

**California Department of Developmental Services
Regional Center Proposed Plan for Use of
Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Compliance Funding – FY 2023-24**

Please complete and send to hcbregs@dds.ca.gov by January 31, 2024.

Regional Center	Central Valley Regional Center
What input was collected to inform the proposed use of HCBS funds?	Presented and discussed at the Vendor Advisory Committee
Is the proposed use of HCBS funds a continuation of previous funding? If so, please describe.	Yes, it will expand on our current project of peer-to-peer training.

Brief description of proposed use of HCBS funding with expected outcomes. If available, please list proposed contractor or vendor.		Estimated Amount
2 Day conference: Bridging Horizons: Home and Community Based Conference	<p>A grant request for a two-day conference is justified to foster a comprehensive approach. Day one centers on individuals, families, and stakeholders, creating a community of practice and emphasizing collaborative, person-centered practices. The day concludes with a celebratory dance, promoting inclusivity. Day two shifts focus to support professionals and helping professionals, providing targeted sessions to enhance their skills and knowledge for better service delivery. This holistic conference aims to strengthen connections and advance practices in the field. We would attempt to collaborate with VMRC, KRC, TCRC, SARC to engage their respective catchment areas.</p> <p>Rough draft of agenda: <u>Day 1: Elevating the Individual Experience</u> Morning Session: Empowering Narratives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks (9:00 AM - 9:30 AM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of the conference objectives and schedule 2. Keynote Address: "The Power of Personal Stories" (9:30 AM - 10:30 AM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspirational stories from individuals benefiting from Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) 3. Panel Discussion: "Voices of Experience" (10:45 AM - 12:00 PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individuals sharing their unique journeys and insights - Q&A session with the audience 	\$100,000.00

Lunch Break (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)

Afternoon Session: Enhancing Quality of Life

4. Interactive Workshops (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM)
 - Workshops on various aspects of HCBS: accessibility, personalization, and community integration
 - Participants can choose sessions based on their interests
 - Looking for at least 4 Workshops
5. Experiential Zone (3:15 PM - 4:30 PM) AKA Vendor Fair
 - Interactive exhibits showcasing assistive technologies, recreational programs, and community engagement initiatives
 - Networking opportunities

Evening Event: "Celebrating Success" (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

- Recognition of outstanding achievements in the HCBS field
- Cultural performances and networking reception

Day 2: Empowering Helping Professionals

Morning Session: Best Practices and Innovations

1. Professional Breakfast and Networking (8:30 AM - 9:30 AM)
 - Informal networking session for professionals to connect
2. Keynote Address: "Innovations in HCBS" (9:30 AM - 10:30 AM)
 - Insights into cutting-edge practices and emerging trends in the HCBS sector
3. Panel Discussion: "Collaboration for Impact" (10:45 AM - 12:00 PM)
 - Perspectives from professionals, agencies, and policymakers
 - Strategies for effective collaboration

Lunch Break (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)

Afternoon Session: Professional Development and Resources

4. Skills Enhancement Workshops (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM)
 - Workshops focusing on professional skills, ethics, and leadership in HCBS
 - Looking for at least 4 workshops
5. Resource Fair and Networking (3:15 PM - 4:30 PM)
 - Exhibitors showcasing resources, tools, and services for professionals
 - Networking opportunities

	<p>Closing Session: Reflection and Action (4:30 PM - 5:30 PM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflection on key takeaways - Actionable steps for professionals to enhance HCBS practices <p>Closing Gala: Reflection and Action (6 PM - 9:30 PM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognition of champions of HCBS, individuals, providers and community members - Dinner included <p>This conference aims to create a dynamic platform for individuals receiving HCBS, professionals, and stakeholders to share experiences, learn from each other, and contribute to the growth and improvement of Home and Community-Based Services.</p>	
Data Analysis and Compliance Technology	A grant request for increased access to technology in data analysis is justified for the federal compliance department as part of the ongoing development of specialized tools. This initiative aims to enhance our capacity to monitor and maintain compliance efficiently, ensuring accurate reporting and informed decision-making in our commitment to serving individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.	\$100,000.00
Expand Peer-to-Peer Training Program	A grant request for expanding the peer-to-peer training program is justified to enrich professional development. This expansion aims to broaden the program's reach, facilitating meaningful interactions among individuals, families, stakeholders, and support professionals. By diversifying the training, we enhance collaborative practices, emphasize person-centered approaches, and create a more inclusive community of practice. This investment contributes to the ongoing development of a comprehensive support network for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.	\$300,000.00
HCBS Website Expansion/Portal	A grant request for expanding our website is justified to enhance access to HCBS information. This expansion will cater to individuals, families, providers, and stakeholders, fostering collaboration and community through discussion forums. Additionally, the creation of a learning management system and portal will centralize resources, providing a comprehensive platform for all involved parties. This initiative aims to improve information dissemination, promote collaborative learning, and strengthen the overall	\$100,000.00

	support network for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.	
Provider Compliance Remediation Fund	A grant request for addressing provider-specific remediation needs through compliance funding is justified. This initiative, facilitated by a concept submission process and committee approval, establishes a pool of funds for providers to apply. This approach ensures targeted support, allowing providers to address compliance challenges, enhance their practices, and meet standards effectively. By fostering a collaborative and transparent process, the funding encourages continuous improvement within the provider community, ultimately benefiting individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities through improved service quality.	\$100,000.00
HCBS Translation Services	A grant request for translation services is justified to extend beyond training materials, including the translation of HCBS materials. This initiative ensures that individuals, families, and stakeholders have access to comprehensive resources in their preferred languages. By translating both training and HCBS materials, we enhance inclusivity, eliminate language barriers, and promote a more equitable learning and informational environment. This investment contributes to building a diverse and inclusive community, fostering better understanding and collaboration among individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their support networks.	\$14,842.00
HCBS Kits	A grant request for HCBS kits customized to individual needs is justified to provide comprehensive support. These kits, inclusive of HCBS materials, guidance on independence (accessing service and supports), emergency information, and supplies, will be tailored to each individual. Ensuring the information is presented in the preferred language enhances accessibility and empowers individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities to navigate their unique circumstances. This initiative promotes a person-centered approach, fostering independence and resilience while addressing the diverse needs of the community.	\$100,000.00
Total Amount		\$814,842.00