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## Public Notice

Notice of intent to amend the 2021-2023 State Plan for Independent Living.

**Date:** April 10, 2023

**Contact:** Shelly Emery, SILC Operations Coordinator

**Written Comments Due:** 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2023

**Public Hearing:** 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 11, 2023, Hybrid - Rm 160, 500 Summer St NE, Salem and via Zoom

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### Background

The Federal Independent Living Program has given each state the option to either:

- Extend its current State Plan for Independent Living for one additional year.
- Change the content along with a one-year extension of the plan.

The Oregon Statewide Independent Living Council proposes to submit a minor language change in Section 3.2 of the State Plan for Independent Living (see page 3) in addition to the one-year extension.

### Why is this change needed?

The State Plan currently only allows increased funding for Centers for Independent Living (the service providers) to be distributed by the percentage of disability population in Center service areas. The proposed language allows specified amounts of new funds to be distributed using a calculation other than disability population when:

- There is a specific purpose distribution intended by the grantor of the funds.
- When the providers and the SILC agree there is a better option for distributing a specific amount of funding.

### How to comment:

The SILC welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2023, to [shelly.emery@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:shelly.emery@odhs.oregon.gov), or attend the public hearing May 11, 2023, 10:00 AM. See hearing information below. For alternate formats or accommodation requests, contact us via the e-mail above or call 503-945-6204.

**Join Hearing Virtually or On-Site** (ASL and captioning will be provided):

- **Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81160699968?pwd=djc3Ukd1M0E0SXFhRFRxd1E4N2xVUT09>; Passcode: 545992; Dial by your location: +1 669 900 6833
- **On-site:** Human Services Building, Room 160, 500 Summer St NE, Salem, OR.  
If attending on-site, please e-mail [shelly.emery@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:shelly.emery@odhs.oregon.gov) by **May 10 at noon** and bring photo ID for building check in.

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**Proposed State Plan Section Being Amended**

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*See added language underlined on page 3 and set off by double asterisks. Comment will only be taken regarding the amended language.*

1.1 Expansion and Adjustment of Network

Plan and priorities for use of funds, by funding source, including Part B funds, Part C funds, State funds, and other funds, whether current, increased, or one-time funding and methodology for distribution of funds. Use of funds to build capacity of existing Centers, establish new Centers, and/or increase statewideness of Network.

Statewide IL services remains the long-range goal in Oregon. In each of the current seven areas served by a CIL, inadequate funding results in significant underserved geographic areas and populations. An on-going goal is to see the current seven CILs funded at levels adequate to address the underserved populations in the current service areas (including any combination of Part B, Part C or State general funds). Looking at all funding sources including: Part B, Part C, State or one-time general IL funds the IL Partners have agreed upon the following plan and priorities.

Minimum funding level for a Center and formula/plan for distribution of funds to bring each Center to the minimum. Exceptions must be explained with sufficient detail.

Oregon IL Partners have established a minimum base funding level for the existing seven CILs; \$250,000 for the following six CILs (Abilitree, EOCIL, HASL, LILA, SPOKES Unlimited and UVdN) and \$439,413 for ILR based on the large urban population they serve. At the start of this SPIL, October 2020, all existing CILs have received the minimum base funding for more than two consecutive years.

In addition to the minimum base funding levels, the Oregon CILs have created a funding methodology to determine adequate funds for CILs to serve 5% of the disability population as a target level. This creates sustainability and supports capacity building. The methodology is based on a calculation that includes disability population, geographic area served, a direct service hour standard, average of hours per consumer, time allocation and personnel needed.

In order to achieve the adequate funding levels, new Part B and State general funds are

distributed to the existing seven CILs based on their percent of the disability population in the service area, \*\*unless stipulated through the funding source or otherwise agreed upon by the IL Network.\*\* See Table 3.2A below.

Currently five of the seven CILs receive Part C grants, and two CILs (EOCIL and LILA) are the top priority to receive any new Part C grants that become available to the state of Oregon.

Action/process for distribution of funds relinquished or removed from a Center and/or if a Center closes.

If, for any reason, including non-compliance, a CIL ceases to provide IL services, funding allocated for the area served will be made available to an eligible CIL or combination of CILs to continue services in that service area, through a timely request for proposal (RFP) process.

In the event of CIL closure, to ensure the funds remain within the existing network, funds may be equally distributed to the existing CILs as one-time funding until the RFP process for the area directly affected is completed. Distribution of funding in this manner may not exceed a twelve-month period.

Plan/formula for adjusting distribution of funds when cut/reduced.

In the event of reduced funds, a total redistribution of Part B and State funds will be formulated, while maintaining the base level funding established above.

Plan for changes to Center service areas and/or funding levels to accommodate expansion and/or adjustment of the Network.

There have been no changes to CIL service areas and/or funding levels to adjust the network since the last SPIL.

Expansion of the network does not seem likely during the time frame of this SPIL. However, if additional funds become available the SPIL Committee will recommend guidelines for developing proposed scopes of work to expand into unserved areas. The SILC will consider proposed scope of work, finalize and forward to the DSE for implementation of grants to be offered to expand into unserved areas in amounts equal to the established CIL base funding. The five identified regional clusters of counties currently unserved by IL core services, are prioritized below.

1. Salem Region (Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties)
2. South Coast Region (Coos and Curry Counties)
3. Central Willamette Valley/Coast Region (Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties)
4. North Coast Region (Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook)
5. Columbia Gorge Region (Hood River, Sherman and Wasco)

The SILC, in collaboration with SPIL signatories, will review the proposals and recommend awards to the State Contracts Unit, to be awarded in coordination with the DSE.

**Plan for one-time funding and/or temporary changes to Center service areas and/or funding levels.**

One-time or time-limited funds will be distributed to the existing CILs as outlined above as new funding, with the explanation of the time deadlines associated with funding. No first-time grants to establish a CIL will be initiated in an unserved area with one-time or time-limited funds.

Regarding temporary changes to Center service areas, see also “Action/process for distribution of funds relinquished or removed from a Center and/or if a Center closes” above and section 1.5 - Disaster and Emergency Response Services.

CARRYOVER - If any unallocated funds are identified during a fiscal year, they will be distributed in the allocations for the following year.

Table 3.2A - 2021-2023 Annual Funding Distribution Table

CIL	% of Total Funds for Area (= % of State's Disability Population in each Area)	Annual Adequate Funding Level	Total PWD in CIL Service Area	Total PWD to Serve (5%)
Abilitree	5.17%	\$1,158,423	26465	1323
EOCIL	5.47%	\$1,747,812	28001	1400
ILR	36.25%	\$5,799,860	185562	9278
LILA	10.06%	\$1,895,159	51497	2575
SPOKES	2.56%	\$790,055	13105	655
UVdN	4.47%	\$1,084,749	22881	1144
HASL	9.01%	\$1,747,812	46121	2306
Subtotal	73.00%	\$14,223,870	373632	18681
Salem Region	11%	\$1,968,832	54108	2705
S. Coast Region	5%	\$1,084,749	23240	1162
Central Willamette Coast Region	7%	\$1,526,791	37061	1853
N. Coast Region	3%	\$937,402	17045	852
Columbia Gorge Region	1%	\$569,034	6194	310
Subtotal	27%	\$6,086,808	137648	6882
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$20,310,678</b>	<b>511280</b>	<b>25563</b>