

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Plan

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CURRENT PROJECTS

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| Capacity Restoration and Expansion Grants | <p>COVID-19 has had an extremely negative impact on capacity for all services in the Intellectual/Developmental Disability system. Prior to COVID, there were areas of the state that needed additional provider capacity which was made worse by the pandemic. Options proposed for these grants include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Start-up/rebuilding funding for Employment/Day Support Activity providers 2) Start-up funding, training and technical assistance for culturally and linguistically specific providers for all services 3) Enhancing and growing all services for individuals with the highest support needs 4) Focused funding to expand capacity in rural areas 5) Start-up funding for all types of provider agencies <p>Funding will be based on an expectation of supporting appropriate wages and benefits for direct support staff.</p> | In Process | 12/1/21 | 3/31/25 |
| Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Grants & Initiatives | <p>These grants will be made available to entities to support Office of Developmental Disabilities Services' initiatives to address racism, bias and disparity for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disability. Preference will be given to grants that include agencies that may not otherwise be connected to Intellectual/Developmental Disability services. Examples of projects include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Implementation of community focused diversity and equity training 2) Planning and implementation of community outreach events 3) Training and technical assistance for providers to support LGBTQIA+ 4) Support for expanding existing community activities to fully include people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities 5) Tribal relations | In Process | 6/1/22 | 3/31/25 |
| Emergency Response Grants | <p>The past few years have demonstrated that Oregon's Intellectual/Developmental Disability system must enhance and invest in the resources needed to ensure everyone is ready in the event of another (likely) emergency. We want to support readiness and preparedness for everyone in our system, regardless of what setting they are in. This funding will be made available to all partners and providers to assist with preparation for a future emergency. Funding may be used to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Purchase generators for residential homes or family homes where continuous access to power is necessary for ventilators and other critical medical equipment 2) Provide emergency kits for people in services 3) Foster connections between Intellectual/Developmental Disability | In Process | 3/1/22 | 3/31/25 |

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| | <p>providers and local Emergency Response units</p> <p>4) Training in multiple languages for people with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability and families on emergency preparedness</p> | | | |
| Family Network Evaluation | Funding will be used to conduct a study and evaluation of the overall approach to the Department-funded Family Networks in order to identify existing best practices in peer/family supports and opportunities for improvements including but not limited to creative ways to meet the needs of individuals receiving services and their families, strengthen supports to diverse communities, including historically marginalized and underserved groups, create and expand capacity of culturally specific Networks. | In Process | TBD | 3/31/25 |
| Provide Reliable Information about I/DD Services to People with I/DD and Families | Oregon's Intellectual/Developmental Disability service system is decentralized with information about our core values, resources and variety of services available, provided through numerous local entities. We have heard from families that this makes it difficult to find reliable, consistent information about Intellectual/Developmental Disability services and supports. This funding will be used to create an easily accessible information resource for families and people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. We will make the resources easily accessible, culturally and linguistically appropriate and supportive of the values of Oregon's Intellectual/Developmental Disability system. | On Hold | 12/1/21 | 3/31/25 |
| Develop Resources and Services for Parents with I/DD | There is a growing need for resources, training and services that are specific to parents with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability. In partnership with Child Welfare, this funding will be used to develop resources, training materials and ultimately specialized services for parents with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability. This will include support in adaptation of Child Welfare assessments and practices to meet needs of children and parents with disabilities. The goal will be to help parents learn parenting skills, so they are better able to parent their child/children. Additional training will include healthy relationship training. Office of Developmental Disabilities Services will work with Child Welfare to create cross-system support and access to these resources. Outcomes will be tracked to support future efforts to secure similar funding if the initiative is successful. | In Process | 12/1/21 | 3/31/25 |
| Impact Oregon Enhancement | Office of Developmental Disabilities Services developed the Impact Oregon website and associated marketing campaign in partnership with stakeholders to attract staff to work in the Intellectual/Developmental Disability field. Funding will be used to enhance this effort overall and to market specifically to attract clinicians - nurses, mental health professionals and behavioral | In Process | 12/1/21 | 3/31/25 |

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| | professionals to the Intellectual/Developmental Disability field. We expect this will require a specialized marketing approach, requiring additional funding and profession specific messaging. | | | |
| Maintenance and Updates Provider Homes and Adult and Children's Foster Homes | This funding will be used to offer grants to group home agencies, Children's Foster Homes and Adult Foster Homes to make significant repairs and improve accessibility for the homes they own to improve the lives of people with I/DD living in the home and those who may live in the home in the future. | In Process | 5/1/22 | 3/31/25 |
| Community Integration Project (CIP) Homes | The Community Integration Project was initiated with the closure of the Fairview Training Center over 20 years ago. The state provided funding to Housing Authorities to develop homes for use by Intellectual/Developmental Disability provider agencies for people transitioning out of Fairview. The homes were covered by bonds and while under bond, the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services funded all maintenance and repairs for the homes. At this point, the bonds are being paid off. The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services will use this funding to assess the long-term maintenance needs of Community Integration Project homes under bond and those no longer under the bond and use funding to perform that maintenance. | In Process | 5/1/22 | 3/31/25 |
| Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) | The state operated Stabilization and Crisis Unit will utilize the enhanced funding made available through ARPA to support the Direct Support Crisis Specialist workforce and make enhancements to improve services for people living at a State Operated Stabilization and Crisis Unit: 1) Frontline worker payments Direct Support Crisis Specialists, nurses and other frontline professionals (Subject to bargaining) 2) Updated, appropriate furniture for homes 3) Training and development resources for staff 4) Emergency preparedness supplies including generators for homes | In Process | 2/1/22 | TBD |
| Infrastructure Funding for Contracted Case Management Entities | This funding will help develop infrastructure at the local level by providing resources specifically for the 45 contracted case management entities. This funding will be used to encourage and incentivize contracted case management entities to engage in local initiatives that align with goals to improve, increase and expand access to Intellectual/Developmental Disability services. Examples may include: 1) Initiatives to increase partnerships with local tribes 2) Adding a specific capacity building position for employment and/or foster | In Process | 2/1/22 | 6/30/25 |

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| | <p>care within the Case Management Entity</p> <p>3) Funding small grant projects with community organizations not currently engaged in supporting people with Intellectual/Developmental Disability and their families</p> | | | |
| Expand Life Course and Individual Support Plan Trainings | <p>Life Course is the framework we will be incorporating into the Individual Support Planning process through the redesign effort. This funding will be used to expand training opportunities and delivery options on the Life Course for families and self-advocates and build a network of local leaders trained on the framework that can serve as a local resource. We will support trainings that are culturally responsive and meet the diverse needs of the audience, including funding of peer delivered models. We will also expand access to trainings on the Life Course framework for all providers to support person-centered approaches that focus on each person's goals and community inclusion beyond formal Medicaid-funded services.</p> | In Process | 1/1/22 | 3/31/25 |
| Blueprint Funding | <p>The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services has engaged in a large project intended to reshape and enhance case management services in Oregon. We've heard from over 1,000 individuals and families that our current system is confusing and difficult to navigate. The Blueprint report has gone out for public comment and we are expanding avenues for input to allow for input from individuals and families. We have extended the timeline for submission of the final report to late 2021. This funding will be used to fund implementation of recommendations from the Blueprint.</p> | On Hold | 12/1/21 | 3/31/25 |
| Design a Statewide Crisis System for People with I/DD | <p>The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services strategic plan calls for development of a statewide, crisis system to support people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities in crisis, in their current settings with their current care givers. This funding will be used to bring in an expert on crisis systems for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities to assist Office of Developmental Disabilities Services and our partners in planning and design of a crisis system. This will require engagement and collaboration with partners including Oregon Health Authority, Coordinated Care Organizations and Child Welfare. We expect this funding to support development of a plan for implementation and possibly, initial costs needed for implementation.</p> | On Hold | 3/1/23 | 3/31/25 |
| Fund to Support Advocacy by Self-Advocates | <p>Oregon wants to expand access to advocacy trainings, meetings and events for people with BH and SUD needs. This funding will support creative ideas for expanding access to advocacy efforts. Payments may support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Funding for local self-advocacy organizations 2) Support for travel costs to meetings and trainings | In Process | 1/1/22 | 3/31/25 |

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| | 3) Marketing materials in multiple languages for self-advocacy organizations | | | |
| Restore Funding for the Fairview Trust | The Fairview Trust is now with the Oregon Community Foundation. Its purpose is to support housing options for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. With this funding, we will restore the \$6 million General Fund that was cut during the economic downturn in the 1990s and enhance the funding to expand access to housing options for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. This funding can also go to support development of "smart homes" that increase independence for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. | In Process | 10/1/22 | 6/30/25 |
| Funding for HIPAA Compliant Technology for Case Management Entities and Providers | With the pandemic, all services had to move to remote service models. This has proven successful for some individuals served and as we look to the future, we want the option for remote services to continue. This will also provide access to technology for residential settings to support efforts to decrease isolation during pandemics as called for in House Bill 2394 During the pandemic, the Health and Human Services did not enforce HIPAA requirements for remote services. When the Public Health Emergency ends, we want to ensure these services can continue with the use of appropriate HIPAA technology. | In Process | 4/1/22 | 3/31/25 |
| Personal Support Workers (PSWs) Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Device | A 2017 federal law requires all states to implement Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) for in home workers. Lack of access to a smart device to log into EVV to record work hours may be a barrier. These funds will provide devices to PCAs who lack access so they can log into the system to record their time. | In Process | 2/1/22 | 3/31/25 |
| Statewide Training and Technical Assistance Resource | This resource is designed to provide technical assistance at the regional and local level and will focus on: Content-knowledge and timely interpretation based on local/regional culture and backgrounds. Provide general family resources for individuals and families who are not yet eligible. Provide outreach to other agencies about I/DD services such as school districts. Focus on local capacity building, specifically developing provider types needed for the region and developing culturally responsive providers | In Process | 1/1/22 | 3/31/25 |
| Study to allow use of Rideshare | Lack of access to transportation continues to be a barrier for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. Office of Developmental Disabilities Services would like to expand access to transportation by allowing use of ride sharing services for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. A number of challenges have prevented use of these services for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. Office of Developmental Disabilities Services will use this funding to initiate a study of other states use of these | On Hold | 1/1/22 | 3/31/25 |

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| | services with the goal of adding them as approved providers to our Medicaid authorities. | | | |
| Enhancing and Expanding Access to the Oregon Intervention System (OIS) | OIS is Office of Developmental Disabilities Services' approved curriculum for prevention and intervention. Office of Developmental Disabilities Services will be initiating a Request for Proposal for operation of the Oregon Intervention System. Additional funding is needed to refresh and update the curriculum and expand access to the training for behavioral support professionals, direct care staff and family caregivers. | On Hold | 12/1/21 | 3/31/25 |
| Study for Contracted Case Management Entity Funding Options | House Bill 3116 calls for a study of options for funding contracted case management entities. This funding will cover the cost of the study. | On Hold | 4/1/2022 | 3/31/25 |
| ODDS/ Case Management Entity Grant Infrastructure | Ensuring the efficient and appropriate distribution of these grant funds will require additional resources and infrastructure in Office of Developmental Disabilities Services and Case Management Entities. This funding will be used for positions in Office of Developmental Disabilities Services to manage and implement the ARPA grants. We will also provide Case Management Entities limited position funding to support their work in carrying out these grants. The need for training for Case Management Entities, providers and others is included throughout this ARPA list. Someone to provide and develop a change management approach is also needed. To fully engage with Case Management Entities and providers, to capture the face-to-face learners, we also need training staff to develop and/or conduct trainings. | In Process | 12/1/21 | 3/31/25 |

COMPLETED PROJECTS

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| Cross-Training and Technical Assistance for Child Welfare and Case Management Entities | This funding will provide staff to serve as liaisons between Office of Developmental Disabilities Services and Child Welfare in each program and to support placement and system navigation. We will also enhance cross-system training and learning opportunities for field staff in each program and expand resources for (foster) families serving children with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities to increase their understanding and skills. | Complete | 2/1/22 | 12/31/24 |
| Medical/ Clinical expertise for ODDS | The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services supports children and adults with significant medical challenges and co-occurring behavioral health challenges. As a community-based system, we do not have expertise embedded in Office of Developmental Disabilities Services for consultation when medical or serious behavioral health issues arise. These issues may tie to eligibility for Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities services, or how to support someone in a community setting. We will use this funding to bring in short-term clinical support to establish a scope of work for a future, ongoing contract with a partner university or specialized clinic. This funding also includes resources for development of accessible health and wellness resources for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and referral database for those resources for individuals, families, Case Management Entities and providers in collaboration with Institute on Development and Disability, Oregon Health & Science University. | Complete | 3/1/22 | 12/31/24 |
| COVID Rate Increase | In early 2021 the Oregon Legislature approved a 5% rate increase for six months for group home, day support activity and employment services. We will extend this COVID increase for one year, from July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. In addition, we will add supported living, children's foster care and agency in-home services to the increase. This increase is intended to support front line, direct support professionals who have worked to care for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities throughout the pandemic. | Complete | 12/1/21 | 12/31/21 |
| COVID relief increase and one-time payment for Adult Foster Home Providers | Adult Foster Home providers have supported people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities throughout the pandemic but have not been included in funding increases made available to other residential providers. With Aging and People with Disabilities, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services proposes a COVID related 5% payment increase for these providers for one year from July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. In addition, | Complete | 12/1/21 | 7/31/22 |

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| | we will provide a one-time flat payment of \$1000 per person served in each Adult Foster Home between March 1, 2020, and February 28, 2021. This funding is intended to support license holders and the direct care workers in Adult Foster Homes. (Subject to bargaining) | | | |
| Enhanced Bargaining Pot for Adult Foster Home | Enhance bargaining pot for Adult Foster Homes by \$5M (in addition to GRB levels). | Complete | 12/1/21 | 12/31/21 |
| COVID relief payments for Personal Support Workers (PSWs) | Personal Support Workers provide vital in-home services to Oregonians with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities who live independently or with family. In addition to the Provider Relief Funds available to Personal Support Workers through the financial management services entity, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services will make available a one-time payment of \$500 for each Personal Support Worker that worked between March 1, 2020, and February 28, 2021. (Subject to bargaining) | Complete | 12/1/21 | 12/31/21 |
| Enhanced Bargaining Pot for Personal Support Workers (PSWs) | Enhance bargaining pot for Personal Support Workers by \$7.5M (in addition to GRB levels). | Complete | 12/1/21 | 12/31/21 |
| Personal Support Workers (PSWs) Training and Benefits Trusts | Enhance services offered through the benefit trusts and training trusts for Personal Support Workers (PSWs). | Complete | 12/1/21 | 12/31/21 |
| Provider Recruitment and Retention Fund | COVID has impacted the ability of Office of Developmental Disabilities Services Direct Support Professional providers and other agency professionals to recruit and retain direct care workers. This has only added to a direct support professional shortage that existed before the pandemic. This fund will be used for grants to providers to support innovative recruitment and retention strategies. This may include: 1) Incentive payments to attract workers 2) Payments for completing specialized training requirements 3) Performance-based increases or bonus | Complete | 12/1/21 | 9/30/22 |

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| | Funds will also be used to help retain current providers post public health emergency. | | | |
| Maintain Increased Funding | In addition to funding in Policy Option Package 119, continue the overall 5% funding when we move into new rate models in July 2022. This funding will increase the total amount of funding in the new rate models and would result in an overall average Direct Support Professional wage of \$15.55 It will also help the transition to the new rates by increasing the overall funding for the rates, above what will be available with Policy Option Package 119 alone. | Complete | 12/1/21 | 7/31/22 |
| Implementation of New Rate Models | This funding will be used to support transition into the new rate models in July 2022 for certain 1915k and 1915c services. This funding will ensure that new rate models are fully funded to support services for individuals with I/DD, provider capacity, and direct care workforce. These rate models are being implemented in compliance with currently approved 1915k and 1915c authorities. | Complete | 12/1/21 | 12/31/23 |

