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ADRC Roundtable: Talk, Learn, Connect
February 13, 2024

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Today's Agenda

Community Living Fund “CLF”



Community Living Fund Presenters:

Ana Acton, Deputy Director, Independent Living and Access Division at the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

Regina Cademarti, Chief, Independent Living and Assistive Technology section, Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

Susan Neeley, Associate Governmental Program Analyst for the Community Living Fund.



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COMMUNITY LIVING FUND PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

- Background
- How to Become a CLF Provider
- Current Data
- Lessons and Growth Opportunities
- Future Plans
- Questions and Answers

Background

Community Living Fund Program

- One-time \$10 million General Fund investment
- Available from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025
- Advances efforts of California's Master Plan on Aging to prepare for its diverse aging population by 2030
- Addresses long-standing system challenges impacting California's older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers
- Provides person-centered institutional transition and diversion services for people of all ages and with any type of disability who do not qualify for existing services

Driving Principles - Part I

- Act as “bridge” program, build capacity and coordinate with existing systems and programs to expedite the provision of goods or services not available through other means to individuals either transitioning to the community or at-risk of institutionalization.
- Support consumers with transition and diversion goals to navigate available resources and programs and connect with on-going services to sustain community living.

Driving Principles - Part II

- Serve 1,360 individuals statewide by June 30, 2025.
- Measure performance outcomes for the number of individuals successfully served through the transition and diversion services.

Community Living Fund – Part I

The CLF Program will:

- Reduce unnecessary institutionalization for people with disabilities, including older adults.
- Provide transition and diversion assistance, services, and supports for eligible individuals to live in their own homes and communities.
- Fund services, or a combination of goods and services, to help eligible individuals who are currently in or at risk of being institutionalized.

Community Living Fund– Part II

The CLF Program will:

- Provide temporary financial support for home and community-based LTSS beyond what is currently available.
- Offer flexible funding to create “wraparound” services that provide essential community-based assistance and support.
- Facilitate the development of service delivery models that strengthen community-based LTSS.
- Supplement, not supplant, existing funded services and programs to fill funding gaps until new sources of financial support for community-based LTSS can be secured through available services and programs.

Community Living Fund and ADRCs

- Aging & Disability Resource Connections (ADRC) are led by a core partnership between Independent Living Centers (ILC) and Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)
- CLF provides support for ILC and ADRC core services:
 - ILC core service of transition and diversion.
 - ADRCs core services including:
 - Short-Term Service Coordination - Expedited access to services and supports for individuals at risk of institutionalization = diversion services.
 - Transition Services - For people who are currently in a hospital nursing facility, or other institution to transition home or to a community-based setting.

How to Become a Community Living Fund Provider

Request for Interest – Part I

DOR will enter into grant agreements with up to 50 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies whose current demonstrated core mission is serving people with disabilities and older adults.

Such programs include but are not limited to the following:

- Aging and Disability Resource Connections
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Independent Living Centers
- Older Individuals Who are Blind programs
- Traumatic Brain Injury programs
- Other disability and aging non-profit organizations

Request for Interest – Part II

- View the Request for Interest (RFI):
<https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/CommunitylivingFund>
- DOR awards zero-cost grants statewide to eligible RFI respondents to conduct program activities.
- Interested providers must specify one or more counties in which they plan to provide services.
- Term of the grant is upon approval through June 30, 2025.

Provider Eligibility – Part I

- Provide proof of current 501(c)(3) non-profit status.
- Demonstrate the organization's core mission is serving people with disabilities and/or older adults.
- Provide resumes for staff dedicated to the CLF Program.
- Have staff member(s) dedicated to institutional transition and diversion services.

Provider Eligibility – Part II

- Selected providers will be required to provide:
 - Person-centered institutional transition and diversion services.
 - Assess individuals for needs and eligibility of services.
 - Coordinate services with other existing systems designed to support people with disabilities including older adults to live in the community.
 - Reduce duplication of services, and improve service.

Community Living Definitions

What does this all mean?

- Community Living
- Long Term Services and Supports
- Risk of Institutionalization
- Diversion
- Transition

Consumer Eligibility

- Individuals at risk of going into an institutional setting or who are transitioning from an institutional setting to community living.
- Individuals with income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.
- Institutional transition and diversion services are not available elsewhere to the individual.

Staff Expenses for Reimbursement

- Staff expenses for service coordination will be reimbursed for the services provided to each eligible individual at the following rates:
- Up to \$4,500 for each consumer **transition** as detailed in the organization's approved grant
- Up to \$2,500 for each consumer **diversion** as detailed in the organization's approved grant

Purchase of Goods and Services – Part I

- Providers may be reimbursed up to \$5,000 per consumer for direct purchase of goods and services for institutional transition and diversion.
- Flexible funds to meet the needs of the consumer that support the consumer's goal for institutional transition or diversion.
- Funding may be used for any of the following: transition services; diversion services; purchase of goods and services including equipment and training; physical location improvement; access to community services; and professional Services.

Purchase of Goods and Services

Part II

Physical Location Improvement

Examples of allowable purchases:

- Home modifications including doors, paths of travel, installation of ramps, push button door openers, flashing alarms, grab bar installation, bathroom accessibility modifications, or other modifications needed to make the consumer's home more accessible.
- Basic household setup costs such as bedding, food staples, dishes, bathroom supplies, furniture, and toiletries.
- Moving expenses, credit check fees, utility setup and startup fees, pest inspections and extermination, or other related household goods and services.
- Other needs.

Purchase of Goods and Services

Part III

Access to Community Services

Examples of allowable purchases:

- Transportation to services that support transition or diversion. Including doctors and healthcare facilities, shopping for food and basic necessities, and other services and programs necessary for community living where no other transportation service exists.
- Orientation and mobility training to assist consumers in navigating their community efficiently and safely.
- Other needs.

Current Data



Provider Overview

- 32 CLF providers
 - 23 of those are ILCs, all are ADRC partners
- Funds Encumbered to Date
 - \$2.4 million
- 342 Individual receiving services
 - 310 diversion services
 - 32 transition services
 - 60% of services provided by ILCs (ADRC Partners)

Lessons and Growth Opportunities



Lessons and Growth Opportunities

- CLF provides for intermittent caregiving or respite costs while long-term plans are put into place through other systems.
- As housing can be difficult to find, providers are finding homeshare opportunities for consumers. CLF has been used to modify consumer's friends or relative's homes so the consumer can safely live there.
- Transition cases can be very time sensitive as consumers prepare to leave an institutionalized setting, providers give them priority to get them into stable housing.

Future Plans

- Create new methods to collect and analyze data
- Create new forms to facilitate incoming requests
- Increase providers to meet goal of 1360 individuals served
- Outreach to new providers including:
 - ADRCs, AAAs, and ILCs not currently providers CLF services
 - Create a marketing flyer that conveys key information about CLF
- Engage providers in a monthly meetings with grantees for communicate updates, monitor progress, and provide ongoing support.

Questions and Answers

Find out more about CLF

Website:

<https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/CommunitylivingFund>

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Questions?





Community Living Fund Grantee Presenter:

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Rolling Start Inc.



Topic: **The Community Living Fund**

Presenters: Lisa Hayes, Executive Director

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What is Independent Living

A cultural movement and a program; a way of looking at disability that puts the individual first and the disability second;

Centers for Independent Living work toward equal opportunity for people with disabilities to share in all benefits of society;

We serve people with any disability and any age in our local communities who can benefit from services;

Independent Living Centers are designed and operated by a majority of people with disabilities.



Independent Living Centers

- 28 Centers for Independent Living in California
- FUNDING
 - ✓ Department of Rehabilitation
 - ✓ Administration for Community Living
 - ✓ California Department on Aging (through our County ADRC FE)
 - ✓ Various other Funding Sources to meet the needs of people with disabilities include, Cal AIM, Cal Fresh, Emergency Preparedness (Edison & PG&E), TBI, Community Living Fund, Transition/Diversion Fund, Voice Options, Vocational, Health Plan Support, Various Fundraising
- Self-Identification as a person with a disability is all that is needed to receive our services 100% Free.

San Bernardino Statistics

2020 US Census

- Population: 2.193 Million
- Geography: Valley, Desert, Mountains
- Percent Over the Age of 65: 12.5%
- Percent under 65 with Disability: 8%
- Percent Living in Poverty: 13.5%

Community Living Fund (the Process)

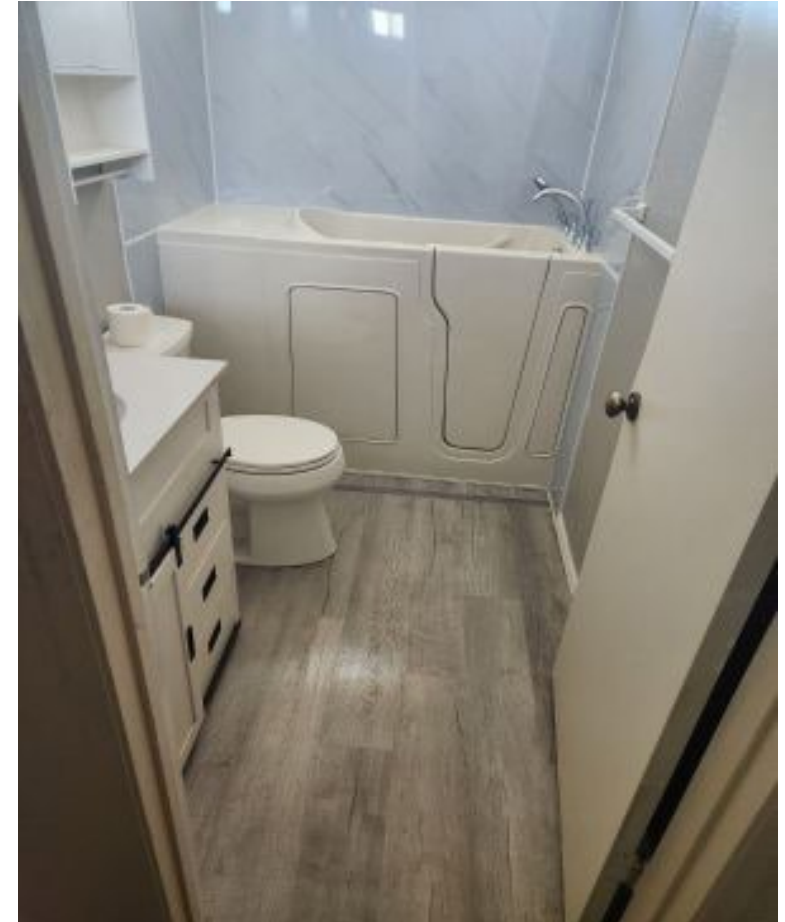
- Identification of Need
- Intake, IL Plan (includes referrals for wrap around services), Eligibility Criteria
- Home Visit
- Contractor Estimate (S)
- Consumer Review & Agreement Scope of Work
- Work is completed
- Consumer Satisfaction Survey
- Follow-Up: 30/60/90

Community Living Fund (Uses)

- Roll-In Shower
- Walk-in Showers & Tubs
- Door Widening
- Hospital Transitions
- Move-In Costs
- Ramps
- Personal Emergency Response Systems
- Kitchen Counter Lowering
- Rental Assistance when alternative is SNF
- Stair Lifts

CalAIM with Community Living Fund

Success story:
RSI received a
referral for a
walk-in tub.
Consumer is 81-
years-old
experiencing
mobility
limitations and
needs
assistance with
most ADL's.



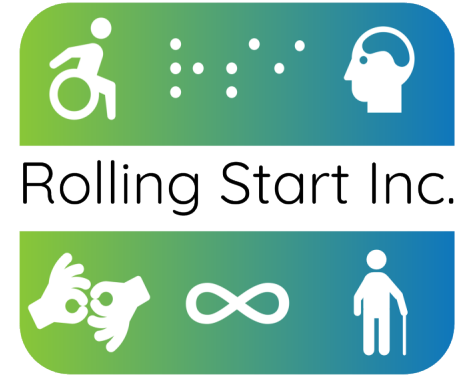
CalAIM with Community Living Fund



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Locations

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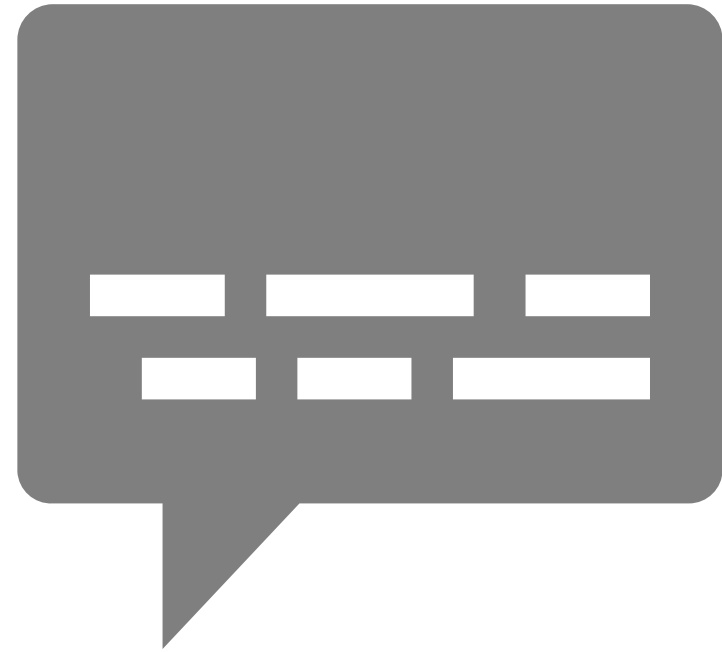


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Questions?





Open Discussion