

**STATE PLAN FOR
INDEPENDENT LIVING
(SPIL)**

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended, Chapter 1, Title

VII

PART B - INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

Part C - Centers for Independent Living

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Executive Summary

The State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) is a one-year strategic plan that provides the framework for the delivery of Independent Living services in California. The mission of the CA IL network, and this SPIL, is that the California State Independent Living program will partner with Stakeholders to provide advocacy and services that create equity for individuals with disabilities.

Title VII, Chapter 1 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (the Act), establishes the Independent Living Services and Centers for Independent Living programs. The purpose is to:

- Promote Independent Living philosophy, based on consumer control, peer support, self-determination, equal access and systems advocacy;
- Maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence and productivity of individuals with significant disabilities; and
- To promote the integration and full inclusions of individuals with significant disabilities into mainstream society.

The Independent Living Services Program, funded under Part B of Chapter 1 of the Act, makes funding available for California for providing, expanding, and improving the provision of independent living services in the state. The program also provides for the:

- Development and support of the statewide network of Centers for Independent Living (CILS);
- Improvements in the working relationships between the SILC, DSE, and network of CILS in the state; and
- Collaboration among with Independent Living services program, the CILS, and other programs that address the needs of individuals with significant disabilities.

The CIL program, funded under Part C of Chapter 1 of the Act, provides funding for planning, conducting, administering and evaluating CILS that comply with specific standards and assurances (Section 725 of the Act) and that reflect the State's design for the establishment of a statewide network of centers detailed in the SPIL.

There are several partnerships that provide for the provision of Independent Living Services in California. These partners come together in the development and implementation of the SPIL.

- People with disabilities in the state, their family members and caregivers;
- The 28 Centers for Independent Living (CILS) who provide direct

services to the over 10 million people with disabilities and seniors in the State;

- The California State Independent Living Council (SILC) provides the development, monitoring, and evaluation of the SPIL;
- The California State Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) who serves as the Designated State Entity (DSE) for California and provides administration, training, technical assistance, budget support, and oversight of state and federal resources;
- The California Foundation for Independent Living (CFILC) who serves as the trade organization of Centers for Independent Living in the state.

The California SILC is responsible for developing the SPIL after receiving public input from people in the state. The development may be a SILC duty, but in California the SPIL is developed collaboratively with members of the IL Network. Public input from Californian's has been received through public hearings, meetings, surveys, by email and voicemail, and other means. This feedback has been incorporated through this document and serves as the foundation of this SPIL.

The SPIL encompasses activities planned by the California Independent Living Network to achieve specific independent living objectives and reflects the State's commitment to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements during the three-year period of the plan. The SPIL also contains narrative sections describing the Independent Living goals, objectives, activities, and operational aspects as well as assurances and statements of compliance.

Section 1: Goals, Objectives and Activities

1.1 Mission:

Mission of the Independent Living Network and the SPIL.

The California State Independent Living Network partners with Stakeholders to influence policy and advocate for access to service delivery for individuals with disabilities.

1.2 Goals:

Goals of the IL Network for the one-year period of the plan.

Timeline	Goals (copy from section 1.2 above)	Objectives (copy from section 1.3 above)	Data to be collected	Data collection method	Organization primarily responsible for data collection (please check as many as apply)
Throughout 1-year period; review annually at end of 4 th qtr.	Goal 1: The Independent Living Network will work with community business partners to develop more connections to IL services that will benefit employment, transportation, and housing for individuals with disabilities.	Centers for Independent Living will increase outreach to community business partners by 5% from previous year.	Number of reported instances of outreach provided. (Examples of outreach may include cross-sharing of information on 211 or other local websites.)	Review of quarterly CILR Narrative and annual PPRs around outreach to community business partners.	CILS; DSE
Throughout 1-year period; review annually at end of 4 th qtr.	Same as above	Centers for Independent Living will increase training for community business partner staff by 5% from previous year.	Number of instances reported around training to community business partners.	Review of quarterly CILR Narrative and annual PPRs around training to community business partners	CILS; DSE
Throughout 1-year period; review annually at	Goal 2: The California Independent Living Network will	Independent Living Network members will increase access to more youth	Number of instances of services to youth (age 14-24).	Review of quarterly CILR Narrative	CILS; DSE

end of 4 th qtr.	enhance and expand existing transition services, including services for youth and diversion from living in institutional settings.	transition tools to respond to the needs and interests of people with disabilities ages 14 to 24. Numbers of services provided will increase by 5% from the previous year.		and annual PPRs	
Throughout 1-year period; review annually at end of 4 th qtr.	Same as above	Californians with disabilities move from more restricted settings into the community setting of their choice. persons benefitting from transition grants across the state will increase by 5% from the previous year.	Number of persons benefitting from transition grants across the state.	Monthly reporting on number of persons reported by DSE as transitioned or diverted from institutional living.	CILS; DSE
Throughout 1-year period; review annually at end of 4 th qtr.	Same as above	Californians with disabilities will achieve diversion assistance from their local center for independent living. The number of persons benefitting from diversion grants across the state will increase by 5% from the previous year.	Number of persons benefitting from diversion grants across the state.	Monthly reporting on number of persons reported by DSE as transitioned or diverted from institutional living. Results from survey administered to CILs using transition grants.	CILS; DSE
Throughout 1-year	Same as above	Individuals who transition are	At least one new	Number of tools or	DSE; CILS

period; review annually at end of 4 th qtr.		assessed on their quality of life and ability to make informed choices.	transition resource and/or tool created for California resource sites.	resources developed.	
Throughout 1-year period; review annually at end of 4 th qtr.	Same as above	Through existing state Independent Living Network Technical Assistance structures, Independent Living Network members access all available resources and tools for providing Transition and the number of instances reported from DSE about technical assistance provided will increase by 5% from the previous year.	Number of instances reported from DSE about technical assistance provided.	Reports from DSE about technical assistance provided to the Independent Living Centers around transition.	DSE
Throughout 1-year period; review quarterly at full Council meetings	Goal 3: In addition to direct services, Californian's with disabilities will continue to benefit from systems change advocacy that results in systemic change that increases	Activities of the Systems Change contractor and the Centers for Independent Living around systems change will increase by 5% statewide over the previous year related to (a) representation at Statewide	Activities of the Systems Change contractor and the Centers for Independent Living around systems change	Quarterly reports from the Systems Change contractor; CILR Narratives; and PPRs from centers about systems change results from center's	Systems Change Contractor; DSE; CILS

	access to public and private resources that enhance independence.	venues and/or on prioritized Statewide advocacy issues, and (b) infrastructure and technical assistance regarding multi-catchment communications, efforts, and activities that support Systems Change.		advocacy activities.	
Throughout 1-year period; review at each Full Council meeting	Goal 4: SILC will facilitate an Environmental Scan of the statewide Independent Living Center network to determine each center's status, interest, capacity and potential for participating as a leader in a local LTSS No Wrong Door system; also known as Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) partnerships.	The SILC will support Independent Living Network partners to become an ADRC partner.	Numbers of Independent Living Centers expressing interest in becoming ADRC partner.	Reports from SILC staff at each full Council meeting.	SILC
By 4 th Qtr. 2024	Same as above	The SILC will understand how to support Independent Living Network	Survey will be drafted, answers collected	SILC staff will report on efforts at full council meeting.	SILC

		partners to engage with LTSS No Wrong Door systems.	and analyzed.		
Throughout 1-year period; review at each Full Council meeting	Goal 5: SILC will facilitate technical assistance, funding information, best practices information, data analysis and other planning assistance that supports ILC interest and leadership in statewide LTSS system changes across the State.	The SILC and DSE will support Independent Living Network to become a fully functional core partner in the LTSS No Wrong Door System	Numbers of technical assistance provision, funding information shared, best practices information shared, data analysis and other supports offered to the IL Network regarding LTSS No Wrong Door in California.	The SILC and DSE will report on efforts at monthly committee and full council meetings.	SILC; DSE; CILS
By 4 th Qtr. 2024	Goal 6: The Network will explore current data collection of Centers for Independent Living to look at which data systems they are currently using, their satisfaction with the data system, and determine which elements of data are currently being collected.	The Network will conduct a survey of existing Independent Living Centers and will conduct an analysis on the results.	Survey will be drafted, answers collected and analyzed.	The SILC will report on efforts at full council meetings.	SILC; DSE; CILS

By 4 th Qtr. 2024	Goal 7: The IL Network will explore the implementation of a new funding formula for all new state or federal IL funds that includes a new desired minimum base level of funding and weighted variables (e.g., population, geography and cost of living based on 2019 CIL surveys) to ensure greater funding equity among Centers.	The IL Network will work to develop an equitable funding formula.	An equitable funding formula will be developed.	SILC Funding Formula Equity Workgroup participants will report on efforts in monthly committee meetings and at full council meeting.	CILS
By 4 th Qtr. 2024	Same as above	The SILC will obtain network feedback from CILS, DSE, and stakeholders and will obtain 51% agreement among CILs on new formula.	Network feedback on formula will be collected; revisions to formula will be made until there is at least 51% agreement among CILs	The SILC will report on efforts at monthly committee meetings and full council meetings.	SILC
Throughout 1-year period	Same as above	The IL Network will continue to utilize Title VII, Part B funds to create some temporary	IL Network will continue to utilize Title VII, Part B funds to	Tier Funding formula in current SPIL utilized to create	DSE; CILS

		equity among centers until new formula is adopted.	create some temporary equity among centers until new formula is adopted.	temporary equity utilizing Title VII, Part B funds.	
By 4 th Qtr. 2024	Same as above	The SILC will work with partners to change CA W&I code to allow for new base and AB 204 funding distribution.	IL Network will work with partners to change CA W&I code to allow for new base and AB 204 funding distribution.	The SILC will report on efforts at monthly committee meetings and full council meetings.	SILC; DSE; CILS
By 4 th Qtr. 2024	Same as above	The IL Network will obtain approval from ACL and/or Congress to change method of distribution of new Title VII, Part C funds or other federal IL funds.	IL Network will obtain approval from ACL and/or Congress to change method of distribution of new Title VII, Part C funds or other federal IL funds.	The SILC will report on efforts at monthly committee meetings and full council meetings.	CILS
4th Qtr. 2024	Same as above	The IL Network will implement the new formula for the 2025-2028 SPIL.	IL Network will include the new formula in the 2025-2028 SPIL.	New funding formula included in 2025-2028 SPIL.	CILS; DSE

Narrative:

Goal 1: The Independent Living Network will work with community business partners to develop more connections to IL services that will benefit employment, transportation, and housing for individuals with disabilities.

Goal 2: The California Independent Living Network will enhance and expand existing transition services, including services for youth and diversion from living in institutional settings.

Goal 3: In addition to direct services, Californians with disabilities will continue to benefit from systems change advocacy that results in systemic change that increases access to public and private resources that enhance independence.

Goal 4: SILC will facilitate an Environmental Scan of the statewide Independent Living Center network to determine each center's status, interest, capacity and potential for participating as a leader in a local LTSS No Wrong Door system; also known as Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) partnerships.

Goal 5: SILC will facilitate technical assistance, funding information, best practices information, data analysis and other planning assistance that supports ILC interest and leadership in statewide LTSS system changes across the State.

Goal 6: The Network will explore current data collection of Centers for Independent Living to look at which data systems they are currently using, their satisfaction with the data system, and determine which elements of data are currently being collected.

Goal 7: The IL Network will explore the implementation of a new funding formula for all new state or federal IL funds that includes a new desired minimum base level of funding and weighted variables (e.g., population, geography and cost of living based on 2019 CIL surveys) to ensure greater funding equity among Centers.

1.3 Objectives

Objectives for the one-year period of the plan – including geographic scope, desired outcomes, target dates, and indicators. Including compatibility with the purpose of Title VII, Chapter 1.

1.1 Centers for Independent Living will increase outreach to community business partners by 5% from previous year. Timeline: Throughout 1-year period; review conducted annually at the end of the 4th quarter. Indicators: Number of reported instances of outreach provided.

1.2 Centers for Independent Living will increase training for community business partner staff by 5% from previous year. Timeline: Throughout 1-year period; review conducted annually at the end of the 4th quarter. Indicators: Number of instances reported around training to community business partners.

2.1 Independent Living Network members will have access to more youth transition tools to respond to the needs and interests of people with disabilities ages 14 to 24. Numbers of services provided will increase by 5% from the previous year. Timeline: Throughout 1-year period; review conducted annually at the end of the 4th quarter. Indicators: Number of instances of services to youth (age 14-24).

2.2 Californians with disabilities move from more restricted settings into the community setting of their choice. persons benefitting from transition grants across the state will increase by 5% from the previous year. Timeline: Throughout 1-year period; review conducted annually at the end of the 4th quarter. Indicators: Number of persons benefitting from transition grants across the state.

2.3 Californians with disabilities will achieve diversion assistance from their local center for independent living. The number of persons benefitting from diversion grants across the state will increase by 5% from the previous year. Timeline: Throughout 1-year period; review conducted annually at the end of the 4th quarter. Indicators: Number of persons benefitting from diversion grants across the state.

2.4 At least one new transition resource and/or tool created for California resource sites so that Individuals who transition are assessed on their quality of life and ability to make informed choices. Timeline: Throughout 1-year period; review conducted annually at the end of the 4th quarter. Indicators: At least one new transition resource and/or tool created for California resource sites.

2.5 Through existing state Independent Living Network Technical Assistance structures, Independent Living Network members access all available resources and tools for providing Transition and the number of instances reported from DSE about technical assistance provided will increase by 5% from the previous year. Timeline: Throughout 1-year period; review conducted annually at the end of the 4th quarter. Indicators: Number of instances reported from DSE about technical assistance provided.

3.1 Activities of the Systems Change contractor and the Centers for Independent Living around systems change will increase by 5% statewide over the previous year related to (a) representation at Statewide venues and/or on prioritized Statewide advocacy issues, and (b) infrastructure and technical assistance regarding multi-catchment communications, efforts, and activities that support Systems Change. Timeline: Throughout 1-year period; review conducted at each full Council meeting; reports from Systems Change contractor submitted quarterly to DSE and SILC; annual review of

CILR and PPR. Indicators: Activities of the Systems Change contractor and the Centers for Independent Living around systems change

4.1 The SILC will support Independent Living Network partners to become an ADRC partner. ADRC Partnerships will increase annually. Timeline: Throughout 1-year period; review conducted annually at the end of the 4th quarter. Indicators: Numbers of Independent Living Centers expressing interest in becoming ADRC partner.

4.2 The SILC will survey Independent Living Network partners on how to engage them in LTSS No Wrong Door systems. Timeline: By 4th quarter 2024. Indicators: Survey will be drafted, answers collected and analyzed.

5.1 The SILC and DSE will support Independent Living Network members to become a fully functional core partner in the LTSS No Wrong Door System by increasing technical assistance provision, funding information shared, best practices information shared, data analysis and other supports offered to the IL Network by 5% over the previous year. Timeline: Throughout 1-year period; review conducted annually at the end of the 4th quarter. Indicators: Numbers of technical assistance provision, funding information shared, best practices information shared, data analysis and other supports offered to the IL Network regarding LTSS No Wrong Door in California.

6.1 The Network will conduct a survey of existing Independent Living Centers and will conduct an analysis on the results. Timeline: By 4th quarter 2024. Indicators: Survey will be drafted, answers collected and analyzed.

7.1 The IL Network will work to develop an equitable funding formula. Timeline: By 4th quarter 2024. Indicators: An equitable funding formula will be developed.

7.2 The SILC will obtain network feedback and 51% agreement among CILs on new formula. Timeline: By 4th quarter 2024. Indicators: Network feedback on formula will be collected; revisions to formula will be made until there is at least 51% agreement among CILs.

7.3 The SILC and IL Network will continue to utilize Title VII, Part B funds to create some temporary equity among centers until new formula is adopted. Timeline: Throughout 1-year period. Indicators: IL Network will continue to utilize Title VII, Part B funds to create some temporary equity among centers until new formula is adopted.

7.4 The SILC will work with partners to change CA W&I code to allow for new base and AB 204 funding distribution. Timeline: By 4th Quarter 2024. Indicators: IL Network will work with partners to change CA W&I code to allow for new base and AB 204 funding distribution.

7.5 The IL Network will obtain approval from ACL and/or Congress to change method of distribution of new Title VII, Part C funds or other federal IL funds. Timeline: By 4th Quarter 2024. Indicators: IL Network will obtain approval from ACL and/or Congress to change method of distribution of new Title VII, Part C funds or other federal IL funds.

7.6 The IL Network will implement the new formula for the 2025r-2028 SPIL. Timeline: By 4th Quarter 2024. Indicators: IL Network will include the new formula in the 2025-2028 SPIL.

1.4 Evaluation

Methods and processes the SILC will use to evaluate the effectiveness of the SPIL including timelines and evaluation of satisfaction of individuals with disabilities.

1.1 Number of instances reported on quarterly CILR Narrative and annual PPRs around outreach and training to community business partners.

2.1 As services are better tailored to youth, more will be served by the Independent Living Network (PPRs) and quarterly reporting (CILR) will demonstrate an increase in numbers served over the one-year period.

2.2 Number of persons benefitting from transition grants. Monthly reporting on number of persons reported by DSE as transitioned or diverted from institutional living.

2.3 Results from survey administered to CILs using transition grants.

2.4 Number of new transition resources and tools created or added to California resource sites.

2.5 Reports from DSE about technical assistance provided.

3.1 Quarterly reports from the Systems Change contractor provided to the SILC and DSE, CILR Narratives and PPRs from centers about systems change results from center's advocacy activities.

4.1 The SILC will report interest at monthly committee and full council meetings.

4.2 Survey will be drafted, answers collected and analyzed. The SILC will report on efforts at monthly committee and full council meetings.

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6.1 Survey will be drafted, answers collected and analyzed. The SILC will report on efforts at monthly committee and full council meetings.

7.1 An equitable funding formula will be developed.

7.2 Network feedback on formula will be collected; a new formula will be implemented once there is at least 51% agreement among CILs on new formula.

7.3 IL Network will continue to utilize Title VII, Part B funds to create some temporary equity among centers until new formula is adopted.

7.4 IL Network will work with partners to change CA W&I code to allow for new base and AB 204 funding distribution.

7.5 IL Network will obtain approval from ACL and/or Congress to change method of distribution of new Title VII, Part C funds or other federal IL funds.

7.6 IL Network will implement the new formula by 2025-2028 SPIL.

1.5 Financial Plan

Sources, uses of, and efforts to coordinate funding to be used to accomplish the Goals and Objectives. Process for grants/contracts, selection of grantees, and distribution of funds to facilitate effective operations and provision of services.

Fiscal Year(s): 2024					
Sources	Projected Funding Amounts and Uses				
	SILC Resource Plan	IL Services	General CIL Operations	Other SPIL Activities	Retained by DSE for Administrative costs (applies only to Part B funding)
Title VII Funds					
Chapter 1, Part B (including state match)	716,929			1,553,345	119,488
Chapter 1, Part C			8,953,472		
Other Federal Funds					
Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)					
Social Security Reimbursement		6,828,000			
Other					
Non-Federal Funds					
State Funds		6,375,000			
Other					

Description of financial plan narrative.

This SPIL establishes priorities to utilize Title VII, Part B funds during the SPIL 2024. The State Plan partners need an efficient way to maximize these scarce resources. The competitive priorities identified during SPIL formulation allowed the SILC to develop objectives and allocate funds for many different initiatives. However, there are more unmet needs to address.

As a result, California SILC will work with the DSE to identify any unspent Part B amounts on a quarterly basis. During January, California SILC will be notified of the amount of unspent Part B money. At the next full Council meeting the California SILC will make recommendations for the best use of the funds according to the following criteria:

1. To enhance the funding level for any existing SPIL objectives to maximize their success.
2. To fund projects prioritized during the SPIL formulation process that did not receive any resources.
3. To fund any urgent or emerging priorities identified.

To this end, for 2024, the SILC, DSE, and statewide network of Independent Living Centers allocated the VIIB dollars and unspent funds to increase the total funding available for de-institutional mini-grants and to add diversion to an allowable use of funding, to Systems Change, and to Tier Augmentation to the CILs.

\$2,150,786 is the total estimated VIIB award for California. \$238,976 is associated with state match. The total VIIB funding available for FY2021 is \$2,389,762.00.

\$940,000.00 Title VIIB funds will be awarded to Independent Living Centers grouped into the funding tiers to enhance those eligible centers funding levels for use on activities related to any existing SPIL objectives or implementing any core Federal and/or State Independent Living services. These funds will remain with the identified centers annually in the tiers and will focus on SPIL objectives or core services until changed.

During the 2024 period, California will continue utilizing Title VII-B funding for the Systems Change Hub Grant at \$375,000 annually.

During the 2024 period, California will continue utilizing Title VII-B funding in the Transition Funding Grant at \$360,000 annually. Specifically, \$200,000 has been allocated for de-institutional transition, and \$160k for diversion. Transition funding is available to assist with a consumer's transition from

one of the following types of institutional facilities: licensed skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled, state Hospital for the mentally ill, developmental center, Rehabilitation hospital, California Veterans home, Acute Care Hospital. The facility must be named in the application for funding. Transition funding may NOT be used for consumers who have already transitioned out of one of the above-identified facilities. Transition funding may be used to assist with a consumer's transition from a more restricted setting, such as an emergency shelter, temporary housing, or hospitals, into the community setting of their choice. Youth Transition may be used to transition youth from parent's home, foster care into a community setting of their own choice. Diversion Transition may be used for consumers who have already transitioned out of a more restricted setting, other than those institutional facilities identified above and are at risk of being institutionalized. All transition request must have preapproval from the Department of Rehabilitation.

Other urgent or emerging priorities identified by the network are the Youth Leadership Forum, the development of a CIL-to-CIL Peer Mentoring program, IL Conference, and the need to improve data collection and reporting. As with the previously mentioned projects, Title VII-B funds can be used to address this need.

This document describes the allocation of both federal and state resources among Independent Living Centers in California. Both Part C funds, state general funds and Social Security Program Income (State General Fund/SSPI) will be used for core IL services. For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, \$13,200,000 from SSPI and general fund was awarded to the California Independent Living Network. This additional annual funding will be provided on an ongoing basis so long as the SSPI and general fund continues to be available to the DSE. The California Independent Living Community does not intend to alter the existing Title VII, part C grant awards in any way.

Since the SILC's 1996 inception, tri-annual, state-level research on unmet independent living needs has emphasized the need for increased funding and expansion of the Independent Living (IL) Network. IL services are a critical feature of California's Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) initiatives and broader state service delivery reforms. Therefore, this Plan proposes development of IL expansion from a statewide perspective. Californians with disabilities and their families benefit from a statewide perspective focused on the interrelatedness of health care, social services, transportation, housing and employment initiatives. Local communities' benefit when state efforts embrace rather than inhibit flexibility. SPIL language does not exclude any potential funding sources. If any additional funding sources become available, the SPIL encourages partners to work collaboratively, ensuring

that the needs, as described below, of the greater IL Network are considered.

When this document refers to AB 204 funding, it is referring to the state general fund amount awarded to the I.L. Network by the California State Legislature through Assembly Bill 204. Over the life of the program, the California State Department of Rehabilitation has increased that funding and supplanted it with state general funds and SSPI.

The SPIL endorses a multiple-term, minimum, combined state and federal IL funding formula for each of the 28 CA CILs, regardless of the number of VII-C grants that each center has. The short-term target funding base is \$500,000, the mid-term target funding base is \$570,000, and the long-term target funding base is \$746,000 per ILC.

In the event that there are new, long-term Federal funds (after COLAs), all California CILs with a combined Title VII-C, Title VII-B, CA State General Fund, and SSPI (without Seymour and/or other one-time state-controlled funds) total of less than \$500,000, will receive a distribution of new, long-term Federal funds (after COLAs) increasing their funding to a \$500,000 minimum funding level.

When all CILs have reached the short-term minimum funding level of \$500,000, all California CILs with a combined Title VII-C, Title VII-B, CA State General Fund, SSPI (without Seymour and/or other 1-time State-controlled funds) total of less than \$570,000 will receive a distribution of new, long-term Federal funds (after COLAs) increasing their funding to a mid-term \$570,000 minimum funding level.

When all CILs have reached the mid-term minimum funding level of \$570,000, all California CILs with a combined Title VII-C, Title VII-B, CA State General Fund, and SSPI (without Seymour and/or other one-time state-controlled funds) total of less than \$746,000 will receive an equal distribution of new, long-term Federal funds (after COLAs)) increasing their funding to the long-term \$746,000 minimum funding level. This formula will continue to be applied until all 28 CILs have reached this accepted minimum funding level.

If any one-time, additional SSPI funding should become available for IL services, the SILC will work in partnership with the DSE and other stakeholders, both internal and external, to prioritize use of the available funding. If any one-time federal or other state IL funds, influenced by this document should become available, the California SILC recognizes and agrees to amend the current SPIL for the distribution of those funds. The

SILC agrees to lead the development of that language during the SPIL period covered by this document. The SILC will work collaboratively with the DSE, the CILs, and other interested IL Network partners to develop a strategy to include distribution of one-time, non-SSPI funding.

Section 2: Scope, Extent, and Arrangements of Services

2.1 Services

Services to be provided to persons with disabilities that promote full access to community life including geographic scope, determination of eligibility and state-wideness.

Table 2.1A: Independent living services	Provided using Part B (check to indicate yes)	Provided using other funds (check to indicate yes; do not list the other funds)	Entity that provides (specify CIL, DSE, or the other entity)
Core Independent Living Services, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information and referral - IL skills training - Peer counseling - Individual and systems advocacy - Transition services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transition from nursing homes & other institutions ▪ Diversion from institutions ▪ Transition of youth (who were eligible for an IEP) to post-secondary life 	X	X	CIL; DSE
	X	X	CIL
	X	X	CIL
	X	X	CIL; other entity
	X	X	CIL
Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services		X	CIL

Table 2.1A: Independent living services	Provided using Part B (check to indicate yes)	Provided using other funds (check to indicate yes; do not list the other funds)	Entity that provides (specify CIL, DSE, or the other entity)
Services related to securing housing or shelter, including services related to community group living, and supportive of the purposes of this Act and of the titles of this Act, and adaptive housing services (including appropriate accommodations to and modifications of any space used to serve, or occupied by, individuals with disabilities) Note: CILs are not allowed to own or operate housing.	X	X	CIL
Rehabilitation technology			
Mobility training		X	CIL
Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services		X	CIL
Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services		X	CIL
Surveys, directories, and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation opportunities, and accessible transportation, and other support services	X	X	CIL
Consumer information programs on rehabilitation and IL services available under this Act, especially for minorities and other individuals with disabilities who have traditionally been unserved or underserved by programs under this Act	X	X	CIL; DSE
Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities	X	X	CIL
Supported living		X	CIL

Table 2.1A: Independent living services	Provided using Part B (check to indicate yes)	Provided using other funds (check to indicate yes; do not list the other funds)	Entity that provides (specify CIL, DSE, or the other entity)
Transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation	X	X	CIL
Physical rehabilitation			
Therapeutic treatment			
Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices			
Individual and group social and recreational services	X	X	CIL
Training to develop skills specifically designed for youths who are individuals with significant disabilities to promote self-awareness and esteem, develop advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options	X	X	CIL;DSE
Services for children	X	X	CIL
Services under other Federal, State, or local programs designed to provide resources, training, counseling, or other assistance, of substantial benefit in enhancing the independence, productivity, and quality of life of individuals with disabilities	X	X	CIL; DSE
Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with significant disabilities for similar services in the future	X	X	CIL; DSE
Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities	X	X	CIL
Such other services as may be necessary and not inconsistent with the Act		X	CIL

2.2 Outreach

Identify steps to be taken regarding statewide outreach to populations that are unserved or underserved by programs that are funded under Title VII, including minority groups and urban and rural populations.

The following populations have been designated for targeted outreach efforts in this SPIL:

*Individuals with hearing, cognitive, and visual disabilities; *Asian-Americans and Latinos; *Youth throughout the state; *Members of the LGBTQI community; *Speakers of Tagalog and Armenian (specifically, by making more materials available in those languages).

The identified communities live throughout the state. Research also shows that inland areas of the state, or where the region served has a higher share of individuals with disabilities living in poverty, are in most need of additional Independent Living services. Thirty-four (34) counties demonstrated below average penetration rates with Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, and Tulare counties having the lowest rates of service.

Finally, Centers should outreach to any locally identified unserved/underserved populations that may exist in a center's service area.

As a condition for receiving Social Security Program Income from DOR, each center is required to detail its' plan for increasing the diversity of consumers it serves.

In addition to the outreach planned by the providers in the IL Network, the SILC and DSE plan to continue their outreach to individuals with significant disabilities through their websites and social media. Materials will be translated into other languages and all computer resources are designed to be fully accessible to persons using screen readers and other Assistive Technology.

2.3 Coordination

Plans for coordination of services and cooperation among programs and organizations that support community life for persons with disabilities.

Major partners in the state Independent Living Network include the DSE, SILC, CILs, and CFILC. DOR serves as the DSE, administering funds and ensuring legal compliance. SILC supports the DSE in planning VIIB allocation, collecting testimony and needs information around the state, and having public forums to discuss the DSE's work to advance independent

living. CFILC is a membership organization for the majority of independent living centers in California and they support the CILs programmatically as well as coordinating projects with one another. The CILs provide services to people with disabilities in their local communities and also advocate removal of barriers that prevent people with disabilities from living independently.

The SILC includes representatives from many members of the IL Network including CIL Directors and staff, a representative of the Native American community, individuals with disabilities representing community-based organizations, community advocates, and Ex-Officios from the Departments of Rehabilitation, Developmental Services, Social Services, and Aging.

The DSE and the SILC will cooperate and coordinate with many state agency partners as well as private corporations. An incomplete list follows:

California Health and Human Services Agency; Departments of Aging, Education, Employment Development, Health Care Services, Public Health (including the Office of Health Equity), Social Services, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, Developmental Services, Transportation, Housing and Community Development, Office of Emergency Services; Boards/Commissions/Councils on Aging, Developmental Disabilities, California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, Mental Health Planning Council and Workforce Development Board; Membership associations such as California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, Traumatic Brain Injury Services of CA, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging, CA Association of Public Authorities, and California Association of Caregiver Resource Centers; Not-for-profit corporations such as Disability Rights California, Disability Rights Legal Center, World Institute on Disability, Californians for Disability Rights and Disability Rights Advocates; Statewide coalitions such as the Disability Action Coalition, California Council of the Blind, National Federation for the Blind of CA, National Council on Independent Living, the national Association of Programs of Rural Independent Living, CA Coalition for Long Term Services and Supports, and many others.

Centers that provide significant levels of employment services do so under contract with the vocational rehabilitation program, thus using funds under Title I of the Act. All centers in California provide some level of services to older blind individuals; however, they focus on the services at which they excel and leave the specialized services to the programs funded under Chapter 2 - six of these programs are independent living centers.

CILs coordinate their services with other local services and programs to meet the needs of the communities they serve and to avoid duplication of

effort. For example, CILs frequently coordinate locally to provide mental health, housing, veterans, and Youth transition services and assistance with Individual Education Plans. Some CILs are lead organizations for California Community Transitions, a demonstration project providing Medi-Cal services for transitioning individuals into community living. A number of CILs also coordinate services through local Aging and Disability Resource Connections and Traumatic Brain Injury services.

The DOR, SILC, and CIL Directors and staff serve on various committees and councils to assist with the coordination of services. Coordination is achieved through Systems Change and Assistive Technology Networks, Workforce Investment Boards, both local and statewide, and the California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. The Youth Leadership Forum is a collaboration between DOR, EDD, CDE, SILC, CILs, DDS along with a variety of other public, private, and nonprofit partners.

Section 3: Network of Centers

3.1 Existing Centers

Current Centers for Independent Living including: legal name; geographic area and counties served; and source(s) of funding. Oversight process, by source of funds (e.g., Part B, Part C, state funds, etc.) and oversight entity.

Access to Independence (A2I)

SPIIL Signatory: Leticia Zuno, Executive Director

Counties Served: Imperial and San Diego

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Rehabilitation Services Administration, Older Individuals who are Blind Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- Local - San Diego Gas and Electric
- Private - Blue Shield

Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities (CID)

SPIIL Signatory: Pat Carbullido, Executive Director

County Served: San Mateo

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Social Services, CalFresh
- Local - County and City of San Mateo, South San Francisco, Redwood City, Daly City, Menlo Park, San Bruno Community Fund, and Pacific Gas & Electric

Center for Independent Living (CIL)

Not a SPIL Signatory: Bob Hand, Acting Executive Director

County Served: Northern Alameda

Funding Sources (As documented from 2021-2023 report):

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - California Department of Aging, Cal-GROWS
- State - Office of Emergency Services, Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 "Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program", Listos California Target Grant
- Local - Alameda County Transportation Commission, Alameda County, Disability Disaster Access & Resource Center, Behavioral Health Care Services, Alameda County Complete Count Committee, City of Berkeley Community Development Block Grant, City of Berkeley Mental Health Department, Oakland Fund for Children & Youth, Whale Tail Coastal Commissions
- Fee for Service - Regional Center of the East Bay, Orientation & Mobility services fee from various clients, Disability Awareness Training
- Grants from Private Foundations
- Private Donations

Central Coast Center for Independent Living (CCCIL)

SPIL Signatory: Judy Cabrera, Executive Director

Counties Served: Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, Assistive Technology Act Device Lending and Demonstration Center
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Traumatic Brain Injury Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program
- State - Department of Health Care Service, California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- Local - County of Monterey, Monterey Housing & Disability Advocacy Program, County of Monterey Homesafe, City of Salinas CA Emergency Solutions & Housing, City of Salinas Emergency Solutions Grant-Rapid Re-Housing & HP, City of Salinas Encampment Resolution, City of Salinas Emergency Motel Program County ARPA, City of Salinas Emergency Solutions, Coalition of Homeless Providers Round #1 and #3, and Monterey Department of Social Services HHAP 1 & 2
- Private - Scan Foundation and Harden Foundation

Communities Actively Living Independent & Free (CALIF)

SPIL Signatory: Lilibeth Navarro, Executive Director

County Served: Central Los Angeles

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Social Services, CalFresh Outreach
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program

- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program
- Local - Southern California Edison, Open Bank, Pacific Americans with Disabilities Act Center
- Fee for Service

Community Access Center (CAC)

SPIIL Signatory: Faustino (Tino) Alvarez, Executive Director

County Served: Riverside

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- Local - Southern California Edison
- Private - SCAN Foundation

Community Resources for Independent Living, Inc. (CRIL)

SPIIL Signatory: Michael Galvan, Interim Executive Director

County Served: Southern Alameda

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, Assistive Technology Act Device Lending and Demonstration Center
- State - Administration for Community Living
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- State - California Office of Emergency Services
- Local - City of Hayward, City of Livermore, City of Dublin, City of Pleasanton, City of Fremont, Union City, City of Hayward, Pacific

Americans with Disabilities Act Center

- Private - Rev Up, US Aging

Disability Services & Legal Center (DSLCL)

SPIIL Signatory: Adam Brown, Executive Director

Counties Served: Lake, Mendocino, Napa, and Sonoma

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Elder Justice Innovation
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- State - Office of Emergency Services, Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 "Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program", Listos California Target Grant
- Local - County of Sonoma - Community Development Block Grant, City of Santa Rosa - Housing Authority, Sonoma County Mayors' Committee - Community breakfast event, Disability Disaster Access & Resource Center
- Fee for service - Legal Services
- Fundraising - Santa Rosa Blazers - Wheelchair basketball team, Post-Polio Group
- Private donations

Dayle McIntosh Center for the Disabled (DMC)

SPIIL Signatory: Brittany Zazeuta, Executive Director

County Served: Orange

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - Rehabilitation Services Administration, Older Individuals who are Blind Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program

- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- State - Department of Health Care Service, California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)
- Local: Dignity at Home Fall Prevention, Title IIIB Residential Repairs, Equity in Orange County, Minority Youth and Centers for Independent Living, Anaheim Community Development Block Grant

Disability Action Center (DAC)

Not a SPIL Signatory: Evan LeVang, Executive Director

Counties Served: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Rehabilitation Services Administration, Older Individuals who are Blind Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Traumatic Brain Injury Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program
- State - Department of Health Care Service, California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)
- State - Department of Developmental Services, Service Access and Equity Grant Program
- State - California Department of Aging Local Aging & Disability Action Planning Grant
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- Local - Disability Disaster Access & Resource Center
- Private - SCAN Foundation

Disability Community Resource Center (DCRC)

SPIL Signatory: Thomas (TJ) Hill, Executive Director

County Served: West Los Angeles

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs

- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- Fee for Service - Department of Rehabilitation, Fee-for-Service Vocational Services, Adult Work Experience & Teen Work Experience
- Local - County Department of Mental Health, City of West Hollywood, City of Santa Monica, City of Redondo Beach, Disability Disaster Access & Resource Center

Disability Resources Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL)

SPIIL Signatory: Heather Santos, Executive Director

Counties Served: Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Traumatic Brain Injury Program
- Local - Stanislaus County Housing and Disability Advocacy Program, Disability Disaster Access & Resource Center

Disabled Resource Center, Inc. (DRC)

SPIIL Signatory: Dolores Nason, Executive Director

County Served: Southwest Los Angeles

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - United States Department of Transportation, Pass-Through Mobility Training Program
- Federal - Social Security Administration, Ticket to Work
- Federal - California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, Assistive Technology Act Device Lending and Demonstration Center
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Fee-for-Service, Vocational Services & Adult Work Experience & Social Security Ticket to Work

- Local - County Supervisor support, Disability Disaster Access & Resource Center
- Private - Annual Dinner

FREED Center for Independent Living

SPIIL Signatory: Carly Pacheco, Executive Director

Counties Served: Colusa, Nevada, Sierra, Sutter, and Yuba

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, Assistive Technology Act Device Lending and Demonstration Center
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Traumatic Brain Injury Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program
- State - Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal, California Community Transitions Lead Organization
- State - California Department of Aging, Agency on Aging/Area 4 - Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, Dignity at Home Fall Prevention
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- Local - Yuba City Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Home Modifications; Yuba City, Sutter County & City of Marysville - CDBG - Dine at Home Programs
- Local - Nevada County Mental Health Services Act - Friendly Visitor, Housing and Disability Advocacy Program, Home Modifications, Phone Reassurance, Eastern County Planned Power Shut Off
- Local - Yuba County Housing and Disability Advocacy Program, Disability Disaster Access & Resource Center
- Private - Scan Foundation - Community of Constituents, Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras - Emergency Services Grant CV2

Independent Living Center of Kern County (ILCKC)

SPIIL Signatory: Jimmie Soto, Executive Director

County Served: Kern

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title

VII B

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, Assistive Technology Act Device Lending and Demonstration Center
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- State - Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal, California Community Transitions Lead Organization
- State - Department of Health Care Service, California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)
- Local - Housing Authority of Kern County and Disability Disaster Access & Resource Center
 - Private - Scan Foundation – Community of Constituents, Sierra Health Foundation, Southern California Edison, Anthem Blue Cross, Pacific ADA Center, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
 - Fee for Service – Sign Language Interpreting

Independent Living Center of Southern California (ILCSC)

SPIL Signatory: Norma Vescovo, Interim Executive Director

County Served: Northwest Los Angeles

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Traumatic Brain Injury Program
- State - Department of Social Services, CalFresh
- Fee for Service - Immersion, Employment & Education
- Local - Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Pacific American with Disabilities Act Center

Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC)

SPIL Signatory: Jennifer Griffin, Executive Director

Counties Served: Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title

VII B

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - Rehabilitation Services Administration, Older Individuals who are Blind Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- Local - Santa Barbara Community Development Block Grant

Independent Living Resource Center, San Francisco (ILRC-SF)

SPIIL Signatory: Lana Nieves, Executive Director

County Served: San Francisco

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, Assistive Technology Act Device Lending and Demonstration Center
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Social Services, CalFresh
- Local - San Francisco Human Services Agency / Department of Aging and Adult Services and Fee for Service/Consulting Income

Independent Living Resource of Solano & Contra Costa Counties (ILRSCC)

SPIIL Signatory: Susan Rotchy, Executive Director

Counties Served: Solano and Contra Costa

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program

Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL)

SPIIL Signatory: Eli Gelardin, Executive Director

County Served: Marin

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - Department of Social Services, CalFresh
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- Local - County of Marin - Aging and Adult Services and Disability Disaster Access & Resource Center
- Private - Marin Community Foundation

Placer Independent Resource Services (PIRS)

SPIIL Signatory: Susan "Tink" Miller, Executive Director

Counties Served: Alpine, El Dorado, and Placer

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
 - Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
 - Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - California Department of Aging, Agency on Aging/Area 4 – MIPPA
- Local - Placer County Health & Human Services/Public Health and Fee for Service - Pacific American with Disabilities Act Center

Resources for Independence, Central Valley (RICV)

SPIIL Signatory: Suzanna Gámez, Executive Director

Counties Served: Fresno, Madera, Merced, Kings, and Tulare

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Traumatic Brain Injury Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program
- Private Foundations
- Fee for Service
- Private Donations

Resources for Independent Living (RIL)

SPIIL Signatory: Brandi Bluel, Executive Director

Counties Served: Sacramento and Yolo

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, Assistive Technology Act Device Lending and Demonstration Center
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection

Rolling Start, Inc. (RSI)

SPIIL Signatory: Lisa Hayes, Executive Director

Counties Served: Inyo, Mono, and San Bernardino

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, Assistive Technology Act Device Lending and Demonstration Center
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement

- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Traumatic Brain Injury Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program
- State - Department of Health Care Service, California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) - Inland Empire Health Plan and Molina Healthcare
- State - California Department of Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- State - Department of Social Services, CalFresh, California Association of Food Banks
- Fee for Service - Department of Rehabilitation Employment
- Local - Edison International-Emergency Prep

Services Center for Independent Life (SCIL)

SPIIL Signatory: Larry Grable, Executive Director

County Served: Eastern San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys in Los Angeles

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, Assistive Technology Act Device Lending and Demonstration Center
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- Local - Disability Disaster Access & Resource Center
- Fee for Service
- Private Donations

Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC)

SPIIL Signatory: Sheri Burns, Executive Director

County Served: Santa Clara

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Food and Shelter Program

- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program
- State - Department of Health Care Service, Medi-Cal Reimbursement
- State - Department of Health Care Service, Medi-Cal Fee for Services
- Local - County of Santa Clara, Community Development Block Grant, Managed Care Community Supports Fee for Services
- Private - Foundation Grants, Donations and Events, Transition Rent and Other Income, Interest

Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living (SCRS)

Not a SPIL Signatory: Rudy Contreras, Executive Director

County Served: Southeast Los Angeles County, Eastern Los Angeles City, and the Western San Gabriel Valley in Los Angeles

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Traumatic Brain Injury Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program
- State - California Department of Aging
- State - Department of Social Services, CalFresh with LA County Community Partners
- Fee for services
- Local - City of Southgate and City of Cerritos
- Private - Public Health Institute

Tri-County Independent Living, Inc. (TCIL)

SPIL Signatory: Eddie Morgan, Executive Director

Counties Served: Del Norte, Humboldt, and Trinity

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII B
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Rehabilitation Act, Title VII C
- Federal - Administration for Community Living, Public Health Workforce for Part C CILs
- Federal - Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran Directed Care

- State - Department of Rehabilitation, AB204 State General Fund and Social Security Reimbursement
- State - California Department of Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Community Living Fund Program
- State - Department of Rehabilitation, Voice Options Program

3.2 Expansion and Adjustment of Network

Plan and priorities for use of funds, by funding source, including Part B funds, Part C funds, State funds, and other funds, whether current, increased, or one-time funding and methodology for distribution of funds. Use of funds to build capacity of existing Centers, establish new Centers, and/or increase state-wideness of Network.

The state has been divided up such that every region has a non-profit Part C federally-funded center for independent living (CIL) responsible for it. Thus, there are no areas in the state that is not serviced by a Center for Independent Living with Title VII Part C funds.

The California State Independent Living Council and the Network of Centers for Independent Living recognizes that all counties and areas currently served by a Center for Independent Living are underserved. Despite the large number of Centers for Independent Living, the independent living needs of consumers in California are greater than the resources and capacity available to them. State and Federal funding for the California Independent Living Network has remained stagnant for several years. The Centers for Independent Living have demonstrated high degrees of resourcefulness and creativity to find new local funding sources, but those sources are limited and there are growing numbers of applicants for those funds.

The California Independent Living Network has identified the following underserved populations and geographic areas across the state, given that all areas of the state are served by centers for independent living: individuals with hearing, cognitive, and visual disabilities; Asian-Americans and Latinos; Youth; members of the LGBTQI community; also speakers of Tagalog and Armenian (specifically, by making more materials available in those languages).

The identified underserved populations live throughout the state. Research also shows that inland areas of the state or where the region served has a higher share of individuals with disabilities living in poverty, are in most need of additional Independent Living services. Thirty-four (34) counties demonstrated below average penetration rates with Fresno, Imperial, Inyo,

Kings, Madera, Merced, Mono, San Joaquin, and Tulare counties having the lowest rates of service.

If an existing center should cease operations, the first priority of the State for the federal funding awarded to that center is to have ACL conduct a competition for a new center for the same geographical service area covered by the closed center. If a federally-funded center that receives and operates multiple grants under the Part C program ceases CIL operations, the State's priority is to use the federal funding from the multiple grants to make one grant award to a CIL that would serve the geographic area.

Should funding become available to establish a new Center for Independent Living, it is suggested that priority to select an area would most likely fall in one with the lowest rates of service, as described above. The Network supports open competition among underserved areas and believes that all qualified applicants should be considered regardless of their presence in the area selected. All final decisions would be made with input by the Network at large. Title VII Part C award would follow the same process above, with ACL conducting a competition for a new center.

The new CIL must demonstrate an ability to serve the community through the provision of direct IL services, community education and outreach, have a physical office centrally located within the geographical service area, and meet all other requirements of a Center for Independent Living that are stated in Title VII Part C of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Although not part of the criteria used to select the center, the new CIL should also demonstrate cultural competence to serve the people of that service area. Cultural competence requires that organizations:

- * Have a defined set of values and principles, and demonstrate behaviors, attitudes, policies, and structures that enable them to work effectively cross-culturally.
- * Have the capacity to (1) value diversity, (2) conduct self-assessment, (3) manage the dynamics of difference, (4) acquire and institutionalize cultural knowledge, and (5) adapt to diversity and the cultural contexts of the communities they serve.
- * Incorporate the above in all aspects of policy-making, administration, practice, service delivery, staff training and staff development, and systematically involve consumers, families and communities.

Funds available to Independent Living Centers under California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 19800 will be allocated in line with the formula in statute. The State encourages use of the allocation formula funding to support multiple CIL office locations within a catchment area as needed to increase access to IL services. Organizations that receive base funding under the allocation formula will not be eligible for an additional base allocation when awarded an additional grant(s) under Title VII Part C.

In addition to Title VII Part C and funding formula allocation under California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 19800, other funding sources may include Title VII Part B, State, or other resources. The Network will utilize as many available funding sources as possible to achieve minimum funding levels.

The minimum funding level required to establish a new Center for Independent Living in California is \$500,000, per the Tier Augmentation Funding formula described here, for the provision of the six core services. This minimum level of funding reflects essential staffing required for a CIL to provide appropriate services in its catchment area – Executive Director, Program Director, Bookkeeper, IL Specialists, and an Administrative Assistant. Besides salaries and benefits, funding would also cover administrative costs for office rental, supplies, contract services, and other necessary expenses.

Unfortunately, there are insufficient funds to fully serve many communities and so consensus is that, if no new centers are funded, new Title VII Part C funds (after COLAs) should be allocated to the existing 28 California-recognized IL corporations that receive and operate the 49 Part C CIL grants.

Should new Title VII Part B & C funds become available, a decision will be made collaboratively by the CILs, DSE, and SILC on how to best distribute those through the state.

Proposed new funding formula (FF) is in the process of development.

1. The first tier of the FF is overall funding.
 - a. The CIL formula first looks at total funding being released to all 28 CIL centers across the State of California.
 - i. The funding amounts are established from the Department of Rehabilitation.
 - ii. The rules are set for the funding amounts scheduled for each CIL. The creation of the FF was meant to abide by the

rules that are set from different predetermined funding amounts.

1. Formula Designation (DOR Funding Total)
- iii. The DOR variable is the pool funding for calculation after Title VII-C has been designated.
 1. Formula Designation (DOR Variable)
 - a. $= (\text{DOR Funding Total}) - (\text{Title Funding})$
2. Second-tier in the FF is predetermined funding allotments.
 - a. All other funding amounts are pushed to a total pool of funding as no other funding amounts have direct rule placement for the CIL's.
 - i. This is Base, AT Funds, Seymour Calculations, Population Allocation, and VIIB Tier Augment are all placed in the funding pool.
 1. Formula Designation (Title Funding)
3. The third tier in the FF is the base funding.
 - a. The base funding figure is calculated by using the agreed base figure for the CILs and comparing it to the Title VII-C funding allotment. From this point, the formula adjusts the total funding pool to compensate CILs that are under the base threshold.
 - b. If a CIL is receiving Title VII-C greater than the agreed base funding amount, the formula will calculate out further funding for the CIL in the third-tier category.
 - i. Formula Designation (ILC Base).
 1. $= ((\text{Designated Base}) \pm (\text{Title Funding})) \pm (\text{Funding Draw})$
4. The fourth tier of the FF is a one-time injection.
 - a. This funding is implemented only if there is a pooled one-time funding source directed at the CILs with no dictation on how the funds are directed. This one-time injection sends the funds to the variable funding pool for calculation.
 - i. Formula Designation (Insertion Funding)
 1. $= (\text{Insertion Funding}) + ((\text{DOR Funding Total}) - (\text{Title Funding}))$
5. The fifth tier of the FF is the variable funding calculation.
 - a. The variable funding calculation currently consists of three main factors. These variables were chosen through a series of surveys

conducted between the CILs over the past year. The variables are as follows

- i. Variable A consists of the Cost of Living Index of a catchment area. This Index is calculated with State and Federal government data sources from every zip code in the State of California. This is the heaviest rated variable of the three.
 1. Formula Designation (Variable A, Index)
 - a. $= (\text{Index} * \text{Variable A } \%) * ((\text{Population}) * (\text{National Average } \%))$
- ii. Variable B consists of the Population count of a catchment area. This is configured with data compiled of state and federal counting of zip codes in the State of California. Variable A is heavily weighted on Variable B in the calculation process, as Index relies on the Population for accuracy.
 1. Formula Designation (Variable B, Population)
 - a. $= ((\text{Population} * \text{Variable B } \%) * \text{Client Average } \%)$
- iii. Variable C consists of the working area in a catchment. This is the livable area within a zip code. This variable does not include zip codes of catchments that are considered dead areas. A dead area is any location or zip code that is not a livable data catchment code, as in any area not considered inhabitable space per government guidelines.
 1. Formula Designation (Variable C, Mileage)
 - a. $= (((\text{Mileage} * 2) * \text{CA mileage Rate}) * \text{Weight } \{57.7\}) * \text{Variable C } \%)$

The basic formula to how the calculation works is as follows. This is only showing flow of overall funding, not the breakdown per location catchment.

$$1. = ((\text{DOR Funding Total} + \text{Insertion Funding}) - (\text{Title Funding})) - ((\text{Designated Base}) + (\text{ILC Title Funding})) + (\text{Funding Draw}) + (\text{Variable A} + \text{Variable B} + \text{Variable C})$$

Another thing to remember about the calculation is that all variables are set at a 1:1 ratio and show true number values. There is no percentage of weight applied to the calculation. The % seen on the variables is only showing the % used against 100% funding based on the CIL base amount.

1. The formula is as such.

- a. $100\% \text{ funding} = \text{Base} + A + B + C (50\% + 20\% + 20\% + 10\%)$
2. Weights can be applied to the funding amounts if desired.

This formula can be adapted in any way per guided rules applied to designated funding, CIL base amount and the remaining pool of funding to be calculated by the variables selected. There is also no limit to the variables used, only how much is in the funding pool. One other thing to remember, as the base is raised for each CIL, the funding pool variable calculations become smaller funding amounts due to the base using more of the DOR total funding amount.

Funding reductions can occur spontaneously or in a planned manner, due to federal, state, or local budget conditions. The SILC and the DSE encourages IL Network partners to develop contingency plans should there be any alterations to their budget status. If reductions occur, the California Independent Living Network remains committed to providing core services to consumers across the state, to ensure their requirements to continue to receive Title VII Part C funding.

Significant funding reductions to CILs would immediately initiate conversations between IL Network partners, such as the SILC, DSE and CILs to discuss the impact to independent living program operations and if necessary, how to redistribute those funds. Any primary decisions would need to be made by agreement from the IL Network and with the approval of the majority of CIL partners.

Section 4: Designated State Entity

California Department of Rehabilitation will serve as the entity in California designated to receive, administer, and account for funds made available to the state under Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Act on behalf of the State. (Sec. 704(c))

4.1 DSE Responsibilities

- (1) receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State under this chapter based on the plan;
- (2) provide administrative support services for a program under Part B, and a program under Part C in a case in which the program is administered by the State under section 723;
- (3) keep such records and afford such access to such records as the Administrator finds to be necessary with respect to the programs;

- (4) submit such additional information or provide such assurances as the Administrator may require with respect to the programs; and
- (5) retain not more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B. for the performance of the services outlined in paragraphs (1) through (4).

4.2 Grant Process & Distribution of Funds

Grant processes, policies, and procedures to be followed by the DSE in the awarding of grants of Part B funds.

The Designated State Entity (DOR) will follow the policies and procedures for awarding of competitive grants as outlined in the DOR Interim Grant Solicitation Manual (GSM) and available on their website at www.dor.ca.gov/Home/ContractGrantSolicitations.

This GSM was designed to be used by DOR staff during the competitive solicitation process for distributing grant funds using a Request for Application (RFA). The GSM describes the steps of the grant solicitation process for grant programs administered through the DOR.

The purpose of the GSM is to ensure that the solicitation process is:

- Responsive to the needs of the public, grant recipients, and those who receive services under the funded grant.
- Fair and transparent to all stakeholders, including the public and interested parties.

The Department may, in accordance with its approved advance funding plan, advance an amount up to twenty-five percent of grants to the Grantee if such advance is essential for the effective implementation of the provisions of the grant, and if the Department determines that the Grantee can reasonably be expected to administer such an advance in accordance with the terms of the grant. The Grantee will return any unexpended funds to the Department within sixty days after the close of the funding period of this grant or at any earlier time on the demand of the Department. The Grantee shall pay the Department any interest income earned by these advance funds.

All expenditures shall be invoiced monthly, in arrears. All Budget and Reimbursement Requests shall be submitted and prepared in accordance with instructions to be provided by the DOR Grant Administrator.

Reimbursement shall be made to Grantee for authorized expenditures. Final invoices for reimbursement under this agreement shall be submitted no later than 30 days after the close of the annual funding period of this grant. Monthly Invoices are to be submitted to DOR by electronic submission.

Federal and State funds are time limited; therefore, invoices must be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than 60 days after the service month. Final submission of all fiscal year-end invoices is due no later than November 15th, to allow for payment and draw down prior to the close out of Federal/State funds.

If budgetary funds revert due to failure to submit timely invoices or failure to submit a properly prepared invoice, related Federal and State funds will no longer be available for use which will require the contractor to submit a claim through the Victims Compensation and Government Claims Board, where approval to pay is not guaranteed.

Noncompetitive or ongoing grant funds that are distributed and monitored by the DSE include Supplemental Security Reimbursement (SSR or 'AB204') funding and state General Funds (GF) that constitute base funding for California CILs. This funding was initiated through the California Welfare and Institutions (W and I) Code Sections 19800 – 19806 – see SPIL Section 4.5 State Imposed Requirements. The procedures for distribution of SSR and state GF funds, advance funding allowances, expenditures, invoicing, and reimbursement follow the same requirements in the W and I Code.

4.3 Oversight Process for Part B Funds

The oversight process to be followed by the DSE.

Grantees will comply with consumer and fiscal reporting requirements established by the Designated State Entity (Department of Rehabilitation). Grantees submit invoices on a monthly basis to be paid in arrears. Advance payment invoices are processed on a case by case basis. Title VII B grantees are required to submit quarterly reports on the progress of the grant project as identified in the Request for Applications (RFA) issued for each grant award or as specified in grant documents.

VII B funded grant Summary Report(s) are due to the DOR ILATS Section and the SILC 30 days after the end of the grant period. The summary report(s) are necessary for the 704 Annual Performance reporting on all Title VII B funding. Final grant invoices will not be processed for payment until DOR ILATS and the SILC receives the grantee's Summary Report(s).

The DSE completes on site compliance reviews with grantees, and DSE Grant Administrators perform desk audits to allow them to ensure grantee compliance. Training and technical assistance is provided as needed.

4.4 Administration and Staffing

Administrative and staffing support provided by the DSE.

The DSE does not provide staffing or administrative support to the SILC.

4.5 State Imposed Requirements

State-imposed requirements contained in the provisions of this SPIL including: (45 CFR 1329.17(g))

- State law, regulation, rule, or policy relating to the DSE's administration or operation of IL programs
- Rule or policy implementing any Federal law, regulation, or guideline that is beyond what would be required to comply with 45 CFR 1329
- That limits, expands, or alters requirements for the SPIL

California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 19800-19806 (Heading of Chapter 9 renumbered from Chapter 8 (as added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 191) by Stats. 1980, Ch. 676, Sec. 355.) outlines funding through the DSE.

19800.

The Legislature hereby finds and declares that individuals with disabilities comprise a large percentage of California's total population and that action is necessary to assist these individuals in their attempts to live fuller and freer lives outside institutions. To achieve this, it is necessary to:

(a) Provide state funding to maintain the services provided by existing independent living centers and, where feasible, encourage the establishment of new centers which provide services to individuals with disabilities; and

(b) Vest in the Department of Rehabilitation the responsibility and authority for the encouragement of the planning, developing, and funding of independent living centers. The Department of Rehabilitation shall consult with existing independent living centers and the State Independent Living Council in this state regarding funding procedures and decisions.

(Amended by Stats. 1998, Ch. 329, Sec. 46. Effective August 21, 1998.)

19801.

An independent living center shall:

(a) Be a private, nonprofit organization controlled by a board of directors. A majority of the board shall be comprised of individuals with disabilities.

(b) Be staffed by persons trained to assist persons with disabilities in achieving social and economic independence. The staff shall include as large a proportion as is practicable of individuals with disabilities.

(c) Provide, but not be limited to, the following services to individuals with disabilities:

(1) Peer counseling.

(2) Advocacy.

(3) Attendant referral.

(4) Housing assistance.

(5) Information and referral.

(d) Provide other services and referrals as may be deemed necessary, such as transportation, job development, equipment maintenance and evaluation, training in independent living skills, mobility assistance, assistive technology, and communication assistance. Assistive technology may include information and outreach about appropriate assistive technology devices or services and referrals that will enable individuals to gain access to assistive technology in order to meet their needs and expand options for independence and productivity. Assistive technology activities shall involve collaboration with the Department of Rehabilitation and the nonprofit contractor selected to implement the federal Assistive Technology Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-394), which shall serve as the framework for offering assistance to individuals with disabilities.

(e) Promote and practice the independent living philosophy of:

(1) Consumer control of the center regarding decision-making, service delivery, management, and establishment of the policy and direction of the center.

(2) Self-help and self-advocacy.

(3) Development of peer relationships and peer role models.

(4) Equal access of individuals with disabilities to society and to all services, programs activities, resources, and facilities, whether public or private and regardless of the funding source.

(Amended by Stats. 1999, Ch. 493, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2000.)

19802.

For the purposes of this chapter, an "individual with a disability" is as defined pursuant to the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 705 of Title 29 of the United States Code), as amended.

(Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 190, Sec. 10. (AB 2877) Effective January 1, 2017.)

19803.

Services provided to individuals with disabilities shall be tailored to suit the individual needs and shall be available to individuals with all types of disabilities.

(Amended by Stats. 1998, Ch. 329, Sec. 48. Effective August 21, 1998.)

19804.

An independent living center shall not operate in conjunction with or be affiliated with a residential living center.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 191.)

19805.

(a) The Department of Rehabilitation may advance to an independent living center an amount, each month, not in excess of one-twelfth of the annual allocation for the independent living center.

(b) The Department of Rehabilitation may advance to any contractor or grantee receiving funds pursuant to this chapter an amount, each month, not in excess of one-twelfth of the annual allocation for the contractor or grantee.

(c) To obtain approval by the department for a funding advance pursuant to this section, a grantee of a funding advance shall meet accounting and reporting criteria established by the Department of Rehabilitation.

(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 659, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 2004.)

19806.

(a) An independent living center shall not be required to provide any matching funds through private contributions as a condition of receiving state funds except to acquire state incentive funds.

(b) Each independent living center, except those centers which have been both established and maintained using federal funding under Title VII(c) of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended as their primary base grant, as determined by the department, shall receive to the extent funds are appropriated by the Legislature, at least two hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$235,000) in base grant funds allocated by the department. The department shall allocate to those centers with Title VII(c) base grant funds of less than two hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$235,000) an amount that, when combined with the Title VII(c) grant, equals two hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$235,000).

(c) State funds described in subdivision (b) may be replaced by reimbursements under the Supplemental Security Disability Insurance and the Supplemental Security Income programs provided for under Titles II and XVII of the Federal Social Security Act, Subchapter II (commencing with Section 401) and Subchapter XVII (commencing with Section 1381) of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the United States Code to the extent appropriated by the Legislature and allocated by the department to independent living centers under this chapter. Beginning with the 1998–99 fiscal year, and each year thereafter, to the extent these funds from the Social Security Act are not appropriated by the Legislature as were appropriated in the 1997–98 fiscal year, an amount equal to the combined state and federal fund allocation to independent living centers in the Budget Act of 1997 shall be appropriated to, and allocated by, the department to independent living centers under this chapter.

(d) (1) Available state incentive funds shall be allocated at the beginning of each fiscal year based upon the average amount of private contributions received by the independent living center in the second and third preceding fiscal years.

(2) The maximum amount of incentive funds that may be allocated to any independent living center in any single fiscal year shall be computed as follows:

(A) "Pool One" is defined as 60 percent of all state incentive funds. "Pool Two" is defined as 40 percent of all state incentive funds. Each independent living center shall be entitled to an equal portion of Pool One, not to exceed the amounts raised pursuant to paragraph (1).

(B) Incentive funds from Pool One not used after the initial allocation pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be added to Pool Two for allocation among all centers that had unmatched private contributions after distribution of Pool One funds. Pool Two funds shall be awarded in direct proportion to each center's percentage of the total remaining unmatched private contributions raised by those independent living centers.

(3) For the purpose of determining eligibility for state incentive funds, any independent living center that uses a fiscal year other than the state fiscal year may elect to use a different fiscal year so long as the closing date of the fiscal year so elected does not precede the closing date of the equivalent state fiscal year by more than 11 months.

(4) The amount of private contributions claimed by an independent living center for each fiscal year shall be verified by the department by utilizing appropriate financial records including, but not limited to, independent audits. Audits may be performed by the department up to three years from the close of the fiscal year during which state incentive funds were received by the independent living center being audited.

(5) State incentive funds that are not distributed to independent living centers shall not be allocated or retained by the department for distribution as state incentive funds in later fiscal years.

(e) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Private funds" does not include any funds originating from any entity of the federal, state, city, or county government or any political subdivision thereof. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, fees from any source for services provided may be included as private contributions by an independent living center for purposes of determining its allocation of incentive funds.

(2) "State incentive funds" means state funds appropriated by the Legislature for purposes of this chapter, except those funds allocated by the department pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (g) of this section.

(f) Any funds allocated under this chapter to any independent living center, other than as part of the initial allocation for each fiscal year, shall be made by contract amendment. Any contract amendment shall require the provision of services in addition to those required by the contract being amended. All those services required by contract amendment shall not be performed prior to the date the contract amendment is approved by the state.

(g) To the extent funds are appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of providing assistive technology services described in subdivision (d) of Section 19801, two hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000) of those funds shall be allocated to the nonprofit contractor selected by the Department of Rehabilitation to coordinate delivery of assistive technology services and the remainder shall be allocated equally among independent living centers. The nonprofit contractor shall provide statewide assistive technology information and referral and serve as a resource to the independent living centers' assistive technology service programs.

(h) To the extent funds are appropriated by the Legislature, after allocation of base grant and incentive funds and assistive technology funds, remaining funds shall be allocated by the department among independent living centers on the basis of the ratio of the total of the general population in an independent living center's geographic service areas as compared to the total of the general population in all independent living centers geographic services area statewide. The department shall adopt regulations for the distribution of population funds by June 30, 1999.

4.6 722 vs. 723 State

Check one:

722 (if checked, will move to Section 5)

723 (if checked, will move to Section 4.7)

4.7 723 States

Order of priorities for allocating funds amounts to Centers, agreed upon by the SILC and Centers, and any differences from 45 CFR 1329.21 & 1329.22.

How state policies, practices, and procedures governing the awarding of grants to Centers and oversight of the Centers are consistent with 45 CFR 1329.5, 1329.6, & 1329.22.

Section 5: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

5.1 Establishment of SILC

How the SILC is established and SILC autonomy is assured.

In July of 1996, Governor Pete Wilson signed EXECUTIVE ORDER W-133-96, which established the SILC as an independent California state agency to ensure autonomy. The SILC works in partnership with the DSE and is not affiliated with any other state agencies. The SILC contracts with the Department of General Services for some support services, such as personnel, fiscal services, legal, real estate, and etc.

The primary funding source for the SILC are Title VII Subpart B federal funds.

5.2 SILC Resource plan

Resources (including necessary and sufficient funding, staff/administrative support, and in-kind), by funding source and amount, for SILC to fulfill all duties and authorities.

\$2,389,762 is the total VIIB award for California. \$238,796 is associated with state match. The total VIIB funding available for FY2024 is \$2,389,762. The SILC receives \$716,929 per year, or approximately 30% of the Part B allocation for California. Part B is the main funding source for the CASILC. SILC will support CILs in developing plan to obtain state funding or other funding sources. The SILC is staffed by a full-time Executive Director, a full-time Legislative Specialist, and a full-time Office Manager. In-kind resources are not obtained nor utilized for the SILC annual budget.

Process used to develop the Resource Plan.

For the resource Plan in the SPIL the SILC, DSE and CILs have discussions during SILC meetings to determine how Part B funds will be utilized. The SILC resource plan is approved by voting members of the SPIL committee and by the Executive Committee; also voting by all SILC Members at full Council meetings.

The SILC Resource Plan is approved by the Council and ensures that the SILC receives an amount that is necessary and sufficient to accomplish the authorities and duties of the SILC. The Office Manager develops a draft resource plan which includes all necessary expenses, reviews with the Executive Director, and presents it to the SILC Council. The SILC Council gives feedback to the Executive Director on the best use of any remaining funds to support the work of the SILC.

Process for disbursement of funds to facilitate effective operations of SILC.

Most of SILC's activities have evaluative tools built in to help the SILC track key performance indicators. In addition to entering all Accounts Payable information into Fi\$CAL, SILC staff maintain parallel records within the SILC offices detailing all contracts, purchase orders, and accounts payable activity. These contracts and claims reports support the monthly cash flow spreadsheet. SILC staff maintain internal records of when invoices are submitted to the Department of General Services for payment, and when they are actually paid. Staff prepare monthly financial status reports for the Council and DOR which are reviewed at public meetings. State procurement

roles are followed creating thorough documentation and authorization practices for all encumbrances.

Team meetings (accounting, succession planning) are held bi-monthly with staff, monthly with the executive committee and at least quarterly with external partners. In order to fully segregate financial duties and enable effective accounting control over assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures, staff work is supplemented by Council members, the Executive Committee, and a contracted CPA. SILC accounting products are reviewed monthly by the accounting department within the DOR. The DOR Audit Unit and IL unit also offer availability for follow-up questions and inquiries.

This process ensures timeliness and efficiency, prevent undue hardship on the SILC, and ensures uninterrupted operations and effectiveness of the SILC.

Justification if more than 30% of the Part B appropriation is to be used for the SILC Resource Plan.

n/a

5.3 Maintenance of SILC

How State will maintain SILC over the course of the SPIL.

The IL Regulations §1329.12 (b)(2) says the DSE has to “allocate necessary and sufficient resources needed by the SILC to fulfill its statutory duties and authorities”.

DSE will report to the SILC on the expenditure of the Part B funds as part of the SILC monitoring the implementation of the SPIL.

If a situation occurs that CILs do not expend all the awarded Subchapter B funds, the decision on the use of those funds in the next fiscal year is made collaboratively by the SILC, CILs, and DSE. Some of this funding may be allocated for SILC maintenance so long as the total amount of Subchapter B funds do not exceed 30%

The SILC Executive Director has established processes to evaluate performance against expected standards of conduct and annual evaluates adherence to the standards of conduct for SILC staff. The SILC executive committee provides input to the Executive Director's plans for remediation of deficiencies.

The SILC Executive Director establishes responsibilities and expectations for staff that are clearly defined in writing and communicated as appropriate.

The Executive Director is responsible for recruitment, development and retaining of competent personnel to achieve desired objectives. Succession plans are in process to address the need to eventually replace competent personnel over long term as well as contingency plans to address the need to respond to sudden personnel changes. The Executive Director evaluates pressure on personnel and reduces or re-balances workloads when necessary. Training is offered on an on-going basis in areas where deficiencies or learning gaps are identified. Training is a mix of webinar based, book based, and classroom-based training.

SILC member appointments and officer elections follow appropriate federal regulations and approved SILC Policies and Procedures.

As gubernatorial appointees, each SILC Council member is responsible for working towards the achievement of the SPIL goals and is expected to, at a minimum:

- review and comment on proposed SILC policies and regulations;
- attend SILC meetings;
- serve on at least one SILC committee (1.5-hour meetings monthly);
- serve on ad-hoc committees and special project workgroups;
- report to the Committee and/or the Council any issues or areas of concern;
- establish contact and maintain communication with their local Independent Living Center;
- conduct site visits to their local Independent Living Centers as assigned by the SILC Chair;
- maintain cooperative and mutually supportive working relationships with DOR Director and staff;
- perform other duties as required.

The Governor appoints all SILC members from a pool of candidates recruited or nominated by the SILC, DSE, and many state partners. The Governor's appointments staff communicates with the SILC executive director and DSE director periodically to assure that members represent the diversity of the state in ethnicity, disability and geographic demographics.

All council members serve three-year terms as volunteers. SILC officers (Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson) are elected by council members to hold office for a term of one (1) year or until resignation or is removed from office by action of the Council. Each officer shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The vacancy shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the duties of the Council. The SILC notes that although the council can review and recommend prospective SILC members, the appointment is solely the choice and responsibility of the Governor's appointments office. Applications must be submitted directly to that office for final consideration. Upon approval, SILC Staff will complete a packet to supplement their application to the Governor's Office, consisting of the Transmittal Memo, an Authorization and Release form, and a Contact Summary sheet, and send it to the SILC Liaison in the Governor's Appointment Office.

Section 6: Legal Basis and Certifications

6.1 Designated State Entity (DSE)

The state entity/agency designated to receive and distribute funding, as directed by the SPIL, under Title VII, Part B of the Act is California Department of Rehabilitation.

Authorized representative of the DSE Joe Xavier Title Executive Director.

6.2 Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) that meets the requirements of section 705 of the Act and is authorized to perform the functions outlined in section 705(c) of the Act in the State is California State Independent Living Council.

6.3 Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

The Centers for Independent Living (CILs) eligible to sign the SPIL, a minimum of 51% whom must sign prior to submission, are:

1. Access to Independence (A2i)
2. Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities (CID)
3. Center for Independent Living (CIL)
4. Central Coast Center for Independent Living (CCCIL)
5. Communities Actively Living Independent & Free (CALIF)
6. Community Access Center (CAC)
7. Community Resources for Independent Living, Inc. (CRIL)
8. Disability Services & Legal Center (DSLCL)
9. Dayle McIntosh Center for the Disabled (DMC)
10. Disability Action Center (DAC)
11. Disability Community Resource Center (DCRC)
12. Disability Resources Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL)
13. Disabled Resource Center, Inc. (DRC)
14. FREED Center for Independent Living
15. Independent Living Center of Kern County (ILCKC)

16. Independent Living Center of Southern California (ILCSC)
17. Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC)
18. Independent Living Resource Center, San Francisco (ILRC-SF)
19. Independent Living Resource of Solano and Contra Costa Counties (ILRSCC)
20. Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL)
21. Placer Independent Resource Services (PIRS)
22. Resources for Independence, Central Valley (RICV)
23. Resources for Independent Living (RIL)
24. Rolling Start, Inc. (RS)
25. Services Center for Independent Life (SCIL)
26. Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC)
27. Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living (SCRS)
28. Tri-County Independent Living, Inc. (TCIL)

6.4 Authorizations

6.4.a. The SILC is authorized to submit the SPIL to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living. Yes (Yes/No)

6.4.b. The SILC and CILs may legally carryout each provision of the SPIL. Yes (Yes/No)

6.4.c. State/DSE operation and administration of the program is authorized by the SPIL. Yes (Yes/No)

Section 7: DSE Assurances

Joe Xavier acting on behalf of the DSE California Department of Rehabilitation located at 701 Capitol Mall Sacramento, CA 95814 *45 CFR 1329.11* assures that:

- 7.1. The DSE acknowledges its role on behalf of the State, as the fiscal intermediary to receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State to support Independent Living Services in the State based on the plan;
- 7.2. The DSE will assure that the agency keeps appropriate records, in accordance with federal and state law, and provides access to records by the federal funding agency upon request;

- 7.3. The DSE will not retain more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B for administrative expenses;¹
- 7.4. The DSE assures that the SILC is established as an autonomous entity within the State as required in *45 CFR 1329.14*;
- 7.5. The DSE will not interfere with the business or operations of the SILC that include but are not limited to:
 1. Expenditure of federal funds
 2. Meeting schedules and agendas
 3. SILC board business
 4. Voting actions of the SILC board
 5. Personnel actions
 6. Allowable travel
 7. Trainings
- 7.6. The DSE will abide by SILC determination of whether the SILC wants to utilize DSE staff:
 1. If the SILC informs the DSE that the SILC wants to utilize DSE staff, the DSE assures that management of such staff with regard to activities and functions performed for the SILC is the sole responsibility of the SILC in accordance with Sec. 705(e)(3) of the Act (Sec. 705(e)(3), 29 U.S.C.796d(e)(3)).
- 7.7. The DSE will fully cooperate with the SILC in the nomination and appointment process for the SILC in the State;
- 7.8. The DSE shall make timely and prompt payments to Part B funded SCILs and CILs:
 1. When the reimbursement method is used, the DSE must make a payment within 30 calendar days after receipt of the billing, unless the agency or pass-through entity reasonably believes the request to be improper;
 2. When necessary, the DSE will advance payments to Part B funded SCILs and CILs to cover its estimated disbursement needs for an initial period generally geared to the mutually agreed upon disbursing cycle; and
 3. The DSE will accept requests for advance payments and reimbursements at least monthly when electronic fund transfers are not used, and as often as necessary when electronic fund transfers are used, in accordance with the provisions of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693-1693r).

The signature below indicates this entity/agency's agreement to: serve as the DSE and fulfill all the responsibilities in Sec. 704(c) of the Act; affirm the State will comply with the aforementioned assurances during the three-year period of this SPIL; and develop, with the SILC, and ensure that the SILC resource plan is necessary and sufficient (in compliance with section 8, indicator (6) below) for the SILC to fulfill its statutory duties and authorities under Sec. 705(c) of the Act, consistent with the approved SPIL.¹

Joe Xavier

Name and Title of DSE director/authorized representative

Signature

Date

Electronic signature may be used for the purposes of submission, but hard copy of signature must be kept on file by the SILC.

Section 8: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Assurances and Indicators of Minimum Compliance

8.1 Assurances

Lisa Hayes acting on behalf of the SILC California State
Independent Living Council located at 1300 Ethan Way Suite
110 Sacramento, CA 95825 *45 CFR 1329.14* assures that:

- (1) The SILC regularly (not less than annually) provides the appointing authority recommendations for eligible appointments;
- (2) The SILC is composed of the requisite members set forth in the Act;¹
- (3) The SILC terms of appointment adhere to the Act;¹
- (4) The SILC is not established as an entity within a State agency in accordance with 45 CFR Sec. 1329.14(b);
- (5) The SILC will make the determination of whether it wants to utilize DSE staff to carry out the functions of the SILC;
 - a. The SILC must inform the DSE if it chooses to utilize DSE staff;
 - b. The SILC assumes management and responsibility of such staff with regard to activities and functions performed for the SILC in accordance with the Act.¹
- (6) The SILC shall ensure all program activities are accessible to people with disabilities;

- (7) The State Plan shall provide assurances that the designated State entity, any other agency, office, or entity of the State will not interfere with operations of the SILC, except as provided by law and regulation and;
- (8) The SILC actively consults with unserved and underserved populations in urban and rural areas that include, indigenous populations as appropriate for State Plan development as described in Sec. 713(b)(7) the Act regarding Authorized Uses of Funds.¹

Section 8.2 Indicators of Minimum Compliance

Indicators of minimum compliance for Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILC) as required by the Rehabilitation Act (Section 706(b), 29 U.S.C. Sec 796d-1(b)), as amended and supported by 45 CFR 1329.14-1329.16; and Assurances for Designated State Entities (DSE) as permitted by Section 704(c)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. Sec. 796c(c)(4)), as amended.

(a) STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL INDICATORS. –

- (1) SILC written policies and procedures must include:
 - a. A method for recruiting members, reviewing applications, and regularly providing recommendations for eligible appointments to the appointing authority;
 - b. A method for identifying and resolving actual or potential disputes and conflicts of interest that are in compliance with State and federal law;
 - c. A process to hold public meetings and meet regularly as prescribed in 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(3);
 - d. A process and timelines for advance notice to the public of SILC meetings in compliance with State and federal law and 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(3);
 - e. A process and timeline for advance notice to the public for SILC “Executive Session” meetings, that are closed to the public, that follow applicable federal and State laws;
 - i. “Executive Session” meetings should be rare and only take place to discuss confidential SILC issues such as but not limited to staffing.
 - ii. Agendas for “Executive Session” meetings must be made available to the public, although personal identifiable information regarding SILC staff shall not be included;

- f. A process and timelines for the public to request reasonable accommodations to participate during a public Council meeting;
 - g. A method for developing, seeking and incorporating public input into, monitoring, reviewing and evaluating implementation of the State Plan as required in 45 CFR 1329.17; and
 - h. A process to verify centers for independent living are eligible to sign the State Plan in compliance with 45 CFR 1329.17(d)(2)(iii).
- (2) The SILC maintains regular communication with the appointing authority to ensure efficiency and timeliness of the appointment process.
- (3) The SILC maintains individual training plans for members that adhere to the SILC Training and Technical Assistance Center's SILC training curriculum.
- (4) The SILC receives public input into the development of the State Plan for Independent Living in accordance with 45 CFR 1329.17(f) ensuring:
- a. Adequate documentation of the State Plan development process, including but not limited to, a written process setting forth how input will be gathered from the state's centers for independent living and individuals with disabilities throughout the state, and the process for how the information collected is considered.
 - b. All meetings regarding State Plan development and review are open to the public and provides advance notice of such meetings in accordance with existing State and federal laws and 45 CFR 1329.17(f)(2)(i)-(ii);
 - c. Meetings seeking public input regarding the State Plan provides advance notice of such meetings in accordance with existing State and federal laws, and 45 CFR 1329.17(f)(2)(i);
 - d. Public meeting locations, where public input is being taken, are accessible to all people with disabilities, including, but not limited to:
 - i. proximity to public transportation,
 - ii. physical accessibility, and
 - iii. effective communication and accommodations that include auxiliary aids and services, necessary to make the meeting accessible to all people with disabilities.

- e. Materials available electronically must be 508 compliant and, upon request, available in alternative and accessible format including other commonly spoken languages.
- (5) The SILC monitors, reviews and evaluates the State Plan in accordance with 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(2) ensuring:
 - a. Timely identification of revisions needed due to any material change in State law, state organization, policy or agency operations that affect the administration of the State Plan approved by the Administration for Community Living.
- (6) The SILC State Plan resource plan includes:
 - a. Sufficient funds received from:
 - i. Title VII, Part B funds;
 - 1. If the resource plan includes Title VII, Part B funds, the State Plan provides justification of the percentage of Part B funds to be used if the percentage exceeds 30 percent of Title VII, Part B funds received by the State;
 - ii. Funds for innovation and expansion activities under Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 721(a)(18), as applicable;
 - iii. Other public and private sources.
 - b. The funds needed to support:
 - i. Staff/personnel;
 - ii. Operating expenses;
 - iii. Council compensation and expenses;
 - iv. Meeting expenses including meeting space, alternate formats, interpreters, and other accommodations;
 - v. Resources to attend and/or secure training and conferences for staff and council members and;
 - vi. Other costs as appropriate.

The signature below indicates the SILC's agreement to comply with the aforementioned assurances and indicators:

Lisa Hayes
 Name of SILC chairperson

 Signature

 Date

Electronic signature may be used for the purposes of submission, but hard copy of signature must be kept on file by the SILC.

Section 9: Signatures

The signatures below are of the SILC chairperson and at least 51 percent of the directors of the centers for independent living listed in section 6.3. These signatures indicate that the California State Independent Living Council and the centers for independent living in the state agree with and intend to fully implement this SPIL's content. These signatures also indicate that this SPIL is complete and ready for submission to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The effective date of this SPIL is October 1, 2024.

SIGNATURE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON	DATE
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Lisa Hayes

NAME OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR	DATE
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NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

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