



Project Proposal

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview

The Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities will assist the State Independent Living Council in achieving its goals under the current State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) as well as getting a head start on some of the goals of the next SPIL which begins in October 2016. The specific goals that will be addressed in this proposal are:

- Current SPIL Objective C4. Explore options and develop a statewide survey on IL services and IL needs.
- Future SPIL Objective D. Research, develop and implement a data collection strategy for the NVSILC and the Statewide Network of CIL's.

The following proposal focuses on adults with disabilities in Nevada. This population includes both current consumers of state-funded and privately funded services as well as those adults with disabilities not currently receiving any services for whatever reason. We propose to develop and implement an iterative state-wide needs assessment for:

- documentation of services currently offered, and
- identification of unmet needs of this populations.

The results of this needs assessment will be used by the Nevada Statewide Independent Living Council (NVSILC) during the development and subsequent revisions to the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The goal is to deploy an accurate and robust data source to allow the NVSILC and CILS to make data-informed decisions for the provisioning of responsive and efficient services to people with independent living needs.

The data collection and reporting strategy will be conducted in conjunction with the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities at the University of Nevada, Reno (NCED). The NCED has been conducting research and evaluation activities associated persons with disabilities for 25 years and has established a network of associations with both service providers and consumers in Nevada. The NCED will conduct a carefully planned and managed process resulting in a data strategy that is be timely and cost effective.

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The NCED is not interested in reinventing the wheel. Wherever possible, any proposed data gathering, including services inventories, will utilize or build upon existing data sets. If any performance measure gaps are identified the NCED will ensure the measures developed will contribute to service delivery rather than for reporting purposes alone.

Proposed Activities

The process will move through two distinct data-gathering efforts with phased deployment so information obtained in Phase 1 informs the deployment of Phase 2-3.

In addition to the data-gathering efforts outlined below, existing federal and state data sets and will be utilized (e.g., American Community Survey (ACS), National Core Indicators (NCI) and Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) data gathered from recent statewide efforts such as the SILC town halls and surveys, NDALC Town Hall Meeting Summary Report 2014 and results from the Nevada Assistive Technology for Employment Summit.

Project Outline

Phase 1: Inventory of Entities and Existing Services

Data Sourcing and Needs Identification

1. An inventory of current services offered by Nevada Centers for Independent Living (CILS) (Defined by Sec 702 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) Data elements gathered will be based upon "704 Reports" and associated Service Indicators.
2. An inventory of disability programs and service offered by other agencies and organizations independently or in conjunction with CILS.
3. A survey of ILC Directors & Boards to identify and rank perceived challenges.
4. A survey of agencies to identify and rank perceived challenges.
5. Data from federal and state sources that can be used to estimate the total number of adults in Nevada who may potentially need services.

To avoid data gathering duplication, the information gathered would first use existing sources from various programs such as CILS, ADRCs, 211 and others. These would then be verified as to their current service, number of consumers and service intensity.

Prevalence and Impact Measures

Compile a comprehensive base-line report based on prevalence data from the aforementioned authoritative sources. This data will be used in Phase 1 for development of an **Engagement Indicator**—a quantitative measure of impact by existing services while providing an effective indicator for a data informed State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).

In addition, the Engagement Indicator is an effective formative component for inclusion in the data dashboard to inform the NVSILC and the ILCs of progress while calibrating service delivery across key factors (i.e., Disability, age, race/ethnicity, geographic/catchment region, etc.) To date no baseline report or engagement indicator has been developed for Nevada. The proposed data strategy and methodologies are for use beyond the current period. However, as the NVSPIL is being implemented the survey process will have to evolve to meet those needs. It is expected that federal and state measures and reporting requirements will evolve over the future; while this proposal is designed to implement some of these changes additional modifications may be required at a later date.

Products

- 1 Inventory of IL services offered by disability, region, age, gender, race and ethnicity.
- 2 Utilization of IL services by disability, region, age, gender, race and ethnicity.
- 3 Prevalence indicators disability, catchment region, age, gender, race and ethnicity.
- 4 Development of Engagement Indicator
- 5 Model data dashboard based upon prevalence and engagement indicators.
- 6 Rank of principal challenges affecting access to IL services.
- 7 Printer-ready publishable 2016 NSILC Needs Assessment with executive summary
- 8 Accessible 2016 NSILC Needs Assessment website with all content from the report, a provision for updates, source data (redacted to maintain privacy) and additional supporting materials.

Phase 2 and 3 of this proposal will be funded under the SPIL for fiscal years 2016-2019.

DRAFT BUDGET FOR PHASE 1

This provides an estimated cost of delivering the scope of service. A more detailed line item budget will be provided upon request from the SILC.

Description	Unit	Unit Price	Cost
Personnel and Fringe	60	\$ 100	\$ 6,000
Travel	3	\$ 400	\$ 1,200
Software	1	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Administrative Cost	0	\$ 10,200	\$ 816
Total			\$ 11,016



Proposal C.3

Work with communities and stakeholders to explore ways to expand future CIL services.

1. NNCIL has been researching program expansion to begin offering services to our blind and low-vision community. Working with peer volunteers we have developed a very basic life skills class that has been meeting periodically throughout the year. We have taken what we've learned from these consumers and have created a workgroup that is composed of blind consumers, members of the northern Nevada chapter of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), local professionals and leadership from the area's Lions Clubs. This workgroup is currently planning for the initial phase of a blind skills training program to include Blind 101 (how to be blind), Introduction to Keyboard Skills for Low Vision and Blind Consumers, Culinary Skills, and Household Management. Over time our concept is to train trainers to facilitate these programs creating a local source for skills training and support with the long term outcome of a full service Blind Skills Training Center. To create a more accessible environment we propose to install iBeacon technology for indoor navigation and applicable practice.

Estimated Cost :			
Demo White Canes & Cane Tips	15 various lengths	\$1,000.00	
iBeacon Demonstration Kits	Bleu Station Beacons, Series 100, USB powered 10 pack is \$250.00	\$250.00	
Braille Printer/Embossers	Everest-D Braille 5 model	4,834.50	(IncludesShipping and Handling)
Braille Translator	Duxbury Braille Translator	600.00	(IncludesShipping and Handling)
Braille Paper	Braille Paper \$60/1250 sheets	132.00	(IncludesShipping and Handling)
Braille Device	Vario Ultra 40 cells	4394.5	(IncludesShipping and Handling)
Site Visits	2 Centers for the Blind	\$4,500.00	
	Sub-Total	\$15,711.00	
Administrative Fee	Admin Fee - 8%	\$1,256.88	
	Grand Total	\$16,967.88	

2. To continue to grow and support these efforts we recognize that we need to educate our community. We are planning to provide experiential sensitivity training for family, friends, neighbors, employers, and our community at large. This sensitivity training will allow participants to experience different types of low vision caused by eye disease, as well as, blindness. It will also demonstrate aids for daily living that assist people with vision disabilities to be independent. Our statewide training will address what community members can do to assist with keeping our environments friendly for everyone's use. (shopping carts, trash cans, trees/shrubs, snow removal, etc.)

Estimated Cost :			
Vision Simulators	4 sets, \$500 @ set /13 goggles per set (2 sets for NNCIL; 2 sets for SNCIL)	\$2,000.00	
Training Materials	100 packets @ \$20/packet	\$2,000.00	
	Sub-Total	\$4,000.00	
Administrative Fee	Admin Fee - 8%	\$320.00	
	Grand Total	\$4,320.00	



This is in response to the SPIL Object D.2 – *Expand the availability of community based training and supports for individuals who are blind and visually impaired.*

Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living would like to request \$18,991.90 funding to implement the iPhone Project's 2nd wave. Budget details are as follows:

Description	Unit Price	# of Units	Total Cost	
Iphone 6s	\$ 749.00	10	\$ 7,490.00	(64 GB)
Apple Care Plan	\$ 129.00	10	\$ 1,290.00	
Nuud Waterproof Case	\$ 97.00	10	\$ 970.00	(Includes shipping and sales tax)
Data Plan (6GB)	\$ 70.00	60	\$ 4,200.00	(\$70/mo x 10 users x 6 mos.)
Applications				
KNFB	\$ 100.00	10	\$ 1,000.00	
Ariadne GPS	\$ 5.99	10	\$ 59.90	
Sub-Total IPHONE 2nd Wave			\$ 15,009.90	
App Assistance Bank			\$ 1,075.00	
RTC RIDE/ACCESS Tickets			\$ 1,500.00	
Admin Fee 8%			\$ 1,407.00	
Grand Total			\$ 18,991.90	

The iPhone Project's 2nd wave intends to incorporate the feedback and lessons learned from the iPhone Pilot Project. The 2nd wave project will enable us to create a more stable program evaluation process without the barriers experienced by our pilot project participants i.e individually paying for a data plan and the cost of attending the required weekly meetings. With the new funds requested, we can focus more on gathering comprehensive data as to the significance of the iPhone to an individual who is blind or visually impaired in achieving self-sufficiency and independence.

New to this 2nd wave proposal are as follows :

- 1) Provision of a 6 GB data plan for all new program participants for a period of six months.
- 2) Provision of RTC RIDE/ACCESS bus passes to ensure the participant's attendance to the peer group meetings.
- 3) App assistance bank in the form of Apple iTunes cards which will be purchased to help other individuals who are blind and visually impaired obtain apps for their mobile device.

- 4) Provide an option for the participants to apply for the State Independent Living Program.
- 5) Work with an Independent Living Advocate in developing a short-term or long-term Independent Living plan, whichever the consumer chooses.

Project Timeline :

September 2016 – Purchase tangible items listed in the budget detail.

October to December 2016 – Identify program participants.

January 2017 to June 2017 – Peer group weekly meetings

May to June 2017 – Application for eligibility to the State I/L Program

July 2017 – Exit interview & participant skills evaluation



Proposal for the Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living Service - Year End SILC Funds

The Southern Nevada Center requests consideration from the State Independent Living Council for funds to support the following activities from the year end balances in the training, and goals categories.

1. Funds to send two Center for Independent Living Staff to the APRIL Conference in Reno Nevada on to expand service provision skill sets for SNCIL Staff.

Budget

Airfare Roundtrip for 2 Staff at \$250 x 2 = \$500

Hotel \$112 for 4 nights for one single room = \$448 x 2 Staff = \$896

Ground Transportation Accessible Cab = \$25 x 2 Staff = \$50 x 2 trips = \$100

Mileage to and from = Roundtrip from Center to Airport and back = 21 miles @ \$.54 = \$11.34 x 2 Staff = \$23

Airport Parking = \$16 x 4 days = \$64.00 x 2 Staff = \$128

Per Diem = \$64 per day x 4 days = \$256 x 2 staff = \$512

Registration for APRIL Conference \$300 per person x 2 staff = \$600

Personal Assistant Services \$15.00 per hr. x 4 hrs. per day x 4 days = \$240

Total Request: \$2,999.00

2. Funds to send two SNCIL Staff to the Main Center for Independent Living in Arizona (Ability 360) for one-to-one training to observe the Peer Mentor Volunteer Program. SNCIL Staff have participated in the Webinar Training for this project and are in the process of developing a volunteer certification training to start October 01, 2016 for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The purpose of the project is to train volunteers to mentor individuals of all disabilities who are in the process of achieving Independent Living Goals. While this project will be available for all CIL Service Recipients, the program will specifically target individuals receiving youth and nursing home transition services. Once materials are complete SNCIL

will share with NNCIL to adapt to Northern Nevada to create a statewide Peer Mentor Program. This project will help meet the goal established in **C-2** as the ABILITY 360 Peer Mentor Project has been cited in best practices for Centers for Independent Living and can be used to raise awareness of CIL services, and through the use of volunteers expand CIL Resources for individuals with disabilities. It will also goal **D-1** in the expansion of youth transition services.

Budget

Airfare - \$266 Roundtrip for 2 Staff = \$532

Hotel – \$112 for 1 nights for one single room = \$112 x 2 Staff = \$224

Ground Transportation Accessible Cab = \$25 x 2 Staff = \$50 x 2 trips = \$100

Per Diem \$59 per day x 2 days = \$118 x 2 staff = \$236

Personal Assistant Services \$15.00 per hr. x 4 hrs. per day x 1 days = \$60

Mileage to and from Airport = Roundtrip from Center to Airport and back = 21 miles @ \$.54 = \$11.34 x 2 Staff = \$23

Airport Parking = \$16 x 4 days = \$64.00 x 2 Staff = \$128

Total Request: \$1,303.00

3. Funds to run newspaper ads to solicit vendors who provide services for individuals with disabilities to increase SNCIL Partners to assist individuals with disabilities during the 25th Annual Disability Awareness Day scheduled for October 15, 2016.

Budget

- a. Las Vegas Review Journal - size 5", place in the Living Section, Cost: \$1500
- b. EL Mundo Hispanic News Paper – Size 5", place in the, cost \$300.

These activities will help meet goal **C-1** by identifying new community services with the CILs may assess for fee for service potential and/or partnership.

Total: \$1,800.00

4. Under separate cover NNCIL is submitting a request for vision perception demonstration equipment which includes equipment for NNCIL and SNCIL to create statewide awareness. This will help meet goal **D-2** to help create community awareness and dissipate the fear in the community of hiring or working with individuals with visual impairments and create a better understanding of those providing services which will increase options and choices for individuals with this disability.

Total Request for consideration: \$6,102.00

Target Implementation Date: On or before 9/30/2016

Submitted for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mary Evilsizer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

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