

The Self-Determination Program

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Funding
for Local Priorities
Overview Meeting

March 18, 2026



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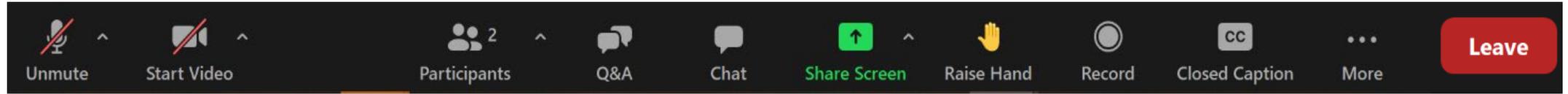


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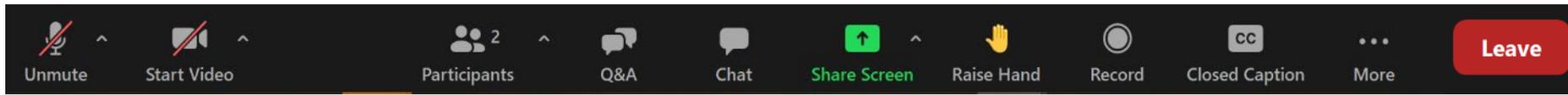
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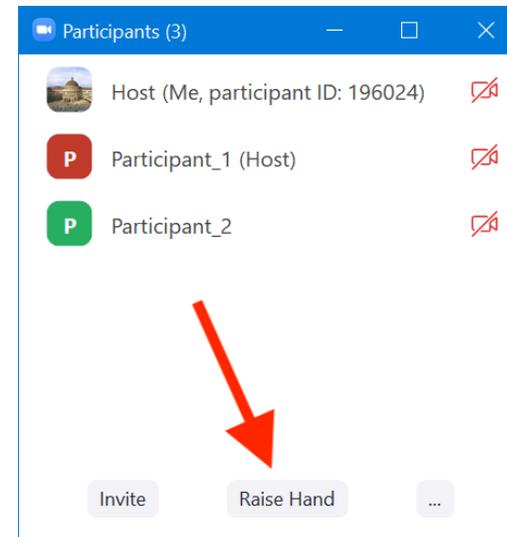
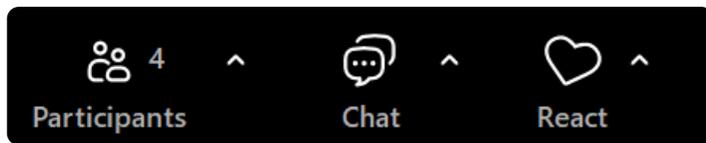
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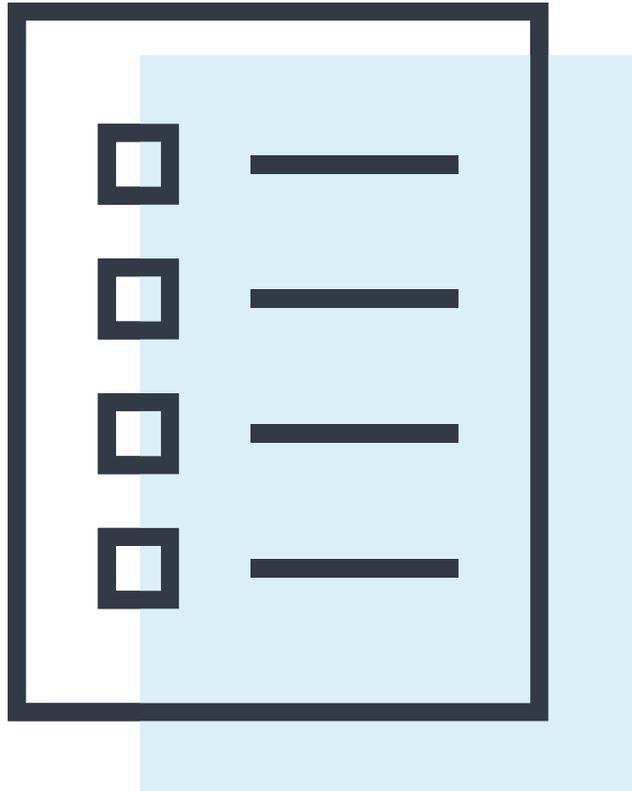
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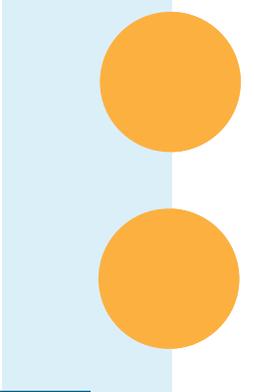
Agenda



- Review Directive
 - Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Local Volunteer Advisory Committee Funds
- Resources
- Questions and Answers

Directive

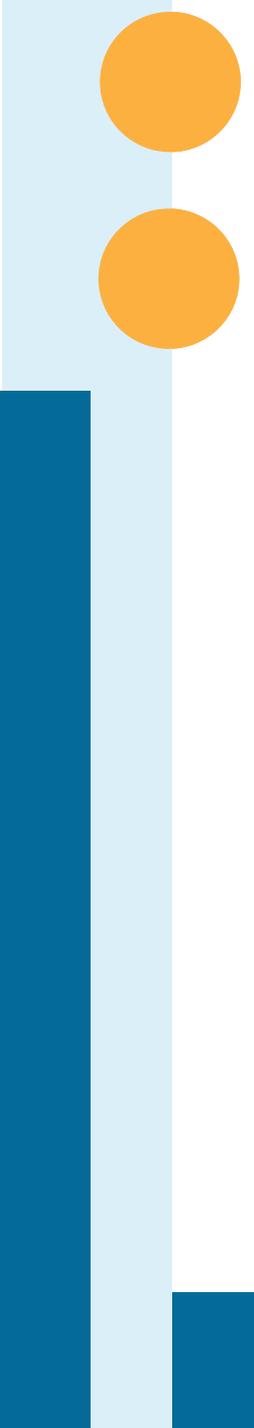




Directive

On February 6, 2026, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) issued a directive about Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Funding for Local Volunteer Advisory Committees (LVACs) : <https://bit.ly/3Mxzi3b>.

The Department provided funding to regional centers to collaborate with the Self-Determination Program's (SDP's) LVACs to support for local priorities.



Directive

Current law prioritizes the use of these funds for:

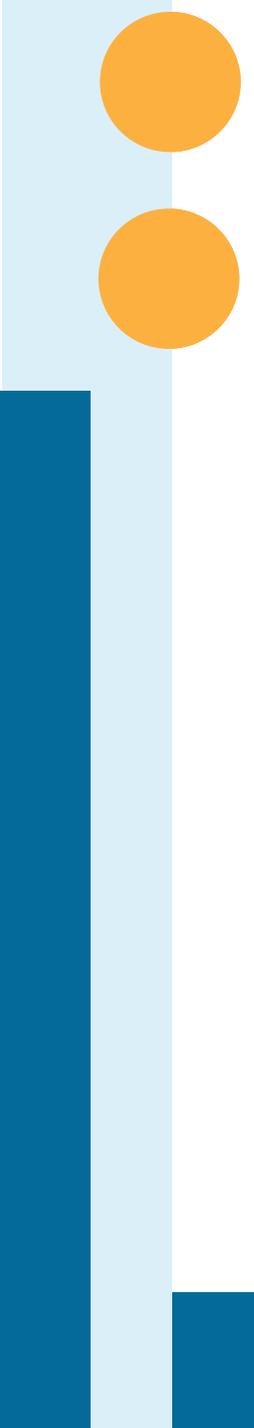
- Processing criminal background checks.
- Other administrative costs needed to administer the program.
- Remaining funds to be used to address participants' needs, make it easier to get services, and treat everyone fairly.

SDP law:

- Welfare and Institution Code (WIC) 4685.8: <https://bit.ly/3OShX5z>

Determining Use of Funds



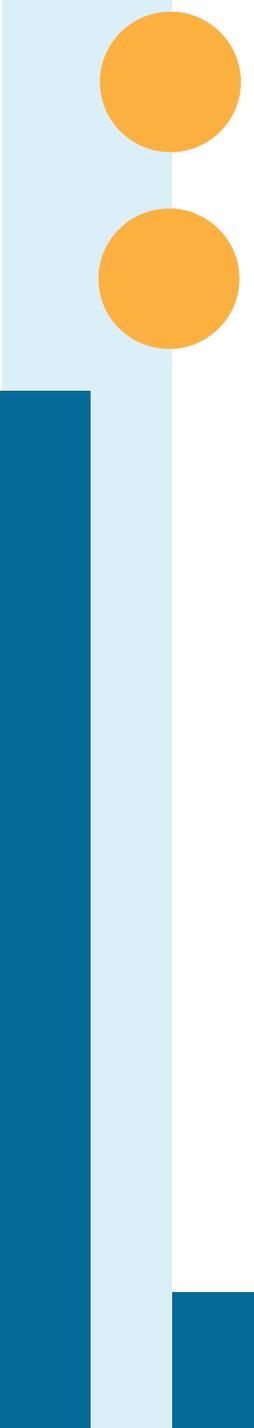
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Directive Requirements

The funds support the costs to administer the SDP and help address the needs of participants in their local area, increasing service access, and creating more fair and equal enrollment processes into the SDP.

Examples of local needs to address include:

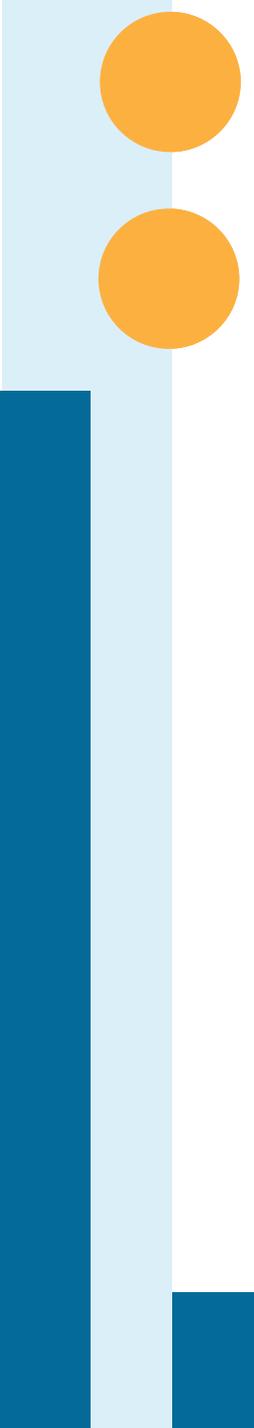
- Low awareness and understanding of the SDP
- Barriers for underrepresented communities in transitioning to the SDP

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Directive Requirements

Regional centers and LVACs must work together to prioritize the use of available funds.

A list of agreed upon activities with reasonable cost estimates should be prepared by the regional centers and LVACs.

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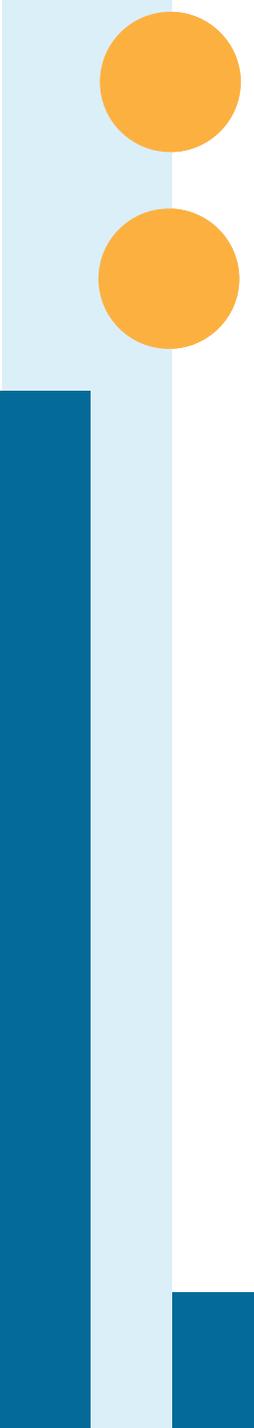
Collaboration between regional centers and LVACs include respectful communication, sharing ideas and solutions, and supporting each organization's efforts to get good results on time.

Examples of collaborative decisions include funding activities such as:

- Community resource fairs that share information about SDP
- Employer-readiness trainings focused on responsibilities for people using co-employer and sole employer models within SDP

Conflict of Interest



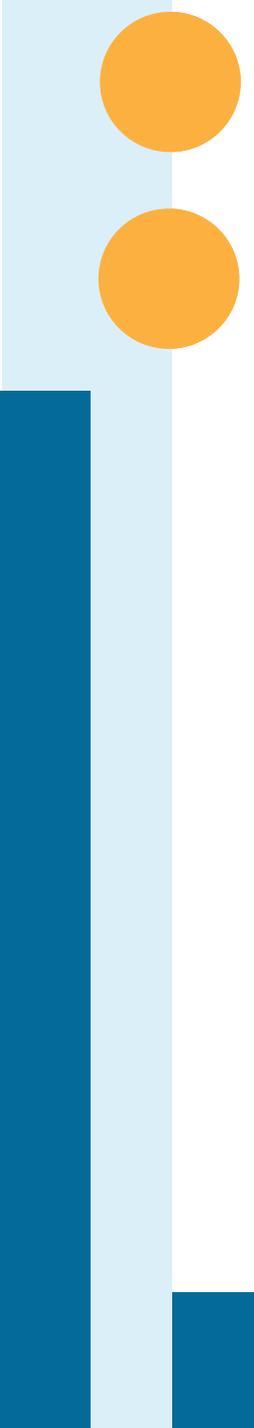
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Directive Requirements

Funds cannot be used for a proposal that has been determined to have a conflict of interest.

Regional centers must confirm that there is no conflict of interest regarding the use of funds, as defined in Attachment A.

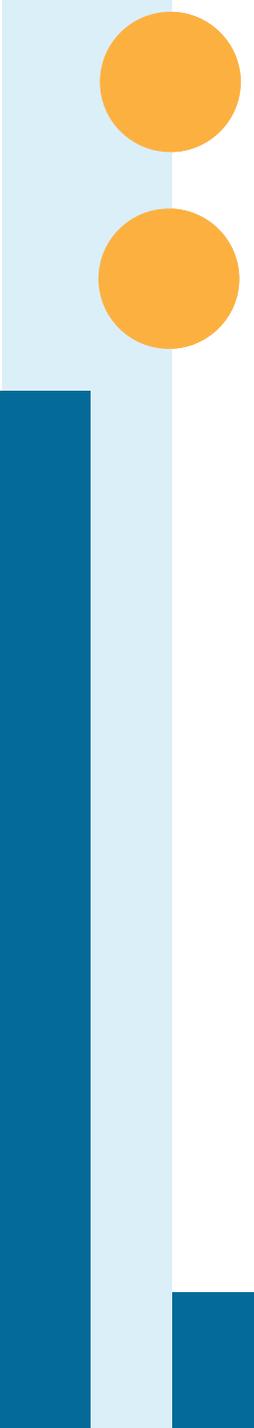
Attachment A: <https://bit.ly/3Mol43w>

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Directive Requirements

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.

LVAC members should not vote, or urge other members to vote, to give themselves or their organizations money.



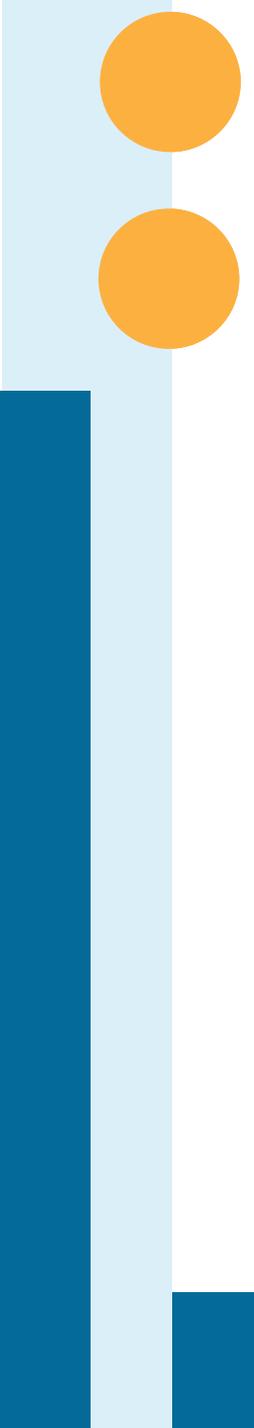
Directive Requirements

If an LVAC member has a conflict of interest, they must disclose it and not participate in related discussions or votes.

If an LVAC member does not disclose the conflict of interest, the regional center must disclose it before any discussions and/or vote.

Required Reporting

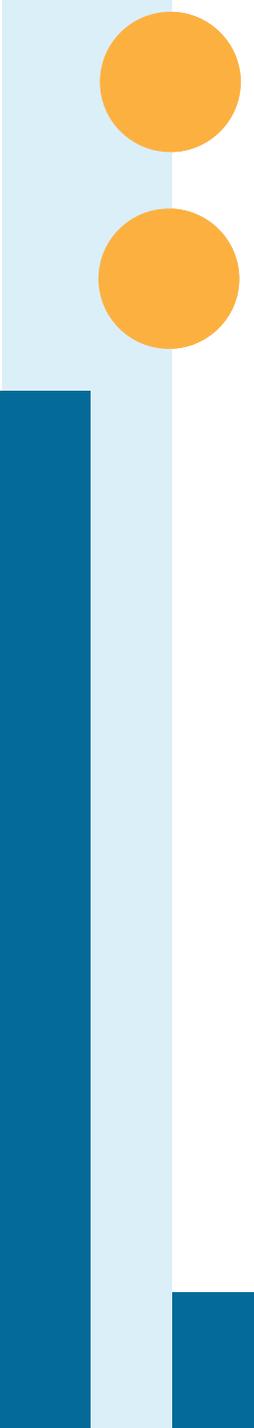


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Directive Requirements

Funds can be spent only after agreement is reached by both the regional center and the LVAC on the local needs.

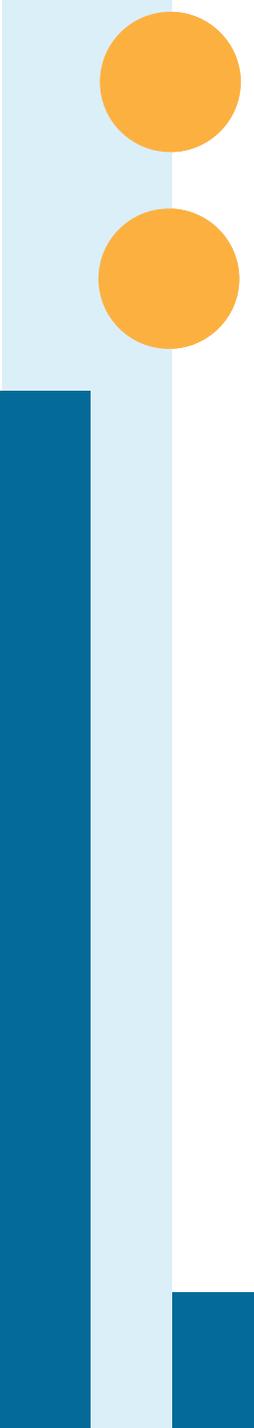
If the regional center and LVAC cannot reach an agreement, the regional center will make the final decision.



Directive Requirements

After agreeing on the use of funds, the regional center and LVAC must jointly submit a report listing:

- The project that will be funded
- Estimated cost for each project
- Brief description of how decisions were made



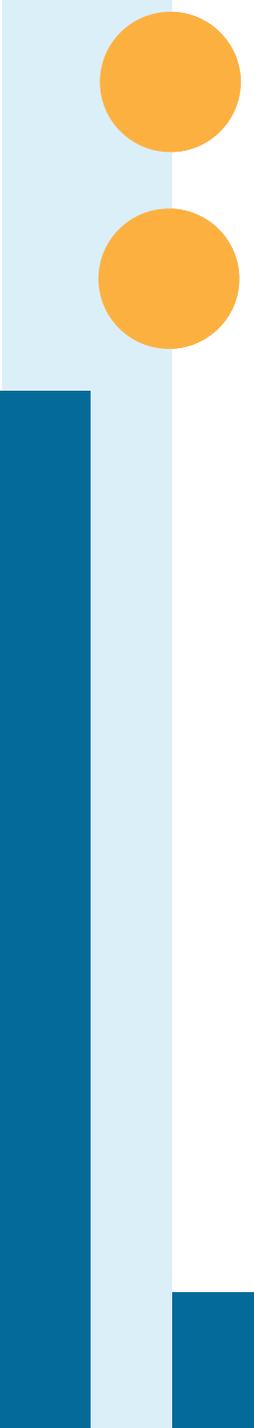
Directive Requirements

The regional center and the LVAC can update how funds are used as community needs change.

Changes must:

- Comply with state law and this directive
- Have agreement by both parties

If agreement is not reached, a change cannot be made to the use of the funds.



Directive Requirements

Regional centers must submit status reports for each ongoing project twice a year, on March 31 and September 30.

- Regional centers should only report updates for ongoing projects.
- Regional centers should add “no updates” if none exist for that ongoing project.

Questions & Answers





Email additional questions to:
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Resources



Resources

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Funding for the Self-Determination Program

- Directive: <https://bit.ly/3Mxzi3b>
- Attachment: <https://bit.ly/3Mol43w>

Self-Determination Program Directives

- Website: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/program-directives/>

Self-Determination Program law

- Webpage: <https://bit.ly/4rwvVJ0>

Resources

Self-Determination Program waiver

- Webpage: <https://bit.ly/4kP7cgn>

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