

# Application Report



**Applicant Organization:** SDRC  
**Project Name:** Tribal Engagement and Outreach  
**Application ID:** App-22-691  
**Funding Announcement:** FY 22-23 Service Access and Equity Grant  
**Awarded Amount:** \$250,000

**Project Summary:** San Diego Regional Center stretches across San Diego and Imperial counties which are home to 18 federally recognized tribes. San Diego Regional Center's Cultural Ambassadors will lead focused efforts on tribal land to increase awareness and access to Regional Center services for tribal communities.

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**Section Name:** Applicant Eligibility

**Sub Section Name:** Applicant Information

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**1. Applicant Question:** Project Title

What is the Project Title?

**Applicant Response:**

Tribal Engagement and Outreach

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**2. Applicant Question:** Awarded Amount

What is the total amount awarded for the project?

**Applicant Response:**

\$250,000

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**3. Applicant Question:** Organization Type

Choose the response that best describes your organization.

**Applicant Response:**

Regional Center (RC)

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**4. Applicant Question:** Description of Organization/Group

Provide a brief description of the organization or 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:**

SDRC serves more than 36,000 individuals in the San Diego and Imperial County making SDRC the second largest regional center in the state. From north to south, the counties extend from the southern borders of Orange and Riverside counties to the Mexico-US border. From west to east, the counties stretch from the Pacific Ocean to the state line of Arizona. San Diego and Imperial counties are home to 18 federally recognized tribes.

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**5. 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

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**6. 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?

**Applicant Response:**

Not Applicable

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**Section Name:** Grant Reapplication Information

**Sub Section Name:** Grant Reapplications Only

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**1. Applicant Question:** Previous Award(s)

Did your organization receive DDS grant funding in fiscal year 2020-21 or 2021-22? If yes, go to question 2 to complete each column. If no, skip this category and go to category 3.

**Applicant Response:**

Yes

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**2. Applicant Question:** Previous Grant Award(s)

Since fiscal year 2020, complete a row for each DDS Service Access and Equity grant your organization was awarded funding.

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**Applicant Response:**

Year Awarded	Project Title	Grant Number	Award Amount
2020-2021	Adapting the PUENTE Program for Sustainment and Scale Up	20-SDRC	222,260.00

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**3. Applicant Question:** Previous Grant Outcomes

Provide a brief grant summary of your project outcomes for fiscal year 2020-21 and/or 2021-22.

**Applicant Response:**

Not Applicable

**Applicant Comment:**

Not Applicable

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**4. Applicant Question:** Project Transition

If awarded, how will your current project(s) transition into the 2022-23 proposed project? Does your proposed project expand or continue your current project, if so how? What activities, measures, or target groups are being added? Provide a summary of the differences and reasons why you are proposing the change.

**Applicant Response:**

Not Applicable

**Applicant Comment:**

Not Applicable

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**Section Name:** General Application

**Sub Section Name:** Proposal Summary

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**1. Applicant Question:** Project Type

Choose the project type that best describes your activities from the list below:

**Applicant Response:**

Engagement and Outreach

**Applicant Comment:**

SDRC is proposing to hire 2 service coordinators who are Native Americans for the purpose of increasing community awareness and engagement in tribal communities. These 2 positions will take the lead in connecting with organizations on tribal lands to do informational presentations, fairs, and coordinate developmental screening events for families.

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

Choose the duration of your project.

**Applicant Response:**

12 months

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**3. Applicant Question:** Regional Centers

Choose the Regional Center(s) that your project will serve. Check all that apply. If you are proposing a statewide project, select the All Regional Centers/Statewide option.

**Applicant Response:**

- San Diego Regional Center
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**4. Applicant Question:** Counties Served

List the county or counties your project proposes to serve. Check all that apply. If you are proposing a statewide project, the select All Counties / Statewide option.

**Applicant Response:**

- San Diego County
  - Imperial County
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**5. Applicant Question:** 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

**Applicant Comment:**

Not Applicable

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**6. Applicant Question:** Multiple Organizations

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.

**Applicant Response:**

No

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**7. Applicant Question:** Strategies and Sustainability

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

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**Applicant Response:**

Through this effort, the service coordinators assigned to work with tribal communities will establish connections and identify resources that will be vendorized to support the specific needs of individuals and families living on tribal land. The service coordinators will act as liaisons between SDRC and organizations on tribal land which can include health services, social services, providers, etc.

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**Sub Section Name:** Target Population

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**1. Applicant Question:** Ethnicity Groups Served

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

**Applicant Response:**

- Native American
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**2. Applicant Question:** Ethnicity Group(s), Language(s) and Number of Individuals Served

For each ethnicity group, provide the number of individuals your project intends to serve and the related language(s).

**Applicant Response:**

Ethnicity Group(s)	Individuals Served	Language(s)
Native American	100	English

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**3. Applicant Question:** Age Group(s) Served

Select all Age Groups the project will serve.

**Applicant Response:**

- Birth up to Three (Early Start)
  - Three to Five
  - Three to 21
  - 16 to 21
  - 22 and older
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**Section Name:** Project Application

**Sub Section Name:** Project Application

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**1. Applicant Question:** Project Summary and Organizational Experience

Provide a clear and concise project summary that includes a defined target population, catchment area, and project

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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 and how your organization will work with the local RC(s).

**Applicant Response:**

SDRC's goal is to increase engagement of Native American families living on tribal lands in San Diego and Imperial counties by recruiting service coordinators who are from the tribal communities. The service coordinators hired for this project will lead the outreach efforts to the agencies that already providing support on tribal lands to provide education about regional center eligibility and services, to families and organizations working on tribal land. This position will be responsible for identifying needs and gaps in services, barriers and collaborating with organizations willing to become vendorized by the regional center in order to improve service access and equity within the developmental system for tribal families. This position will coordinate training for staff and service providers to increase understanding of tribal culture and governance to improve access and equity within the developmental system for tribal families.

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**2. Applicant Question:** Data and Community Input

Explain why you have selected your priority population(s) using RC POS data and other data as supporting evidence of the disparity or inequity. Include how your organization used input from the community, target population, and RC to design the proposal.

**Applicant Response:**

Out of the 37,000 plus individuals and families served by SDRC, only 372 identify as Native American. This number represents less than .02 percent of the total individuals served. Given that SDRC has 18 recognized tribes residing in its catchment area with a census of over 13,000 residents identifying as American Indian/Native American (according to the 2020 census report), the number of individuals served indicates SDRC must increase outreach and engagement activities to increase knowledge and access to regional center services.

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**3. Applicant Question:** Uniqueness

How is the proposed project unique from a currently funded grant (e.g., strategies, activities, and goals) in the proposed RC catchment area? If the project is similar to a currently funded grant listed on the Department's website, how is the proposed project different?

**Applicant Response:**

SDRC has not done a targeting recruitment for service coordinators who identify as Native American. SDRC is currently one out of three regional centers who are involved in the DDS initiative on Early Start Outreach for Tribal Communities through the CA Tribal Families Coalition. The creation of these positions will assist SDRC in gaining trust within the tribal communities by having one of their own represent the work that regional center does and ensures that the activities are aligned with tribal community values and traditions.

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**4. Applicant Question:** Improve Equity and Service Access

How will your project measurably improve equity, access, and reduce barriers to services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families?

**Applicant Response:**

These positions are crucial in establishing trust within the community which will then lead to increased engagement from families seeking support for services for their loved ones. SDRC will track referrals, community events, and attendance from the community engagement activities to measure the efficacy of proposed activities. SDRC staff will plan activities to engage tribal communities in identifying needed services, barriers to accessing services and working with service providers to develop services which respect cultural values and traditions.

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**5. Applicant Question:** Support of RC Plan

Does the project support the RC plan to promote equity and reduce disparities in their catchment? If you are a RC, how does this project support your recommendations and plan to promote equity and reduce your identified disparities? How will your project collaborate with other organizations to promote community inclusion?

**Applicant Response:**

This proposal will help SDRC with its Language Access and Cultural Competency (LACC) project by increasing cultural competency within the organization and the service provider community. The 2 positions will act as Cultural Ambassadors that will bring increased awareness of regional center services to families on tribal land and increase knowledge for staff and service providers working with tribal families. One of the outcomes we hope to accomplish with these positions is to identify individuals who are eligible to receive RC services and increase their access to services by identifying service providers serving the tribal community.

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**6. Applicant Question:** Project Activities and Measures

**Note: Before answering this question, applicants must complete the Activities Template located in the middle tab directly above.**

The schedule of activities clearly and specifically demonstrates the steps that the project will take to achieve its stated objective and measures. Do the proposed measures appropriately track the project objective and activities, provide insight into the effectiveness of project, and demonstrate impact on the target population?

### **Applicant Response:**

Project Activity #1: Recruitment of Native American service coordinators/ Cultural Ambassadors; Measured by number of Cultural Ambassadors hired and trained

Project Activity #2: Educational Community Presentations about Regional Center; Measured by number of events in grant year and number of individuals in attendance

Project Activity #3: Screening events in tribal communities; Measured by number of events in grant year and number of individuals screened

Project Activity #4: Cultural Competency training for service providers serving tribal communities; Measured by number of trainings in grant year and number of service providers in attendance

Project Activity #5: Identifying and addressing barriers to access Regional Center services in tribal communities; Measured through collaboration discussions with tribal communities and organizations currently serving on tribal land and shared through narrative

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

**Note: Before answering this question, applicants must complete the Budget Template located in the tab directly above.**

The project budget is consistent with the stated project objective and activities, and clearly and concisely explains how the proposed expenditures support the overall project design and outcomes. The project budget costs are clearly associated with the activities and does not include non-allowable costs or costs funded by other sources.

- Budget Template example is located at [Attachment C](#).
- Budget Details and Restrictions are available [here](#).

### **Applicant Response:**

Personnel total = \$200,000

Operating expense total = \$12,500

Indirect cost total = \$37,500

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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)

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?

### **Applicant Response:**

Yes

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## 2. Applicant Question: RC Contact

CBOs are required to submit their application concurrently to the Department and to each RC(s) catchment 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 emailed your proposal application. The RC contact list is available here at [Attachment F](#).

### Applicant Response:

Not applicable

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## 3. Applicant Question: Code of Conduct

### Grantee Code of Conduct

The Department is committed to supporting services and programs with integrity that foster collaboration and professionalism. Grantees are expected to conduct project activities in a professional and respectful manner that include:

- **Valuing Diversity and Inclusion.** Grantees should embrace diversity that includes but is not limited to: ability, race, language, national origin, citizenship, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, and religion.
- **Conducting Activities with Personal and Professional Integrity.** All activities with individuals, families, community organizations, regional centers, and state, local and federal agencies should be conducted with professionalism, dignity, respect, and fairness. Grantees should be open to listening to different points of view and fostering productive communication.
- **Providing a Positive Work Environment:** All projects should foster a positive and respectful work environment with their colleagues and other grantees.

### Applicant Response:

- I acknowledge that I have reviewed the Code of Conduct.
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## 4. 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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