

## Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program

This attachment explains how regional centers and local volunteer advisory committees (LVACs) will collaboratively plan, use, and report on Fiscal Year 2025–26 funding that supports local needs of the Self-Determination Program (SDP).

Required Process	Description
Flow of Funds	<p>The funding amounts identified on pages 3 and 4 have been allocated to each regional center for collaborative use with their LVAC. Regional centers will reimburse entities using these funds.</p>
Determine How Funds Should be Used	<p>Regional centers and LVACs must collaborate and jointly assess local needs in SDP and agree on how to use the available funds. Collaboration includes respectful communication, exchange of ideas and solutions, and coordination of efforts to achieve results efficiently. Regional centers must confirm that there is no conflict of interest regarding the use of the funds.</p> <p>Examples of collaborative decisions include funding activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community resource fairs that share information about SDP.</li><li>• Employer-readiness training/workshops, with an emphasis on employer responsibilities for individuals who are interested in using the co-employer and sole-employer models within SDP.</li></ul> <p>Per the joint needs assessment and agreement, regional centers and LVACs should prepare a list of agreed-upon activities and a reasonable cost estimate for each activity. A detailed, itemized cost estimate for each identified activity is not required. However, discussion of some of these detailed costs may help inform estimates.</p>
Conflict of Interest	<p>Simply put, people should not vote, or urge other people to vote, to give themselves or their organizations money. A conflict of interest exists when an LVAC member has an official affiliation and/or a financial interest in the entity that is seeking to be awarded these funds. This includes, but is not limited to, being employed by the entity, being on the board of the entity, and/or receiving financial benefit from the entity.</p> <p>An LVAC member meeting the condition(s) above must promptly disclose any conflict of interest to the regional center and recuse themselves from any discussion and/or vote related to the entity associated with the conflict of interest. The LVAC member must inform the LVAC about the conflict before any discussion and/or vote</p>

	<p>occurs to prevent the influence of other members. If an LVAC member does not disclose the conflict, the regional center must disclose the conflict of interest before the discussion and/or vote, if it is aware of the conflict.</p> <p>An actual conflict of interest does not exist when an LVAC member has competing obligations or allegiances to but does not receive financial support and/or benefits from the entity seeking these funds. An example is an LVAC member who is affiliated with the entity via an unpaid or volunteer role. Although the LVAC member can vote and/or decide to award the funding for the entity, taking such action can create the appearance of a conflict of interest. The Department strongly advises an LVAC member refrain from discussing and/or voting in support of entities that they have competing obligations or allegiances, even though the action(s) may not lead to any unethical, improper, or illegal actions. These are public taxpayer funds.</p>
<b>Required Initial Reporting</b>	<p>Once agreement has been made on the use of the funds, the LVAC and regional center must jointly report the following information through Microsoft Forms, using the link provided by the Department to each regional center executive director under separate cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listing of what is to be funded.</li> <li>• Estimated amounts of funding allocated to each area; and,</li> <li>• Brief description of how decisions were made.</li> </ul>
<b>Changes to reported use of funds</b>	<p>Regional centers and LVAC can update the use of the funding as the needs of the local community change. However, the use of the funds must continue to align with state law and this directive, and decisions on any changes must be made collaboratively by the LVAC and regional center. Both the LVAC and the regional center must agree on any change prior to making the change. If agreement is not reached, a change cannot be made.</p>
<b>Reporting on Projects</b>	<p>Regional centers must complete a status report for each current project within an open fiscal year to the email address above.</p> <p>Reports are due March 31<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.</p> <p>To avoid duplications, regional centers only should report updates for ongoing projects. If there are no updates on a current ongoing project, add "No updates" for that project.</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.

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<b>Regional Center</b>	<b>Base Funding</b>	<b>Share of Funding of Active Individuals That Self-Identify as a Race Other Than White **</b>	<b>Available Funding</b>
<b>Alta California Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$62,835	\$110,455
<b>Central Valley Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$73,544	\$121,164
<b>Regional Center of East Bay</b>	\$47,620	\$65,590	\$113,210
<b>Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$43,291	\$90,911
<b>Far Northern Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$9,674	\$57,294
<b>Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$29,447	\$77,067
<b>Golden Gate Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$23,998	\$71,618
<b>Harbor Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$49,174	\$96,794
<b>Inland Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$122,315	\$169,935
<b>Kern Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$33,915	\$81,535
<b>North Bay Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$20,504	\$68,124
<b>North Los Angeles Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$85,826	\$133,446
<b>Regional Center of Orange County</b>	\$47,620	\$57,837	\$105,457
<b>Redwood Coast Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$5,432	\$53,052
<b>San Andreas Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$45,810	\$93,430

<b>San Diego Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$95,886	\$143,506
<b>San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$44,735	\$92,355
<b>South Central Los Angeles Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$67,980	\$115,600
<b>Tri-Counties Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$33,771	\$81,391
<b>Valley Mountain Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$46,788	\$94,408
<b>Westside Regional Center</b>	\$47,620	\$21,637	\$69,257
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,020</b>	<b>\$1,039,990</b>	<b>\$2,040,009</b>

\* Funds must be expended by March 31, 2028.

\*\* 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 as of May 2025.