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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: GRANTS FOR ENHANCED COMMUNITY INTEGRATION FOR  
CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS – ADDITIONAL GRANT AWARDS

The purpose of this correspondence is to advise regional centers that the Department of Developmental Services (Department) has awarded the California Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs and California State Alliance of YMCAs (Alliances) \$3,664,049 via the Grants for Enhanced Community Integration (Social Rec Grants). The Alliances will work with their local Boys & Girls Clubs and YMCAs (affiliates) to enhance social and recreational programs for individuals served by regional centers across the state in a manner that is consistent with the [grant guidelines](#) published in January 2023.

In March 2023, the Department worked with regional centers to award \$8,814,776 in Social Rec Grants to local social and recreational programs across the state. This represents the second and final round of Social Rec Grants awarded and will commit the remainder of the allocated \$12.5 million for enhanced community integration under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Harbor Regional Center (HRC) will take the lead in administering the grant and contract directly with the Alliances. The Alliances will provide state-wide coordination, grant management services, and distribute funding to their affiliates. Additionally, the Alliances will partner with HRC and their local regional centers to support the enhancement of their affiliate programs. The Alliances and affiliates will support project development as follows:

- Alliances will facilitate connections between affiliates and local regional centers.
- Affiliates will report critical incidents that affect individuals served to their local regional center. Affiliates will be provided regional centers' incident reporting information.
- Alliances will support affiliates with the collaboration, development, and implementation of outreach plans with regional centers. Outreach plans must extend services to diverse communities in languages that reflect the regional center's catchment area.

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- Alliances will assist affiliates in pursuing vendorization with regional centers and provide affiliates with vendorization information. HRC will provide the Alliances with a sample vendorization packet. The Alliances have been advised that each regional center has its own vendorization packet and requirements may vary.
- Alliances will provide aggregate reporting for both the Alliances and their affiliates to HRC. Affiliates will also report about their grant project outcome measures. Progress reports will be shared with the regional center of the respective catchment area, detailing progress towards their goals.

For details about the regional centers that will be impacted by these grant projects please refer to the enclosed award letters.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the Department at [SocialRecGrants@dds.ca.gov](mailto:SocialRecGrants@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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