officer:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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**Section Name:** Applicant Eligibility

**Sub Section Name:** Applicant Information

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### 1. Applicant Question: Organization Type

Check all that apply. If selecting "Other" please specify your type of organization.

**Applicant Response:**

- Community-Based Organization

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### 2. Applicant Question: Description of Agency/Organization

Provide a brief description of the organization or group. You may add a website link for additional information.

**Applicant Response:**

Community Initiatives

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### 3. Applicant Question: 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) or proof of good standing.

**Applicant Response:**

Yes

**Attachment:**



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**4. Applicant Question:** 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? Select "N/A" if you do not plan to use subcontractors for your project.

**Applicant Response:**

Not Applicable

**Applicant Comment:**

Not Applicable

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**Section Name:** Grant Application

**Sub Section Name:** Proposal Summary

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**1. Applicant Question:** Project Type

Choose one project type that best describes your activities.

**Applicant Response:**

Service Model Transformation

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**2. Applicant Question:** Duration of Project

Choose the duration of your project, 12 months or 18 months.

**Applicant Response:**

18 months

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**3. Applicant Question:** Regional Centers in Service Area

Identify the Regional Center(s) in the community to be served by this project. Select all that apply. For a regional center map, see [Attachment F](#).

**Applicant Response:**

- Central Valley Regional Center

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**4. Applicant Question:** Counties Served

List the county or counties that the project will serve. Check all that apply.

**Applicant Response:**

- Merced County
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**5. Applicant Question:** City of Los Angeles

If your project proposes to serve the City of Los Angeles, list the zip codes your project will serve.

Zip code information for Los Angeles County can be found [here](#). If your project does not serve the Los Angeles area, select "N/A".

**Applicant Response:**

Not Applicable

**Applicant Comment:**

Not Applicable

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**6. Applicant Question:** Collaborating Organizations or Other Entities

Does your project include partnerships 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.

**Applicant Response:**

No

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**7. Applicant Question:** Consultants and Trainers

Describe the qualifications of the consultant/trainer/training organization, including their subject matter expertise in competitive integrated employment for individuals with developmental disabilities. Describe their prior experience as a consultant/trainer, professional credentials, including names of other organizations/entities for whom they have provided consultation or training.

If question does not apply to your project, select "N/A"

**Applicant Response:**

Not Applicable

**Applicant Comment:**

Not Applicable

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**Section Name:** Target Population

**Sub Section Name:** People Served

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**1. Applicant Question:** Number of youth (under 18) with I/DD that will be served

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Specify number of people to participate or be served by this project. If question does not apply to your project, select "N/A".

**Applicant Response:**

Not Applicable

**Applicant Comment:**

Not Applicable

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**2. Applicant Question:** Number of adults (18 and older) with I/DD that will be served

Specify number of people to participate or be served by this project. If question does not apply to your project, select "N/A".

**Applicant Response:**

120

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**3. Applicant Question:** Number of family members that will be served

Specify number of people to participate or be served by this project. If question does not apply to your project, select "N/A".

**Applicant Response:**

30

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**4. Applicant Question:** Number of professionals and staff that will be trained

Specify number of people to participate or be served by this project. If question does not apply to your project, select "N/A".

**Applicant Response:**

80

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**5. Applicant Question:** Number of other individuals that will be served/trained

Specify number of people to participate or be served by this project. Please describe the individuals that will be served. If question does not apply to your project, select "N/A".

**Applicant Response:**

Not Applicable

**Applicant Comment:**

Not Applicable

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**6. Applicant Question:** Ethnicity Group Served

Select the ethnicity group(s) the project will serve. For "Indian", "Pacific Islander", "Slavic" or "Other" use comment section to list specific groups.

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- **“Indian”** includes: Indian (nationals of the present-day Republic of India), Bangladeshi, Nepalese, Pakistani, and Sri Lankan.
- **“Pacific Islanders”** includes: individuals whose origins are the original peoples of Polynesia, Micronesia, and Melanesia. Polynesia includes Guam, Hawaii (Native Hawaiian), Samoa (Samoa), American Samoa (Samoa), Tokelau (Tokelauan), Tahiti (Tahitian), Tonga (Tongan) and other Pacific Islands.
- **“Slavic”** includes: Russian, Ukrainian, and Belorussian (East Slavic), Polish, Czech, Slovak, and Sorbian (West Slavic), and Bulgarian, Serbian, Croatian, Macedonian, and Slovene (South Slavic).
- The **“other”** category includes ethnicities not specified in the ethnicity options.

**Applicant Response:**

- African American
- Filipino
- Hmong
- Hispanic
- Chinese
- Indian
- Korean
- Mien
- Japanese
- Native American
- White
- Other

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**Section Name:** Project Application

**Sub Section Name:** Project Application

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**1. Applicant Question:** Project Abstract

Provide a clear and concise project summary that includes a defined target population, geographic area, and project design. Specifically describe what your project will accomplish and the intended impact it will have on the employment of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Applicant Response:**

California Senate Bill 1283 mandating edible food recovery to address food insecurity is a national innovation fostering the growth of a new industry: food recovery businesses (FRBs). FRBs are organizations paid to collect surplus food from food producers (e.g., grocery stores, schools) and distribute it to individuals and organizations to address food insecurity. Formal implementation of SB1383 began in January 2022, with fines for noncompliance starting in 2024. This start of a new industry represents a rare opportunity to influence policies, programs, and practices for successful competitive integrated employment (CIE) for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). This is especially important because people with I/DD and their families have greater food insecurity than the general population, offering a chance to be innovators in a problem affecting them directly. Sow Good Food (SGF) in Merced County is a collaborative started in April 2020 as food insecurity grew during the pandemic. Under the umbrella of Community Initiatives for Collective Impact (Ci4Ci), SGF is led by Ci4Ci, UC Merced, and the United Way, with several other CBOs engaged in its food recovery programs. In 2022, SGF was awarded a CalRecycle grant to support its formal organization as an FRB guided by SB1383. SGF is FRB development in Merced. As one of the top food-producing counties in California (and top in food insecurity), SGF is well-positioned to develop and lead FRB in Merced as a model for counties statewide. Since 2018, Ci4Ci has worked with DDS to reduce service disparities facing Hmong with I/DD. This work established Ci4Ci in Merced's I/DD community and created strong relationships with its local CVRC. The DDS Employment grant will facilitate SGF action planning at a pivotal time in the FRB industry to ensure successful CIE in SGF, impacting hundreds of adults with I/DD in Merced, surrounding counties, and statewide.

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**2. Applicant Question:** Need for Project Question 1

Please describe the underlying problem, challenges, or issues that your project will address.

**Applicant Response:**

Reaching out to several food distribution partners (e.g., churches, CBOs), we learned they, like us, have people with I/DD and their families as volunteers; no employees. We serve 100s of individuals with I/DD and their families daily. With legislative mandates to grow FRBs, we will develop policies, programs, and practices for successful recruitment, placement, retention, and development of people with I/DD. Action planning is an essential and urgent first step for FRBs to support CIE.

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**3. Applicant Question:** Need for Project Question 2

Provide facts or data to support the need for this project

**Applicant Response:**

SGF is Merced County's lead FRB and one of 72 CalRecycle grantees competitively awarded to lead FRB work in this critical period of launching SB1383 mandates statewide. Within our network and others in the San Joaquin Valley, there is no evidence of tangible policies, programs, and practices for recruiting, placing, retaining, and developing people with I/DD in this work (despite many volunteers from the I/DD community). SFG currently has at least five people with I/DD volunteering independently or with a family member. There are likely thousands of similar volunteers across the 60+ food distribution sites in Merced County and thousands across California. We know these individuals have the skills, energy, and commitment to supporting food recovery work. What is missing is an intentional approach to creating a successful CIE workplace at SGF, which others can model. Action planning to transition to CIE is an essential and urgent first step on this journey for the newly emerging industry.

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**4. Applicant Question:** Need for Project Question 3

Describe how the project will involve and benefit participants who are from diverse backgrounds

**Applicant Response:**

Ci4Ci is among the few multicultural, multilingual social justice collaboratives in the San Joaquin Valley. Our leadership, staff, volunteers, and community members prioritize diversity in race, ethnicity, language, age, gender, sexual orientation, physical and mental capacities, income, and other forms of diversity. For example, our Hlub Hmong Center is trusted throughout California as a leader in bringing Hmong voice in collaboration with public institutions (including DDS). We have been a grantee in racial equity work through the Sierra Health Foundation's San Joaquin Valley Health Fund since its start in 2015. Our leadership in Merced's COVID vaccine clinics has produced among the highest vaccination results, specifically for African American, Latino, and Southeast Asian communities. Our action planning approach uses community-based participatory methods and attends to cultural and linguistic barriers to ensure engagement and benefits for all, especially those hardest to reach.

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**5. Applicant Question:** Approach Question 1A

For Business Focused Practices, Employment Preparation Services and Supports, Service Models for Individuals with High Support Needs, and Training and Implementation project types.

- Describe the objective for your project
- Describe the new or innovative methods and activities that will be used that correspond to the proposed objective and project type that:
  - Use innovative, evidence-based, best, or promising practices, services and /or supports
  - Promote increased and meaningful opportunities for participants to make an informed choice for career options and prepare for CIE
  - Are designed to achieve, maintain, or advance individuals with I/DD in competitive integrated employment
  - Are designed to be replicable
- Include how you used input from the community and/target population in the design of the project
- Describe any project deliverables

If your project is not Business Focused Practices, Employment Preparation Services and Supports, Service Models for Individuals with High Support Needs, or Training and Implementation, select "N/A".

**Applicant Response:**

Not Applicable

**Applicant Comment:**

Not Applicable

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**6. Applicant Question:** Approach Question 1B

For project type, Service Model Transformation

- A description of the transformation team that will be developing the action plan and includes representation by individuals with ID/D, family members, those who provide direct support, and other relevant community members (e.g., businesses, peer organizations, partnerships, etc.,)
- The objective and activities to be used in developing the action plan, including an outline of the areas to be addressed in the transformational planning and organizational change that will affect the CIE employment services.
- Include how you used input from the community and/target population in the design of the project?
- A detailed description of the planning process that will be used
  - Describe project deliverables
  - Describe how you plan to engage the regional center in the transformation plan

If your project type is not Service Model Transformation, select "N/A".

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## **Applicant Response:**

Teammates (4-6 from FRBs) prepared this approach. We met by phone with two parents with children (one high school, one college) with I/DD volunteering in our food programs to review and refine the approach. Our CVRC Cultural Specialist attended one of our Food Policy Workgroup meetings (a precursor to this application) and encouraged us to apply for the grant. We have a strong relationship with the Merced CVRC office with staff engaged formally and informally in this action planning.

An Action Plan Workgroup will be created, led by Dr. Roussos, with about 14 people: 5 Sow Good Food CBO teammates, 2 adults with I/DD (at least one employed), 2 parents/caregivers of people with I/DD (at least one with employed children), 1 CVRC staff (Cultural or Employment Specialist), 1 local CBO staff serving people with I/DD (e.g., Challenged Family Resource Center), 1 local employer of people with I/DD, 1 county Workforce Development Center staff, and 1 local postsecondary education agency staff serving people with I/DD.

The objective is for Sow Good Foods (SGF) to develop a comprehensive CIE Action Plan leading to at least 3 employees with I/DD by 2024 and acting as a CIE Blueprint for food recovery businesses starting in response to California SB1383 mandated food recovery by all counties as of January 2024. The Action Plan will focus on identifying measurable programs, practices, and policies for successful CIE, including pre-employment practices, recruitment and onboarding, nurturing supportive work conditions, and ongoing personal and professional development.

The Action Plan will be created and acted on by:

- 1) Self-assessment survey at the organizational level and individual staff/volunteer level on how to create a meaningful workplace for people with I/DD and strong in CIE policies, programs, and practices. (Deliverable: Summary Report to guide action planning.)
  
- 2) Focus groups with specific stakeholder groups (e.g., people/families with I/DD, businesses, agencies serving and advocating for the I/DD community). (Deliverable: Summary Report to guide action planning.)
  
- 3) Asset mapping to identify people, resources, programs, and other supports for a successful CIE Action Plan. (Deliverable: Summary Report to guide action planning.)
  
- 4) Summary report of existing data to understand the state of CIE and conditions to support CIE in Merced County (including relevant data from other communities, state, and national levels).
  
- 5) 4-6 sessions (90-120 minutes each) with Work Group members and invited guests as appropriate to develop the Action Plan. Sessions will be facilitated and modified to maximize access (including virtual participation as needed, language interpreting, convenient time and location, child care, and other supports).
  
- 6) Ongoing use of the Community Check Box Evaluation System to guide understanding, reflecting, and improvement of programs, practices, and policies for successful CIE.

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## **7. Applicant Question:** Sustainability Question 1



How will individuals served by the project continue receiving employment services and supports once the project has ended?

**Applicant Response:**

The planned result of action planning is to foster and sustain successful CIE policies, programs, and practices in SGF, Merced County, and dissemination throughout California's FRBs. SGF's long-standing and trusted position as a leader for social justice and equity in Merced ensures both our internal commitment and community-driven accountability to follow through with the Action Plan, continuing employment services and supports once the project has ended.

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**8. Applicant Question:** Sustainability Question 2

How will your project continue its work after the grant funding has concluded?

**Applicant Response:**

SGF's action planning will continue through the Community Tool Box (<https://ctb.ku.edu>) and the Community Check Box Evaluation System (<https://checkbox.ctb.ku.edu>) in the monthly review and revision of our action plan beyond the grant funding period. This ensures that the action plan produces its target results for CIE and benefits our I/DD community.

Our Workgroup will begin transitioning to a Merced CIE Coalition in Year 2. The purpose of the CIE Coalition will be to continue and grow the work established during the grant. This includes supporting action planning of other FRBs, leveraging resources for training and education of businesses and community stakeholders, and advocacy for CIE as an essential practice for FRB success.

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**9. Applicant Question:** Sustainability Question 3

Describe your plan to engage the regional center for future sustainability of the project and individuals served.

**Applicant Response:**

Our local Merced CVRC will continue to be our partner in recruiting employees with I/DD and as a coach and advisor for our CIE work. We have also had the privilege of codeveloping a disparities prevention program with CVRC since 2018. This experience has opened up opportunities for us to collaborate with CVRC in developing new CIE programs, leveraging support for training and education (e.g., person-centered approach training), and developing proposals for joint-funding for future programs related to CIE.

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**10. Applicant Question:** Organizational Capacity Question 1

Please include details about the history of the organization, its mission or purpose, summary of major programs, services and activities and details about how they tie to the target population. If from a large organization with multiple departments, provide a brief overview of entire organization and then focus on the department or program involved with this proposal. Describe any ongoing collaborative partners in your community.

**Applicant Response:**

Ci4Ci organized in 2017 as a Merced nonprofit to join diverse people, ideas and resources for collective impact on social and environmental justice. Our history started in 2002 when our founders began the Community Partnership Alliance (CPA). CPA created a community benefit agreement with UC Merced to ensure that local people were equal partners and

I/DD through Hlub Hmong Center (HHC). Ci4Ci directors began HHC in 2010. HHC has been expanding DDS services with Hmong through CVRC, AVRC, and VMRC. Since 2016, Ci4Ci partnered with UC Merced and United Way to lead food security innovations: People's Garden, People's Pantry, People's Fridge, and Family Nutrition Hubs. This

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**11. Applicant Question:** Organizational Capacity Question 2

Describe your agency's experience supporting the proposed target population.

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**Applicant Response:**

Ci4Ci understands and is trusted by our Merced I/DD community through our DDS grants and CVRC collaboration since 2018. And, Ci4Ci understands and is trusted by community organizations, governmental agencies, and community residents in our work to address food security since 2016. We are experienced in developing local staff and volunteer teams to understand and impact our community's social justice and equity concerns.

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**12. Applicant Question:** Organizational Capacity Question 3

Describe employment (or other relevant services) you currently provide.

**Applicant Response:**

Every year we support 3-6 internships for high school students, college students, and adult community members (3-6 per year). Several interns are later hired as Ci4Ci staff. We have sponsored programs with Merced County Office of Education (MCOE), the Workforce Development Board, and AmeriCorps/VISTA. Currently, we support 6 College Corps Fellows. Our team also partners with MCOE, First 5, and Head Start to improve workforce training and education for early learning and care staff.

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**13. Applicant Question:** Organizational Capacity Question 4

How will the grant help the organization/agency build expertise to support individuals with I/DD to achieve competitive integrated employment?

**Applicant Response:**

The Workgroup development will build strong relationships with diverse I/DD community stakeholders to improve SGF's staffing, enabling us to grow and impact food security in Merced. The action planning process improves our team's individual and organizational capacity for CIE to better support people with I/DD in Merced.

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**14. Applicant Question:** Organizational Capacity Question 5

Describe your organization/ agency experience and current capacity to support grant-based activities and reporting.

**Applicant Response:**

Ci4Ci staff and Board currently manage over \$700,000 in grants and contracts from federal, state, and local governmental agencies and philanthropies. We have met or exceeded program management, accounting, and reporting requirements on all projects (including DDS grants since 2018). Our CEO and lead on this project, Dr. Roussos has over 30 years of experience in university and community-based grants and contracts with national grantmakers in health, education, and economic development.

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**15. Applicant Question:** Engagement Plan Question 1

Describe how the organization/agency will recruit participants and/or families for participation in the project.

**Applicant Response:**

People with IDD and their families serve as volunteers in our food recovery programs and partner FRBs. These community members will be our most immediate and strongest source of recruitment for participants because they trust us, support us, and know our business. Word-of-mouth has been our best source of recruitment, but we always complement this with engaging flyers, social media, and online recruitment in English, Spanish, and Hmong. We will work with our current partners in education (MCOE, Special Ed, Early Ed, Head Start, Merced College, Merced Adult School, UC Merced), workforce development (Merced Workforce Development Board, Chambers of Commerce, City of Merced), CVRC and other IDD allies (e.g., Challenged Family Resource Center) to outreach and recruit from their service areas. Our community presentations and network through our Workgroup will also support recruitment.

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**16. Applicant Question:** Engagement Plan Question 2

Describe how the organization/agency will collaborate with other groups, organizations, employers, and/or agencies to achieve the objective of the project.

**Applicant Response:**

SGF has been collaborative by design since our inception. While Ci4Ci is the umbrella housing and managing the work, our programs and impact demand daily, hands-on collaboration of staff and volunteers of Ci4Ci, UC Merced, United Way, and several other local partners. As described in our approach, the Workgroup will engage CVRC, other CBOs serving the IDD community, education and workforce agencies, and other employers outside our sector with experience employing people with IDD. The focus groups, asset mapping activities, action planning, and community presentations will directly engage organizations and groups in our community – as partners in this project's design, implementation, and ownership.

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**17. Applicant Question:** Engagement Plan Question 3

Service Model Transformation Projects must also include a plan to make two community presentations to key stakeholders and community members. The first presentation is to receive feedback about the proposed changes within the agency. The second community presentation is to present the completed action plan. Describe your plan for these two community presentations.

If your project is not Service Model Transformation, please select "N/A"

**Applicant Response:**

The planned activities under our objective include at least 3 community presentations to key stakeholders and community members. One presentation will be before the action plan is completed and before any changes are made within SGF. This will help inform the plan's development and detect gaps and opportunities for improvement. The second presentation will be at the end of the action plan to share the final plan before SFG begins implementation. A third presentation will occur within three months of implementation to share lessons learned and gain feedback from the community for improvements and next steps. As with our prior work, separate presentations may be needed for English- and Spanish-speaking community groups (audio-translation/interpreting detracts from full dialogue in one's own language).

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**18. Applicant Question:** Project Activities

Clearly and specifically state how the schedule of activities demonstrates the steps that the project will take to achieve its stated objective and measures. See [Attachment H](#) for instructions on entering objective and activities into GrantVantage.

### **Applicant Response:**

The project plan describes 10 activities to attain the objective. These activities are presented in order of occurrence. But, they are iterative, influencing progress across the grant period. The first 4 months are used to recruit and develop the core staff and Workgroup; relationships among these individuals are critical to the success of the project during and after the funding. Based on prior similar projects, this amount of time is valuable to engage agency, business, and community members in meaningful ways. The first 4 to 6 months are also used for assessment activities that will give SGF and the Workgroup important insights about themselves and Merced's I/DD community. The data-driven reports and personal exploration during these assessments will set the stage for action planning.

Months 6 to 12 are used to develop drafts and the final Action Plan. This includes community presentations for feedback and visits with coaches to shape the Action Plan and the Workgroup's capacity to implement it. As we have for decades, we will use the wisdom of the Community Tool Box (<https://ctb.ku.edu>) and the Community Check Box Evaluation System

resources are designed to support organizational and system change.

The last 6 months are for early implementation and lessons in CIE. Broader dissemination of our Action Plan will begin with the FRB community.

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### **19. Applicant Question:** Project Data

Provide a clear plan of how data will be collected to track project objectives, activities and measures (e.g., what data collection tools will be used, who will collect, software used, who will summarize, etc.).

### **Applicant Response:**

Dr. Roussos will lead all measurement, evaluation, and analysis activities working closely with the Project Coordinator and Assistant. He has 30 years of experience in community-based research, focusing on participatory research to address community development and address disparities in health, education, and economic development. Secondary and primary data collection (as with focus groups) will prepare the team for action planning. The Community Check Box Evaluation System has been used for over 25 years to develop, document, and monitor similar action planning and collaborative partnerships for community and systems change. We have been using this approach for nearly 20 years in various initiatives. Check Box (web-based) will be used by the core staff and Workgroup members to document weekly actions and changes contributing to the CIE action plan and its implementation. The systems documents and transforms qualitative data from descriptions of activities and events into quantitative graphs to understand and reflect on progress with goals and objectives. Core staff will manage participant satisfaction surveys implemented at trainings and community events (in English, Spanish, and Hmong). Surveys may be completed on paper and online, and with assistance when needed. Sign-in sheets will track participation and basic demographics for all events, programs, and activities. Excel and SPSS databases will be used to store, manage, and analyze data for reports and presentations.

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### **20. Applicant Question:** Budget Template and Narrative

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.

### **Applicant Response:**

The project budget and narrative describe personnel, resources, and other operational costs that will allow the project team to succeed in its objective. The majority of costs are for personnel to develop, implement, manage, and evaluate the project. The second largest costs are to support participation by Workgroup and community members. This includes honoraria to offset the costs of participation (e.g., travel, meals, child and adult care), participants incentives to show respect for time and contributions, and other forms of recognition (e.g., fresh produce and food bags). The next largest category of costs is for operational items including a project cell phone and computer, mileage, and indirect administrative costs.

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### **21. Applicant Question:** Budget Costs

Confirm that that budget does not include non-allowable costs or costs funded by other sources. See [Attachment D](#) for

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allowable and non-allowable costs.

**Applicant Response:**

I Confirm

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**Section Name:** Proposal Certification

**Sub Section Name:** Certification

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**1. Applicant Question:** Confirm Proposal Discussion with RC(s)

Applicants are required to discuss their proposal with each RC(s) service area to be served. Have you discussed your proposal with each RC you are intending to serve?

**Applicant Response:**

Yes

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**2. Applicant Question:** RC Contact

Applicants are required to submit their application concurrently to the Department and to each RC(s) service area the applicant is intending to serve. State the name(s) of the contact person(s) at each RC you have discussed your proposal with.

**Applicant Response:**

David Keosheyen  
Employment Specialist  
Central Valley Regional Center  
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Natasha Ambriz  
Cultural Diversity Specialist  
Central Valley Regional Center  
209-723-2341, [nambriz@cvrc.org](mailto:nambriz@cvrc.org)

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**3. Applicant Question:** Regional Center Service Provider

If you are a vendored regional center service provider, are you in compliance with [Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4652.5](#)?

If you are a not a vendored regional center service provider, please select "N/A".

**Applicant Response:**

Not Applicable

**Applicant Comment:**

Not Applicable

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**4. Applicant Question:** Confirm review of Standard Measures

DDS has developed standard project measures for each project type. Have you read the guidelines and agree to the standardized measures for your project type. See [Attachment C](#) for Standard Project Measures.

**Applicant Response:**

Yes

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**5. Applicant Question:** Applicant Certification

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.

**Applicant Response:**

Yes

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