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To: ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

I want to share a resource that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, as well as Community Developmental Disabilities Programs (CDDPs), Brokerages and providers, may want to know about.

The Oregon Health Authority released a grant announcement in June to community-based organizations (CBOs) to support culturally and linguistically responsive services as a part of the state's COVID-19 response. These grant funds are directed to communities that include, but are not limited to: people of color, people with disabilities, people who are houseless, individuals with substance use disorder, immigrant and refugee communities, faith communities, undocumented communities and farm workers, people experiencing mental health issues, older adults and LGBTQIA+ communities.

OHA funded more than 170 CBOs with \$9.4 million in CARES Act funds across the state, including organizations that support people with disabilities. The list of CBOs that have been funded are at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/ABOUT/Pages/Community-Engagement.aspx>

CBOs are being funded to work in one or more of the following three areas:

- Outreach and community engagement
- Contact tracing together with local public health authorities; and

- Providing people with social services/wraparound supports.

People in our service system, along with our case management entities and providers, are encouraged to reach out to local CBOs in your area if supports are needed.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep yourself, your family and Oregonians with I/DD safe during this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
Director
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