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To: Office of Developmental Disabilities (ODDS) Staff and Partners
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, ODDS
Subject: Capacity Restoration and Expansion Grants now open for applications

The highly anticipated Capacity Restoration and Expansion Grants, as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), are now open to proposals.

COVID-19 has had an extremely negative impact on capacity for all services in the intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) system. This funding will support projects in response to COVID-19's negative impact of on capacity for all services within the ODDS system.

Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is soliciting grant proposals from proposers in the following federally approved service category options.

- Start-up/rebuilding funding for employment day support activity providers;
- Start-up funding, training and technical assistance for culturally and linguistically specific providers for all services;
- Enhancing and growing all services for individuals with the highest support needs;
- Focused funding to expand capacity in rural areas; and
- Start-up funding for all other types of provider agencies.

[Please visit the grant announcement](#) for all Request for Grant Proposal (RFGP) dates and deadlines as well as information about a Pre-Proposal Conference.

Proposals must be submitted through [OregonBuys](#), which is the state's e-procurement system. Please register at OregonBuys if you have not done so already. Once logged in, browse for open solicitations and find #S-10000-00004865 to view the full Request for Grant Proposals.

More ARPA grants will open for proposals soon. The [ARPA webpage](#) is kept updated with the latest grant information.

All questions about this funding opportunity must go to the sole point of contact for this RFGP, Russell Brammer, at Russell.Brammer@dhsosha.state.or.us. If you have general ARPA questions, please contact ODDSARPA.funding@odhsosha.oregon.gov.

Thank you for interest in the ARPA grants and for your creative ideas to support Oregonians with I/DD.

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
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