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REGIONAL CENTER

**HCBS Funding 2017-2018- New Proposals Due to WRC January 5 2018-
Two Upcoming Informational Webinars**

WRC Service Providers:

Please see information below on new round of funding available for HCBS Final Rule Compliance. Eligible Community-Based Providers (*see list below) Can Submit Concept Proposals for Funding To Help Them Comply With New Federal Rules.

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TO REGIONAL CENTERS ON SECOND ROUND OF GRANT FUNDING – Dated November 1, 2017 – PDF Document (4 pages)

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/HCBS/docs/HCBSFundingLetter20171101.pdf>

ENCLOSURE A – SETTINGS AND SERVICES LIST – November 1, 2017 – PDF Document (1 page) – This is listing of eligible regional center funded providers who can apply for the second round of grant funding:

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/HCBS/docs/transitionSettingsServices.pdf>

ENCLOSURE B – REGIONAL CENTER CONTACT INFORMATION – November 1, 2017 – PDF Document (1 page):

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/HCBS/docs/contactInfo.pdf>

ENCLOSURE C – COMPLIANCE EVALUATION AND CONCEPT FORM – November 1, 2017 – Word Document (8 pages) – This is the form that eligible providers would complete and submit for the second round of grant funding:

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/HCBS/docs/complianceEvaluationForm.DOCX>

Two informational webinars are scheduled on November 14th & 17th

DDS will hold two one-hour webinars – open to all interested persons - to review the process and answer questions regarding the second round of Home and Community Based Services Transition Funding.

Persons interested in participating in either or both webinars will need to register (online).

NOVEMBER 14, 2017 – TUESDAY

TIME: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

WHAT: HCBS Compliance Funding Webinar (Department of Developmental Services)

TO REGISTER FOR THIS WEBINAR CLICK THIS LINK TO “GOTOWEBINAR”:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7594072112510127874>

NOVEMBER 17, 2017 – FRIDAY

TIME: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

WHAT: HCBS Compliance Funding Webinar (Department of Developmental Services)

TO REGISTER FOR THIS WEBINAR CLICK THIS LINK TO “GOTOWEBINAR”:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5782621208191182594>

Information will be posted on WRC website and also shared during WRC upcoming HCBS information session on Wednesday November 22nd at 2pm- Register [HERE](#)

The deadline for eligible providers to submit a brief concept paper outlining their proposal, is January 5, 2018, Friday.

EXAMPLES OF CONCEPT PROPOSALS APPROVED IN FIRST ROUND INCLUDE OUTREACH, SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH PERSON CENTERED PLANNING AND THINKING

-Proposals that include or focus on outreach and information regarding the HCBS [Home and Community-Based Services] rules for consumers and members of their support teams; proposals that called for supporting persons with developmental disabilities on a more individualized basis to promote community integration and employment; proposals that prioritize the preferences of persons with developmental disabilities and utilizing feedback from persons with developmental disabilities in the development of the concept.

STEPS IN THE SECOND ROUND OF HCBS TRANSITION FUNDING PROCESS

STEP 1 – By January 5, 2018, service providers need to submit the following to Pam Arturi, HCBS Manager at pamelaa@westsiderc.org to be considered for initial approval:

- A completed provider compliance evaluation of the vendored setting, service or support that identifies and describes which HCBS [Home and

Community Based Services] setting requirements are not being met (Enclosure C); and,

- A completed concept form (Enclosure C) that includes:
 1. Vendor name, primary regional center, vendor number, service type/code, and number of consumers being served by the vendor;
 2. Whether the concept addresses unmet service needs or service disparities;
 3. A description of how the vendor involved the individuals it provides services to in the proposal development process;
 4. A brief narrative/description of the project, identifying which HCBS [Home and Community Based Services] setting requirements are not being met, describe how the funding would aid in compliance, and justify the requested funding;
 5. A brief description of any barriers to compliance with the HCBS [Home and Community Based Services] rules and/or project implementation;
 6. An estimated budget for the project identifying all major costs;
 7. Requested 2017-18 funding; and,
 8. An estimated timeline for the project.

STEP 2 – By January 19, 2018 [this deadline is different from the January 5th deadline for providers to submit concept proposals], WRC must submit all completed concepts and evaluations to DDS, along with any funding recommendations and the basis for the recommendations. Please note, for providers that operate programs with several vendor numbers, one concept form and evaluation form may be submitted, provided that the plan applies to all vendor numbers listed. DDS [Department of Developmental Services] may request additional information from providers or regional centers, as necessary.

STEP 3 – DDS [Department of Developmental Services] will notify regional centers of the concepts selected for funding. Priority will be given to those who did not receive funding in the previous fiscal year.

STEP 4 – Concepts selected by DDS [Department of Developmental Services] will require a contract agreement between the regional center and the service provider, which will include the following:

- Details regarding the project, including specifics on how the funding will be used to increase compliance with the federal requirements;
- Details regarding how consumer input will be used in the development and implementation of the project;
- A detailed budget for the project;
- For projects involving the purchase of items or services, a justification

- (e.g. multiple quotes) of the cost-effectiveness of the purchase;
- A project timeline identifying key milestones;
- Objective indicators to measure progress toward compliance with the federal requirements; and,
- A requirement for semi-annual reporting to the regional center on project implementation, including progress related to key milestones and progress toward compliance with the federal requirements.

***WHAT REGIONAL CENTER FUNDED PROVIDERS CAN APPLY FOR THIS TRANSITION FUNDING?**

The following service providers settings, as identified in the revised draft “Statewide Transition Plan” by the Department of Health Care Services, are eligible to apply for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Transition Funding:

Activity Center
Adult Day Care Center
Adult Day Care Facility
Adult Day Program
Adult Day Support Center
Adult Development Center
Adult Family Home
Adult Residential Facility
Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs
Behavior Management Program
Certified Family Home
Child Day Care Center
Child Day Care Facility
Community Activities Support Service
Community Integration Training Program
Community-Based Training Provider
Family Child Care Home
Family Teaching Home
Foster Family Home
Group Home
Residential Care Facility for the Elderly
Small Family Home
Socialization Training Program
Work Activity Program

LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECOND ROUND OF HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS) TRANSITION

FUNDING

The following are links for more information – including the guidelines and application – for the second round of grant funding for eligible regional center funded community-based providers:

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECOND ROUND OF HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS) TRANSITION GRANT FUNDING:

Send email to Department of Developmental Services at:

HCBSregs@dds.ca.gov

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCBS) REGULATIONS WEBPAGE:

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/HCBS/index.cfm>

STATEWIDE TRANSITION PLAN – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES WEBPAGE:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/HCBSStatewideTransitionPlan.aspx>