

Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (SDP)

As noted in the letter accompanying this attachment, in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 4685.8(f), funding is available to support implementation of the SDP. The potential uses of these funds, the process to make this determination and use these funds, and regional center reporting are described below.

Step	Description
Priority Areas for Funding Use	<p>Priority areas for the funding include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruitment/Training of Person-Centered Planning and Self-Directed (SD) Support Providers and Independent Facilitators- Costs associated with increasing the number of available person-centered planning and SD Support providers and Independent Facilitators, with a focus on those who are bi-/multi-lingual and bi-/multi-cultural. This could include, but is not limited to, recruitment, development and/or provision of training, translation/interpreters, and costs related to the provision of training.• Collaborative Groups/Workshops – Ongoing and/or periodic meetings for participants and families and providers, to provide learning and problem-solving opportunities. Costs could include, but are not limited to, speakers/presenters' travel expenses, translation/interpreters, materials, and meeting space expenses. This may involve coordinating with LVACs/participants in other areas to increase the scope of the learning opportunities/information sharing.• Employer Readiness Training/Workshops – Training for participants, family members and providers, with a focus on employer readiness. Training/workshops should focus on providing participants education and resources to help inform the roles and responsibilities as an employer for participants who are interested in using the co-employer or sole employer model. Costs could include, but are not limited to, development and/or provision of training, translation/interpreters, and costs related to the provision of training.• Joint Training – Training for participants, families, regional center staff and members of local volunteer advisory committees, with a focus on training for self-advocates and family members from diverse communities that are underserved in the self-determination program. Joint trainings should focus on shared learning opportunities that increase the collective understanding of all involved with SDP. Costs could include, but are not limited to, development and/or provision of training, translation/interpreters, and costs related to the provision of training.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support/Coaching for Transition to SDP – Support for participants in transitioning to SDP. Areas of support could include, but are not limited to deciding which financial management service model is the best fit for a participant, suggestions for recruiting/hiring employees, and how to establish backup staffing plans. • Initial Spending Plan Development – Support in developing the participant's use of their individual budget through their spending plan, which may include consultation with a financial management service. • Additional Identified Needs – Items/activities which will support the needs of participants and implementation of the program.
Determine How Funds Should be Used	<p>The LVAC and the regional center should jointly assess local needs in the implementation of the SDP to determine the best use of the available funds. Based on this joint assessment, a listing should be developed of the priority areas (above) that will be funded, including the estimated amount to be used for each area selected. A detailed, itemized estimate for each identified area is not required at this time. However, discussion of some of these detailed costs may help inform the estimate.</p> <p>Once agreement has been made on the use of the funds, the LVAC and regional center must jointly report the following to sdp@dds.ca.gov:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listing of priority areas to be funded; • Estimated amounts of funding allocated to each priority area; and, • Brief description of how decisions were made. <p>Changes can be made on an ongoing basis as the needs of participants change. However, the use of the funds must continue to remain in alignment with statute and this guidance, and decisions on any changes must be made collaboratively by the LVAC and regional center.</p>
Flow of Funds	<p>The funding amounts identified on the following page have been allocated to each regional center. As noted previously, decisions on the use of these funds must be made jointly by the LVAC and regional center. Subsequently, regional centers will reimburse individuals and/or organizations for providing the services.</p>
Monitoring	<p>Regional centers must complete a status report for each current project within an open fiscal year. Reports are due March 31st and September 30th of each year. The Department will send reminders when reports are due, with their corresponding reporting links.</p>

Base funding was equally allocated among the regional centers. The remaining funds were allocated based on the share of active individuals (status 2) that self-identify as a race other than White at each regional center.

SDP Participant Support Funding - Fiscal Year 2024/2025 *

Regional Center	Base Funding	Share of Funding of Active Individuals That Self-Identify as a Race Other Than White **	Available Funding
ACRC	\$47,620	\$61,503.57	\$109,123.57
CVRC	\$47,620	\$69,656.81	\$117,276.81
ELARC	\$47,620	\$65,342.68	\$112,962.68
FDLRC	\$47,620	\$44,048.49	\$91,668.49
FNRC	\$47,620	\$9,387.51	\$57,007.51
GGRC	\$47,620	\$29,435.74	\$77,055.74
HRC	\$47,620	\$24,268.91	\$71,888.91
IRC	\$47,620	\$50,142.00	\$97,762.00
KRC	\$47,620	\$121,800.13	\$169,420.13
NBRC	\$47,620	\$32,850.45	\$80,470.45
NLACRC	\$47,620	\$20,386.98	\$68,006.98
RCEB	\$47,620	\$83,712.77	\$131,332.77
RCOC	\$47,620	\$57,960.38	\$105,580.38
RCRC	\$47,620	\$5,194.09	\$52,814.09
SARC	\$47,620	\$46,879.15	\$94,499.15
SCLARC	\$47,620	\$98,185.34	\$145,805.34
SDRC	\$47,620	\$44,757.13	\$92,377.13
SGPRC	\$47,620	\$67,694.43	\$115,314.43
TCRC	\$47,620	\$34,267.72	\$81,887.72
VMRC	\$47,620	\$44,433.96	\$92,053.96
WRC	\$47,620	\$28,080.77	\$75,700.77
TOTAL	\$1,000,020	\$1,039,989.00	\$2,040,009.00

* Funds must be expended by March 2027.

** The source of this information is the **Client Master File**, the primary source for case status information of individuals who have applied for services funded by the Department as well as individuals actively being served for May 2024.