

# Community Integration (Social Rec) Grants

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# Social Rec Grant Goals

- Improve accessibility of integrated social and recreational programs that are person centered and culturally and linguistically responsive to the beliefs, values and choices of children and adolescents with I/DD.
- Utilize and leverage existing community resources to enhance and develop integrated and inclusive social recreational program that are safe and age appropriate.
- Increase the number of RC vendored providers that offer integrated and inclusive social and recreational services to people with I/DD

# Overview

## Individuals Served:

- Three to twenty-one years of age
- Determined eligible for regional center services including provisional and Lanterman Act.
- Determined low/no POS, diverse monolingual, and multilingual communities.
- Hearing loss and from rural areas will be strongly considered

## Funding:

- \$12.5M enhanced federal funding (one-time) for a grant program.
- RCEB is receiving \$817,600 in funding allocation for this project.

## Timeline:

- Approved grant projects will have 8-month timeline (April 2023 through December 2023) • Grantees will submit progress reports and a final report at the end of the project

# Social Rec Grant Priorities

- Grant priorities were developed with input from families, self-advocates, the Association of Regional Center Agencies, community-based organizations and local parks and recreation entities. Proposals that address these priorities will be strongly considered.
- Create, re-establish and/or enhance existing programs that are inclusive of children and adolescents with I/DD by applying evidence-based, best or emerging practices.
- Support development of friendships between children and adolescents through integrated and inclusive programs and activities.

# Social Rec Grant Priorities continued

- Hire and train staff to ensure the provision of adequate support for children and adolescents with complex needs (i.e., physical and behavioral).
- Support communities with cultural awareness and sensitivity by enhancing language access and cultural competence within social and recreational programs and activities.
- Develop and vendor inclusive social and recreational programs that apply person-centered and family-centered practices

# Grant Process & Time Line

12/16/2022 Applicants submit Grant Proposals to RCEB.

1/31/2023 RCEB submits proposals to DDS.

2/28/2023 DDS notifies RCEB of approved grant projects.

# Grant Process & Time Line continued

3/31/2023 Grant contracts due to the Department of Developmental Services

4/1/2023 Awarded projected must begin. Grantee submits 1<sup>st</sup> invoice to RCEB, 30% of grant amount awarded upon contract execution

7/7/2023 Grantee submits 1<sup>st</sup> progress report & 2<sup>nd</sup> invoice to RCEB, 30% of grant amount.

# Grant Process & Time Line continued

10/6/2023 Grantee submits 2<sup>nd</sup> progress report & 3<sup>rd</sup> invoice to RCEB. 30% of grant amount.

12/1/2023 Grantee submits final report & final invoice to RCEB. 10% of grant amount.

12/31/2023 Final payments to grantees.



# Grant Proposals – Letters of Intent

- Grant applicants will submit grant proposals to the RC.
- All grant proposals must include a Letter of Intent and a budget form.
- RCs in close proximity are encouraged to collaborate on grant proposals that will serve individuals across multiple catchment areas.
- A lead RC must be identified.
- RC will score the Letter of Intent.
- **See Attachment C** for details and instructions. Link included at end of presentation.

# Grant Proposals – Budget Form

- Grant applicants must submit one grant budget form per grant proposal .
- See **Attachment D** for details and instructions. Link included at end of presentation.
- Allowable and restricted expenses are described in tabs

# Contracts and Funding Releasing Criteria

## Contracts:

- RCs will contract with grantees.
- Vendorization is not required - funds will be paid through OPS.
- Awarded projects must begin on or before April 1, 2023

## Invoicing:

- A form for RCs to invoice DDS will be provided.

## Progress Reports & Payments:

- A process for grantees to invoice RCs will be provided Progress Reports and Payments.
- Payments are contingent upon approval of the grantee's progress report
- Payment schedule may be adjusted at the grantee's request & RC approval.

# Standard Outcome Measures

- Grant applicants will identify goals for outcome measures in their Letters of Intent
- Grantees will report progress on meeting their goals.
- All grantees (except Vendorization Assistance) will report progress on meeting goals for the following standard outcome measures:
  - Number of individuals that are directly served by the grant project.
  - Race or ethnicity of individuals served by the grant project, if known.
  - Languages spoken and/or written by grantee when providing services funded by the grant project to individuals.
  - Number of new inclusive social and recreational activities accessed by individuals.
  - Number of individuals that made at least one new friend, if applicable.

# Additional Outcome Measures

- Grant projects over \$100K will ALSO report on supplemental outcome measures associated with the project type(s).
- Grantees providing Vendorization Assistance will report on outcome measures unique to this project type

# Project Types

- Each grant proposal will include one or more project type.
- Project Types include the following: Community Connector, Community Engagement & Friendship Outreach, Education & Training, Financial Assistance, Increased Access to Programs that are Culturally & Linguistically Sensitive, Setting Modification, Transportation, Vendorization Assistance.
- See **Attachment G** for details and instructions. Link included at end of presentation.

# Important links

Application package: (all items must be included)

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/ATTACHMENT-C-Letter-of-Intent-Information-Application.pdf>

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/ATTACHMENT-D-Grant-Budget-Form-Copy.xlsx>

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/ATTACHMENT-G-Project-Types-and-Standard-Outcome-Measures.pdf>

RFP link: <https://rceb.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/RFP-2022-2023-Community-Integration-Social-Rec-final-1.pdf>

Additional references, resources can be found here:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/community-integration-social-rec-grants/>

# Ways to Submit grants to RCEB

- By email to: Mary Lynn Rochlitz at [mlrochlitz@rceb.org](mailto:mlrochlitz@rceb.org)
- By mail or deliver to: Regional Center of the East Bay, 500 Davis Street, Ste 100, San Leandro, CA 94577 Attn: Mary Lynn Rochlitz, Senior Resource Specialist



# Next Steps

- Submit Grant Proposals to RCEB December 16th 2022, by 5 pm. Application Packets must be stamped with the date and time of receipt.
- DDS will be offering a Webinar for Grant Applicants on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 11 am. Registration is required prior to attending. **REGISTER HERE for the Nov. 15 Webinar**  
Office hours TBD.
- Technical Assistance, Questions and Grant Proposals to [SocialRecGrants@dds.ca.gov](mailto:SocialRecGrants@dds.ca.gov)
- DDS Office Hours, every Tuesday 2-3 pm, [Zoom Link-DDS Office Hours](#)
- Reach out to Mary Lynn Rochlitz at RCEB for additional questions. Email: [mlrochlitz@rceb.org](mailto:mlrochlitz@rceb.org) or 510 618-6499
- Do you have any questions?