

State Plan For Independent Living (SPIL)

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended, Chapter
1, Title VII

Part B - INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

Part C - Centers for Independent
Living

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The mission, goals and objectives of the Oregon 3-year State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) for 2025-2027 are defined in Section 1 of the State Plan. The mission of the Oregon Independent Living (IL) Network during this SPIL period is to empower people in Oregon who experience disabilities to direct their lives, access their communities and fulfill their responsibilities at their desired level of independence.

The SPIL contains the following three goals to achieve progress toward the mission:

- The Oregon IL Network is funded and supported to provide increased IL services to people with disabilities.
- The Oregon IL Network listens and responds to specific consumer needs.

- The Oregon IL Network educates and advocates for the Independent Living Philosophy and services.

Each goal links to objectives as steps toward their achievement, as well as evaluation measures to assess progress toward the IL Network's ultimate mission. References to PPRs in evaluation measures mean Program Performance Reports and their data tables related to Individual Services and to Community Activities. These reports are prepared by the IL Network annually to identify program compliance, achievements and challenges in regard to the SPIL.

The IL Network includes the following partners: 7 Centers for Independent Living (CILs) as outlined in Section 3 - Existing Network, Oregon Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) as outlined in Section 5 - SILC, Oregon Commission for the Blind (OCB), and Department of Human Services - Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) as outlined in Section 4 - Designated State Entity (DSE). The SILC's evaluation plan is identified in Section 1.4 to assess the progress towards the goals within the SPIL. The section describes the use of a SILC SPIL Committee - Evaluation and Monitoring Work Group. In addition to that work group, the SILC annually reviews the Program Performance Reports, consumer satisfaction survey results, and state needs assessment data.

The financial plan for the SPIL is explained in Section 1.5. A financial table defines amounts by source and their usage.

The scope of services provided through this SPIL is identified in Section 2. Table 2.1A Independent Living Services indicates the available services, the funding type "Provided using Part B" or "Provided using other funds" and who the services are "provided by."

Outreach related to underserved and unserved populations or groups, including minority groups in both rural and urban populations, is identified in Section 2.2. Definitions of unserved/underserved are also provided.

IL Network plans for coordination and collaboration with various partners are described in Section

2.3. Through collaborations, Oregon's IL Network is able to maximize working relationships and further accomplish the SPIL's goals and objectives.

The network of Oregon centers for independent living is identified in Section

3. Section 3.1 identifies the network of CILs by name, geographic area/counties served and sources of funding. Section 3.2 outlines plans for CIL funding distribution, expansion of the network, and any adjustments to the network. The funding distribution plan and minimum base funding identified in this section are focused on creating sustainability and supporting capacity building. Currently, the long range service capacity goal is 5% of the disability population in each service area. This section of the SPIL discussed adequate funding levels to achieve that capacity, both in currently served areas and in areas without CIL services.

Besides funding priorities for the 7 existing CILs, priorities for expansion into unserved counties of the state are identified in Section 3.2. Also explained in this section are one-time funding situations, adjustments due to funding reductions, and what happens if an existing CIL ceases to provide IL services.

Table 3.2A identifies the percentage of people with disabilities in each service area, which is the basis for distribution of new funds for CIL services.

Section 4 represents the Designated State Entity's (DSE's) response to their administrative responsibilities related to the SPIL. Oregon's Vocational Rehabilitation program (VR) at the Department of Human Services (DHS) will continue to serve as the DSE. This section also discusses requirements beyond federal law that the State of Oregon establishes for the IL program.

Section 5 provides information about the Oregon Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). Section 5.1 relates to the establishment of the SILC and explains the Council's legal status and how its autonomy is assured. Section 5.2 explains the SILC resource plan, to confirm that the funding is necessary and sufficient to fulfill all duties and authorities. The maintenance of SILC, Section 5.3, provides narratives to address the process used by the State to appoint SILC members who meet the composition requirements in section 705(b) of the Rehabilitation Act.

Section 6 identifies those with responsibilities involved in the SPIL and confirms who is authorized to take actions such as submitting the SPIL, carrying out provisions of the SPIL and the authority the SPIL grants to the State/DSE to administer and operate the IL program.

Section 7 identifies the DSE assurances and articulates the administrative

role and responsibilities of the DSE.

Section 8 provides the SILC Assurances and Indicators of Minimum Compliance, detailing the functions, authorities, and requirements for operating as a SILC.

Section 9 contains the signatures of the SILC Chairperson and at least 51% of the directors of the centers for independent living listed in Section 6.3. These signatures indicate that the Oregon Statewide Independent Living Council and the centers for independent living in the state agree with and intend to fully implement the SPIL's content, and that the SPIL is complete and ready for submission to the federal Administration for Community Living.

Section 1: Mission, Goals, Objectives, and

Activities

1.1 - MISSION

Mission of the Independent Living Network and the SPIL

To empower people in Oregon who experience disabilities to direct their lives, access their communities and fulfill their responsibilities at their desired level of independence.

1.2 - GOALS

Goals of the SPIL

Goal #1: The Oregon IL Network is funded and supported to provide increased IL services to people with disabilities.

Goal #2: The Oregon IL Network listens and responds to specific consumer needs.

Goal #3: The Oregon IL Network educates and advocates for the Independent Living Philosophy and Services.

1.3 - OBJECTIVES

Objectives for the three-year period of the plan – including geographic scope, desired outcomes, target dates, and indicators. Including compatibility with the purpose of Title VII, Chapter 1.

Goal #1: The Oregon IL Network is funded and supported to provide increased IL services to people with disabilities.

Objective #1.1: Objective 1.1 - Funding formula and methodology will be reviewed & updated at least biennially to address service expansion through capacity-building and outreach to underserved & unserved IL consumers.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #1.1.1: Funding formula and methodology are reviewed at least once in the SPIL period. At a minimum, underserved and unserved areas will be reviewed.

Objective #1.2: The IL Network advocates for IL program funding.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #1.2.1: Have identified the advocacy activities conducted in regard to funding, along with outcomes.

Objective #1.3: The IL Network and partners come together to increase resources to better meet the needs of IL consumers.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #1.3.1: Have identified participation in collaborative activities conducted to better meet the needs of people with disabilities, along with outcomes.

Goal #2: The Oregon IL Network listens and responds to specific consumer needs.

Objective #2.1: Consumers will receive IL services to facilitate their independent living goals.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #2.1.1: PPR data will show that 95% of consumer requests statewide (including all types of IL services listed), have been provided/received.

Objective #2.2: Consumers will receive services in response to local, regional, or statewide disasters or other emergencies.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #2.2.1: Have identified activities conducted in response to any

disasters or other emergencies, along with outcomes.

Objective #2.3: Consumer access to health care and to health care workers and personal care workers is improved.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #2.3.1: PPR data over the SPIL period, will show at least 95% of consumers needing access to health care achieved access.

Indicator #2.3.2: PPR data will show at least 2000 hours spent over the term of the SPIL period on community activities, to address access to health care and to health care workers and personal care workers.

Indicator #2.3.3: Have identified advocacy activities related to improving access to health care workers and personal care workers, along with outcomes.

Objective #2.4: The IL Network will advocate with transportation coalitions and partnerships to expand transportation options for people with disabilities.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #2.4.1: PPR data will show at least 800 hours spent over the term of the SPIL period on community activities, to address access to transportation.

Indicator #2.4.2: Have identified outcomes related to hours spent to address access to transportation.

Objective #2.5: The IL Network will advocate with housing coalitions and partnerships to expand access that meets the needs of people with disabilities.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #2.5.1: PPR data will show at least 1,000 hours spent over the term of the SPIL period on community activities, to address access to housing that meets the needs of people with disabilities.

Indicator #2.5.2: Have identified outcomes related to hours spent to address access to housing that meets the needs of people with disabilities.

Goal #3: The Oregon IL Network educates and advocates for the Independent Living Philosophy and Services.

Objective #3.1: The IL Network will educate community partners and funders regarding the value of IL services.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #3.1.1: By the end of year 1, public relations tools will be in place for use by IL program entities. Target date of completion 09/30/2025

Indicator #3.1.2: PPR data will show at least 1900 hours spent over the term of the SPIL period on community activities where education or public information was provided.

Objective #3.2: The IL Network will engage in local and statewide systems advocacy to address issues impacting consumer needs.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #3.2.1: Consumer input regarding needs has been gathered annually and reported to the IL Network to inform systems advocacy.

Indicator #3.2.2: PPR data will show at least 3,000 hours spent over the term of the SPIL period on community activities around systems advocacy on issues beyond health care, transportation, and housing.

Objective #3.3: The IL Network will hold an IL conference at least once in the SPIL period to provide needed training and technical assistance.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #3.3.1: Training and technical assistance event was held.

Objective #3.4: With the support of the IL Network, the Oregon SILC will hold a youth leadership training initiative.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #3.4.1: By the end of the SPIL period, the SILC will have held a youth leadership training initiative.

1.4 - EVALUATION

As referenced in the Section 1.3 above, the SPIL Committee's Evaluation work group has developed evaluation measures for each objective included within the SPIL to evaluate progress towards the goals.

Semi-annually, the SILC collects PPR information for the half year from the 7 CILs, Oregon Commission for the Blind, and itself, along with other data

related to the evaluation measures in the plan. Trends, funding, services, and other demographics are analyzed statewide, along with consumer satisfaction survey results related to objective 2.1 (services to facilitate their independent living goals).

In addition to using the evaluation measures to monitor progress toward objectives, barriers to implementation are evaluated semi-annually - specifically examining the sufficiency of resources needed to accomplish the goals and objectives in the plan, and determining whether changes are feasible that would improve outcomes. Examples of resources examined are:

- Management and planning
- Funding
- Staffing/personnel issues unrelated to funding Partner or consumer participation

1.5 - PART I: FINANCIAL PLAN

Sources, uses of, and efforts to coordinate funding to be used to accomplish the SPIL Goals and Objectives. Process for grants/contracts, selection of grantees, and distribution of funds to facilitate effective operations and provision of services.

Fiscal Year(s): 2025 - 2027

October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027

Sources	Projected Funding Amounts and Uses					
	SILC Resource Plan	IL Services	General CIL Operations	Other SPIL Activities	Retained by DSE for Admin. Costs	TOTAL
Title VII Funds						
Chapter 1, Part B	\$0	\$43508	\$304553	\$0	\$0	\$348061
Chapter 1, Part C	\$0	\$0	\$1094997	\$0		\$1094997
Section Total						\$1443058
Other Federal Funds						

Sources	Projected Funding Amounts and Uses					
Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	\$297387	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$297387
Social Security Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Section Total						\$297387
Non-Federal Funds						
Part B State Match	\$0	\$4834	\$33839	\$0	\$0	\$38673
Other State Match for Funds in SPIL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Funds	\$80000	\$0	\$873286	\$0	\$0	\$953286
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Section Total						\$991959
TOTAL	\$377387	\$48342	\$2306675	\$0	\$0	\$2732404

PART II: FINANCIAL PLANNING NARRATIVE

Sources, uses of, and efforts to coordinate funding to be used to accomplish the SPIL Goals and Objectives. Process for grants/contracts, selection of grantees, and distribution of funds to facilitate effective operations and provision of services.

Description of financial plan narrative.

Oregon receives a total of \$348,060 Federal Part B funds annually and matches that with \$38,673 State funds, for a total of \$386,733.

12.5% of annual Part B funds equals \$48,342 (\$43,508 Federal plus \$4,834 State match) and will be used by Oregon Commission for the Blind to provide IL services specifically to individuals under 55 who are not seeking employment and are legally blind. These services support several of the SPIL's objectives.

Center for Independent Living general operations, which support consumer services and implementation of several SPIL objectives, will be funded annually with:

- 87.5% of the Part B funds totaling \$338,392 (\$304,553 Federal plus \$33,839 State match).
- \$1,094,997 Federal Part C funds.
- \$873,286 unmatched State funds.

The total distributed to CILs by the State from Part B Federal/State match plus unmatched State funds comes to \$1,211,678 annually. Each CIL receives the amount distributed in the prior year unless sources available are reduced or increased. See Section 3.2 for how reductions or increases will be calculated.

The function of the SILC and its role in implementing several of the SPIL objectives will be funded annually with:

- \$297,387 Federal Title 1 Innovation and Expansion funds.
- \$80,000 State funds.

For information about the process for grants/contracts, selection of grantees, and distribution of funds to facilitate effective operation and provisions of services, see Section 4.4 - Grant Process & Distribution of Funds.

Disaster and Emergency Response Services

During and following a disaster or other emergency, Oregon's IL entities expect to play a role in addressing the daunting challenges individuals with disabilities and their families face in such times to maintain their safety, health, independence, and well-being. Oregon's IL entities will

continue working with other disability organizations and FEMA on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Response, to coordinate with them and develop long-term strategies for the IL Network's response to emergencies and disasters.

For these reasons, it is the intent of this plan that, unless specifically prohibited for any funding stream, funding streams identified in the SPIL's financial plan be allowed to be used at the discretion of the recipient in the areas listed below. This includes new emergency response funding that becomes available during the period of the plan.

- Within the entity's assigned service area.

- In a service area assigned to another entity. In such cases the entity(ies) providing the service will be guided by a memorandum of agreement with the CIL assigned to that area. Should the nature of the disaster/emergency prohibit the home CIL from participating in the coordination agreement, the assisting entities will still use a mutual memorandum of agreement to guide/coordinate the response.
- In areas unserved by any CIL. In this case, if multiple IL entities will be responding, a mutual memorandum of agreement between the entities will guide/coordinate the response.
- Use of funds should follow the principles outlined in the Disaster Service Policy issued by ACL in 2018, and other guidance issued at the time of the emergency, with regard to particular funding sources.

It is understood by the DSE that authorizations provided by the Administration for Community Living, in regard to Federal IL program funding, will apply to funding distributed by the DSE through the SPIL to CILs and Oregon Commission for the Blind. For entities that do not receive direct Federal IL program funds, references in the above-mentioned ACL policy will apply to the Designated State Entity.

Section 2: Scope, Extent and Arrangementsof Services

2.1 - SERVICES

Services to be provided to persons with significant disabilities that promote full access to communitylife including geographic scope, determination of eligibility, and statewide reach.

2.1A – Independent Living Services

Core Independent Living Services: Information and referral

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Core Independent Living Services: IL skills training

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Core Independent Living Services: Peer Counseling

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL

Core Independent Living Services: Individual and systems advocacy

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Transition Services: Transition from nursing homes & other institutions

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Transition Services: Transition of youth (who were eligible for an IEP) to post-secondary life

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	No
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL

Services related to securing housing or shelter, including services related to community group living, and supportive of the purposes of this Act and of the titles of this Act, and adaptive housing services (including appropriate accommodations to and modifications of any space used to serve, or occupied by, individuals with disabilities)

Note: CILs are not allowed to own or operate housing.

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL

Rehabilitation technology

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Mobility training

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL

Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Surveys, directories and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation opportunities, and accessible transportation and other support services

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Consumer information programs on rehabilitation and independent living services available under this Act, especially for minorities and other individuals with disabilities who have traditionally been unserved or underserved by programs under this Act

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL

Supported living

Note: CILs are not allowed to own or operate housing.

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Therapeutic treatment

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Individual and group social and recreational services

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Training to develop skills specifically designed for youths who are individuals with significant disabilities to promote self-awareness and esteem, develop advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Services for children

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL

Services under other Federal, State, or local programs designed to provide resources, training, counseling, or other assistance, of substantial benefit in enhancing the independence, productivity, and quality of life of individuals with disabilities

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with disabilities for similar services in the future

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL Other

Such other necessary services as may be necessary and not inconsistent with the Act

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL

2.2 - OUTREACH TO UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

Unserved: Oregon defines unserved as any county disability population where CIL services are not currently funded through a SPIL-directed contract. This means approximately 28% of Oregon's population with disabilities, and 17% of the state's square miles including urban and rural areas are unserved.

In unserved populations, outreach by the SILC will consist of conducting assessments to support the identification of needs for IL services in these areas, to identify statewide advocacy issues for guiding SPIL activities and to recruit SILC members.

The network of CILs will continue to engage in outreach to provide specific services in un-served areas, through contracts/fee-for-service agreements as they are developed.

Outreach will be done through collaboration with established community organizations and programs, including those of minority and ethnic populations within rural and urban areas.

Underserved: Due to inadequate funding, underserved populations exist within all seven funded service areas, including minority and ethnic populations in both urban and rural settings.

Through the SPIL, outreach to underserved populations will be performed through collaboration of the SILC and CILs conducting needs assessments.

In addition, CILs will develop their own targeted outreach plans to their underserved populations.

2.3 - COORDINATION

Plans for coordination of services and cooperation between programs and organizations that support community life for persons with disabilities.

IL Program Partner Collaboration & Coordination:

The SILC's membership structure provides natural opportunities to share information and collaborate between representatives of programs and entities throughout Oregon that serve people with disabilities. In addition, coordination between the SILC, DSE and OCB is achieved through an interagency agreement.

Regularly scheduled meetings of the IL Network partners provide opportunities for communication and coordination of services and activities. Through a collaborative approach we increase the effectiveness of local services, promote inclusion, and minimize the duplication of services. A variety of SPIL objectives are designed to improve collaboration, including:

- CILs, the SILC and partners come together to increase resources to better meet the needs of IL consumers.
- Consumers access to health care, transportation and housing is improved through IL Network participation in partnerships and coalitions.
- Working together to develop a tool for educating community partners about IL culture and service philosophy.
- Engaging in local and statewide systems advocacy to address issues impacting consumer needs. During the SPIL period, the IL Network intends to engage and collaborate with "non-IL" entities including, but not limited to:
 - Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living
 - Basic Rights Oregon and/or other LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit entities Bridges Oregon
 - Committees on Accessible Transportation Department of Corrections
 - Department of Education
 - Oregon Department of Human Services
 - Aging and People with Disabilities Division (APD) Adult Protective Services
 - Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Disability Advisory Councils

- Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Oregon Home Care Commission (OHCC) Oregon Project Independence (OPI) Oregon Disabilities Commission (ODC)
- Office of Developmental Disability Services
- Office of Equity & Multicultural Services (OEMS) State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)
- Vocational Rehabilitation programs including Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) Department of Transportation and Local Transportation Committees
- Department of Veterans' Affairs and Veterans' Service Organizations Disability Emergency Management Advisory Committee (DEMAC) Disability Rights Oregon (DRO)
- Family and Community Together (FACT) Latino specific entities
- Local Area Agencies on Aging
 - Lifelong Housing Project
 - Senior Advisory Councils
- Oregon Association of Higher Education and Disability (ORAHEAD) Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disability (O4AD) Oregon Employment Department - WorkSource
- Oregon Health Authority
 - Behavioral Health Committee
 - Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) - OHA Medicaid Ombudsman Advisory Committee
 - Oregon Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI)
 - Oregon Consumer Advisory Council (OCAC) - OHA mental health
 - Oregon Public Health System
 - Coordinated Care Organizations and their Advisory Councils
- Oregon Consortium of Family Networks
- Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities (OCDD)
- Oregon Housing and Community Services & Local Housing Authorities National Association of Statewide Independent

Living Councils National Council on Independent Living

- Social Security Administration Special Education Service Districts Tribal specific entities
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- University Centers for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)
 - Oregon Office of Disability and Health

Through collaborations, Oregon's IL Network is able to maximize working relationships and further accomplish goals and objectives of the SPIL.

Section 3: Network of Centers

3.1 - EXISTING CENTERS

Current Centers for Independent Living including: legal name, geographic area and counties served, and source(s) of funding. Oversight process, by source of funds, and oversight entity.

OREGON'S NETWORK OF CILS:

Legal name	Counties served	Office locations	Funding source(s)	Oversight process	Oversight entity	SPIL Signatory (yes/no)
Abilitree	Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson	Bend	Part C, Part B, State IL & Other	CIL submits CIL PPR to ACL/*OILP & to DSE	DSE & ACL/OILP	Yes
EOCIL – Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living	Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler	Ontario Branch offices in: Pendleton, LaGrande & Burns.	Part B, State IL & Other	CIL submits ILS PPR to SILC for submission to ACL/OILP and to DSE	DSE	Yes
HASL – Handicap Awareness & Support League, Inc.	Jackson & Josephine	Grants Pass	Part C, Part B, State IL & Other	CIL submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP and to DSE	DSE and ACL/OILP	Yes
ILR – Independent Living	Multnomah, Washington, &	Portland	Part C, Part B, State IL &	CIL submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP	DSE and ACL/OILP	Yes

Legal name	Counties served	Office locations	Funding source(s)	Oversight process	Oversight entity	SPIL Signatory (yes/no)
Resources	Clackamas		Other	and to DSE		
LILA – Lane Independent Living Alliance	Lane	Eugene	Part B, State IL & Other	CIL submits ILS PPR to SILC for submission to ACL/OILP and to DSE	DSE	Yes
SPOKES Unlimited	Klamath & Lake	Klamath Falls	Part C, Part B, State IL & Other	CIL submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP and to DSE	DSE & ACL/OILP	Yes
UVdN – Umpqua Valley disAbilities Network	Douglas	Roseburg	Part C, Part B, State IL & Other	CIL submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP and to DSE	DSE & ACL/OILP	Yes

*OILP is Office of Independent Living Programs within Administration for Community Living.

CIL Network

Explain the criteria for defining the CIL network, bearing in mind that those CILs included in the network should be those eligible to sign the SPIL.

Oregon's Network of CILs consists of seven organizations.

Each Oregon CIL is required to comply with Rehabilitation Act section 725 standards and assurances to be included in the Network of CILs and to be eligible to receive funds for general operations through the Designated State Entity. Oregon CILs meeting those requirements are eligible to sign the SPIL.

Oregon CILs operate, providing core services, with various combinations of the following funding sources including Title VII Part C & Part B funds and State IL General funds as listed above in the table. In addition, CILs may receive the following sources of funding:

1. Other state agency funds, where appropriate - these funds may be provided to CILs for specific services or special projects through contracts with various agencies. For oversight, all recipients of these funds will be directed by the funding agency how to submit any oversight

materials the funder requires.

2. Other public and/or private sources - these may be developed by the CILs or funders and may include fee-for-service funds, grants or contracts, corporate and foundation grants, donations, etc. For oversight, all recipients of these funds will be directed by the funder how to submit any oversight materials the funder requires.

3.2 - 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 the statewide reach of the Network. (Follow the instructions in Title VII, Part C of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.)

Definition of served, unserved, and underserved.

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 Network has agreed upon the following.

The following definitions apply to the Oregon IL Network:

Served - Areas of the state with a CIL funded by the SPIL to provide the core IL services. Unserved - Oregon defines unserved as any county disability population where CIL services are not currently funded through a SPIL-directed contract.

Underserved - Due to inadequate funding, underserved populations exist within all seven funded service areas, including minority and ethnic populations in both urban and rural settings.

Minimum funding level for a Center and formula/plan for distribution of funds to ensure that each Center receives at least the minimum.

The Oregon IL Network has established a minimum base funding level of

\$450,000 for each of the existing seven CILs, including any combination of Part B, Part C or State IL general funds. At the start of this SPIL, October 2024, only one CIL (Independent Living Resources) has received the minimum base funding for more than two consecutive years.

In order to achieve base level funding for all seven CILs, new funding will be distributed in the following manner:

CILs at or above \$450,000 will receive 5% of new funding allocations.

CILs below the \$450,000 base minimum will receive equal distributions of the remaining new funding allocations.

Example - 1 CIL receives 5%, 6 CILs each receive 15.833% = 95%

Priorities for establishment of new CIL(s).

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

Expansion of the network without additional Part C grants does not seem likely during the timeframe of this SPIL.

Historically, the five identified regional clusters of counties currently unserved have been prioritized as 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)

During this SPIL period an examination of the unserved areas, regional clusters and prioritization will be done.

When additional Part B or State IL general funds become available for expansion 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 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.

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 to build capacity of existing CILs and/or expand statewide reach by establishing branch offices and/or satellites of existing CILs.

Sustainable capacity building is a goal of the IL Network. Due to inadequate funding, at this time there are no plans for establishing branch offices and/or satellites of existing CILs during this SPIL period. As mentioned before there will be an examination of capacity and expansion methods during this SPIL period.

Plan/formula for distribution of new funds (Part B, Part C, one-time funds, etc.)

In addition to the minimum base funding level (outlined above), the Oregon CILs have created a funding methodology to determine adequate funds for CILs to serve 5% of the disability population as a target service level. Currently, CILs calculate that \$14,223,870 would provide that capacity in the currently served areas. An additional \$6,086,808 would be needed to provide that capacity in the unserved areas. This creates sustainability and supports capacity building.

Following all CILs receiving base funding, additional new funds (Part B, Part C, one-time funds, etc.) will be distributed using the population percentages unless stipulated through the funding source or otherwise agreed upon by the IL Network. See Table 3.2A below.

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

- If all CILs are above the base funding amount, and base funding can

be maintained, funds will be reduced equally.

- If the base funding cannot be maintained for all CILs, funds will be reduced based on the population percentages in Table 3.2A below.

Plan for changes to Center service areas and/or funding levels to accommodate expansion and/or adjustment of the Network. State the needed change(s) as concretely and succinctly as possible.

We do not anticipate any changes to CIL service areas during this SPIL period. All funding changes are outlined in the sections above.

Temporary Changes (if applicable) Other (if applicable) Not applicable.
Not applicable.

Table 3.2A - Population-based funding distribution

CIL/Service Area	% of Total Funds for Area (= % of State's Disability Population in each Area)*	Total PWD in CIL Service Area
Currently Served Areas		
ABILITREE	5.37%	31,819
EOCIL	5.38%	31,887
HASL	8.51%	50,440
ILR	35.30%	209,197
LILA	10.70%	63,417
SPOKES	2.34%	13,897
UVdN	3.68%	21,827
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>71.28%</i>	<i>422,484</i>
*When only a portion of the state is served – A calculation will be done using the total PWD in the served areas at that time to determine correct percentages		
Currently Unserved Areas		
Salem Region	13.26%	78,585
S. Coast Region	3.35%	19,848
Central Willamette Coast Region	7.25%	42,979
N. Coast Region	3.57%	21,176
Columbia Gorge Region	1.29%	7,645
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>28.72%</i>	<i>170,233</i>
Grand Total	100%	592,717

Section 4: Designated State Entity

Department of Human Services will serve as the entity in Oregon designated to receive, administer, and account for funds made available to the state under Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Act on behalf of the State.

4.1 - DSE RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State under this chapter based on the plan;
- (2) provide administrative support services for a program under Part B, and a program under Part C in a case in which the program is administered by the State under section 723;
- (3) keep such records and afford such access to such records as the Administrator finds to be necessary with respect to the programs;
- (4) submit such additional information or provide such assurances as the Administrator may require with respect to the programs; and
- (5) retain not more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B for the performance of the services outlined in paragraphs (1) through (4).

4.2 - ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING: DSE ASSURANCES

Administrative and staffing support provided by the DSE.

No Part B funds are retained by the DSE for administrative and staffing support, as reflected in section 1.5.

The VR program, which also functions as the DSE, provides staff positions for the SILC as explained in Section 5.2-SILC Resource Plan. The SILC staff are directly paid out of the SILC's Resource Plan. The SILC's Executive Committee selects members of the hiring panel for hiring the SILC's Executive Director and the SILC Chair is responsible for the day-to-day supervision of the Executive Director, as well as conducting regular performance evaluations with regard to their assigned duties.

The SILC Executive Director is supervisor of all other SILC positions, and is responsible for decisions related to hiring, supervision, and termination of these positions, in keeping with State law.

SILC staff participate in trainings and requirements pertaining to State

employees in general but are not directly assigned duties by the VR program. In this plan, the VR program signs agreement to non-interference in SILC personnel actions (see Section 7.4 through 7.6) as well as in the agreement mentioned between the VR program and the SILC in Section 5.2.

4.3 - STATE-IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS

State-imposed requirements contained in the provisions of this SPIL including:

- State law, regulation, rule, or policy relating to the DSE's administration, funding, or operation of IL programs and/or establishment, funding, and operations of the SILC
- Rule or policy implementing any Federal law, regulation, or guideline that is beyond what would be required to comply with 45 CFR 1329
- That limits, expands, or alters requirements for the SPIL

The State sets standards for Independent Living Service Providers in Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 582, Division 085-0005. The nature of these standards in no way impacts the SILC's autonomy in fulfilling its duties, authorities and responsibilities.

(1) Providers must satisfy the following requirements to receive funds allocated under Section 713(1) of the federal Rehabilitation Act:

- (a) Approval of the State Independent Living Council for the specific funds provided; and
- (b) Satisfy all applicable state licensure or certification requirements for the specific services funded; and either
- (c) Satisfy the requirements of Section 702 of the federal Rehabilitation Act to qualify as a "Center for Independent Living"; or
- (d) Qualify for and be placed on the OVRS Approved Vendor List for the specific services funded.

(2) Providers must satisfy the following requirements to receive funds allocated under Section 713(3) of the federal Rehabilitation Act:

- (a) Approval of the State Independent Living Council for the specific funds provided; and
- (b) Satisfy the requirements of Sections 702 and 725 of the federal Rehabilitation Act concerning Centers for Independent Living as well as Standards and Assurances.

4.4 - GRANT PROCESS & DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Grant processes, policies, and procedures to be followed by the DSE in the awarding of grants of Part B funds.

Instructions: Describe the processes, policies, and procedures to be followed by the DSE in the awarding of grants of Part B funds including: (all of the following are required)

The DSE will apply Federal Uniform Code and State of Oregon contracting policies to all agreements initiated with recipients.

Continuation awards for CILs will be executed by the DSE, as directed in SPIL Section 3.2.

The DSE will distribute 12.5% of the Part B Federal Award amount annually to Oregon Commission for the Blind, via an interagency agreement. Since the Commission's State match for Federal Part B funds come directly from the Commission's resources, the DSE will verify the amount of State match spent by the Commission.

Development of format for proposals

Process for reviewing proposals and who reviewers will be

When SPIL Section 3.2 indicates that an award should be granted to a new entity through a competitive process, the DSE will review the following with representatives of the SILC and a CIL representative to ensure consistency with the SPIL before initiating a solicitation:

- solicitation content, timelines, and announcements
- proposal evaluation and selection processes
- scope of work

Should one-time Part B funds be awarded to Oregon with specific use requirements (not for general operations), the DSE will seek advice from the IL Network (SILC, CILs & OCB) as to how the funds should be distributed. For example, this allows such funds to be used exclusively for non-federally funded CILs in cases where federally funded CILs receive funds dedicated for the same purpose directly.

Process for evaluating performance and compliance of grantees

For evaluation/compliance of awards to recipients of general operation funds (continuation or new) see section 4.5. For funds awarded for other purposes, the DSE will suggest evaluation/compliance processes and seek

input from the IL Network before contracts are finalized.

4.5 - OVERSIGHT PROCESS FOR PART B FUNDS

The oversight process to be followed by the DSE.

The DSE will review mid-year Section 725 compliance reports and annual Program Performance Reports, as contract deliverables.

Each year of the SPIL, the DSE and Oregon Centers for Independent Living will mutually identify at least one different Oregon CIL to review and the DSE will collaborate with CILs to include a peer review process to monitor compliance with financial and Section 725 requirements.

The DSE will notify the SILC following the conclusion of the monitoring process, indicating whether the CIL's eligibility to receive SPIL funding remains in effect.

4.6 - 722 VS. 723 STATE

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Section 5: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

5.1 - ESTABLISHMENT OF SILC

How the SILC is established and SILC autonomy is assured.

The SILC is established by Executive Order of the Governor (EO-94-12) as a separate governmental entity, independent of any State agency. As a government entity, the SILC is responsible to adhere to general administrative policies that are legal requirements of all Oregon government entities.

After extensive research by the Oregon Department of Justice, it was determined that the Oregon Constitution conflicted with the SILC operating as a private nonprofit. Regional staff of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (the Federal authority for the IL program at the time), examined the relationship established to provide the SILC with a fiscal agent - the Vocational Rehabilitation Program (VR) at the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) - that has appropriate Legislative authorities for expenditures and contracting on the SILC's behalf, and determined that this arrangement provided the SILC with the level of

independence intended by the Rehabilitation Act.

Autonomy is assured through an intergovernmental agreement that was developed to formalize the SILC's relationship with ODHS and the VR program. The agreement outlines the use of office space and services to support the partnership and protect the independence of the SILC.

In addition, the Council operates according to member-approved bylaws, policies, and procedures.

5.2 - SILC RESOURCE PLAN

Resources (including necessary and sufficient funding, staff/administrative support, and in-kind), by funding source and amount, for SILC to fulfill all duties and authorities.

Funding sources may include “Innovation and Expansion (I&E) funds authorized by 29 U.S.C. 721(a)(18); Independent Living Part B funds; State matching funds; [state allotments of Vocational Rehabilitation funding;] other public funds (such as Social Security reimbursement funds); and private sources.”

Over the course of the SPIL period, the SILC intends to implement all of its authorities in support of the objectives called out in the SPIL. This includes:

- Working with CILs to improve coordination with other entities.
 - Conducting resource development activities to support SILC function and independent living services.
 - Educating and advocating regarding the needs of Oregonians with disabilities and the impacts program and policy decisions have on them.
 - \$1,800 per year contributed by OCB from Title I Innovation & Expansion funds
- The annual Resource Plan will consist of the following funding sources:
- \$80,000 per year contributed by VR from the State General Fund*
 - \$295,587 per year contributed by VR from Title I Innovation & Expansion funds*

*Actual distribution of Title I and State General Funds may increase from

year to year depending on such things as changes in the size of the SILC's membership and subcommittees or staffing needs.

The SILC Resource Plan includes budgeted resources for:

- Council and Committee Support which is broken down for:
 - Quarterly Meeting Costs, Reimbursements and Compensation of Members
 - Conferences and Training for Members
 - Committee Meeting Costs, Reimbursements and Compensation of Members
- State Plan Objective Resources which is broken down for:
 - Needs Assessment
 - General Education and Advocacy
 - A Statewide Independent Living Conference
 - Partner Education and Outreach
 - Youth Initiative Support
 - Miscellaneous SPIL Expenses
 - Travel Reimbursements for CIL visits
- Administrative Costs
 - Equipment and Supplies
 - General Expenses
 - Salary and Benefits
 - Conferences & Training for Staff
- Contingency Expenses

The Resource Plan provides support necessary for SPIL development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, as well as activities authorized in section 705(c) of the Rehabilitation Act, including the use of consultants or qualified experts when identified as necessary by the SPIL Committee and approved by the SILC.

The Oregon SILC has requested that the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program provide three staff positions, which are funded by Title I Innovation and Expansion (I&E) funds and matching State funds. A written agreement between the SILC and VR assigns the staff to the SILC and outlines the roles of each party, giving each appropriate levels of autonomy in keeping with Federal and State law and personnel policies. This includes acknowledging the SILC's authority to supervise and evaluate its staff in terms of SILC duties and prevents the DSE/VR from

assigning duties to staff. The DSE/VR and State Human Resource specialists would be responsible to assist with resolution, guided by State personnel policies, should the SILC indicate the current staff arrangement no longer meets its needs.

Beyond the agreement of the VR program to allocate Title I I&E funds for the SILC Resource Plan, the VR program/Department of Human Services has agreed to supply in-kind resources to the SILC as part of the mutually developed co-housing agreement. These include office space and standard workspace furnishings (desks, filing cabinets, shelves); networked workstation computers; standard software; IT, internet, e-mail and Web page services and support; copiers; printers; general office supplies (copier paper, mailroom/postage services); phones and fax equipment and support; janitorial services; and access to the Department's publication design services.

The DSE/VR will also provide accounting services associated with its duties as fiscal agent for the State's Title VII, Chapter 1 program and Attorney General services needed by the SILC. The SILC will use its Resource Plan to supply all specialized supplies, services, and equipment not provided through its co-housing arrangement.

SILC staff positions consist of a full time Executive Director, a full time Operations Coordinator, and a full time Administrative Assistant.

Process used to develop the Resource Plan.

The SILC has delegated to its Executive Director the responsibility to oversee development of a draft budget, including the Resource Plan for conducting Rehabilitation Act section 705 activities. The Executive Director and SILC Chairperson take the lead in negotiating the individual resources contributed by various entities, including the DSE. The full Council provides input, reviews the draft, and ultimately approves the final budget. The SILC's Executive Director is granted authority by the Council to approve day to day Resource Plan expenditures, in keeping with the Code of Federal Regulations, the Rehabilitation Act, 2 CFR 200 Office of Management and Budget Guidance, and the approved SILC budget.

Process for disbursement of funds to facilitate effective operations of SILC.

The Designated State Entity receives, disburses, and accounts for Resource Plan funds and expenditures, on behalf of the SILC, through the

State Financial Management System.

The SILC's annual allocations from various funding sources are identified in the SPIL. SILC staff are trained in processes to code and process payment of expenses against the allocated resources. These are paid on an ongoing basis, as they are requested, using the same expense payment processes as for the VR program/DSE. This allows for timely turnaround. Payroll is automated and paid out on the same monthly schedule as all State employees.

SILC staff are trained to pull expense reports from the State system used by the DSE. This allows the SILC to run monthly reconciliations and request correction of any errors impacting its Resource Plan.

Besides accounting for the SILC's Resource Plan allocations, done by the DSE, expenditures are subject to audits conducted by the Oregon Secretary of State as well as internal Department of Human Services auditors.

An interagency agreement with the Department of Human Services and its VR program specifies that the Department and VR program will not interfere with the SILC's Resource Plan. The agreement also identifies the SILC as independent from the Department and the VR program.

Justification if more than 30% of the Part B appropriation is to be used for the SILC Resource Plan.

Not applicable.

5.3 - MAINTENANCE OF SILC

How State will maintain the SILC over the course of the SPIL.

Instructions: Describe the process used by the State to appoint members to the SILC who meet the composition requirements in section 705(b). Indicate who appoints members to the SILC, how the State ensures that the SILC composition and qualification requirements are met, how the chair is selected, how term limits are maintained, and how SILC vacancies are filled. Describe how the specific SILC-staffing requirements listed in the SPIL Instrument will be addressed. Concisely describe or cite relevant written policies, procedures, by-laws, technical assistance, and monitoring activities, or other practices.

The Governor appoints the members of the SILC. Before making

appointments, the Governor shares applications with the SILC for vetting and recommendation regarding the individual's qualifications and fit in terms of the SILC's composition.

The SILC maintains a matrix comparing council demographics with Oregon's population demographics, to inform decisions regarding composition. The matrix is also used to monitor term limits, as a backup to the Governor's process. The SILC would notify the Governor's office of an expired term if needed.

Vacancies are filled either through SILC recruitment efforts or as individuals apply on their own. SILC policies and procedures provide guidance for conducting recruitment, and identify entities, including CILs, to reach out to for creating a diverse membership.

The SILC's bylaws, policies and procedures align with federal requirements for member composition.

The Council members elect the Council chairperson.

See section 4.2 for information about SILC staffing requirements.

Section 6: Legal Basis & Certifications

6.1 - DESIGNATED STATE ENTITY

The state entity/agency designated to receive and distribute funding, as directed by the SPIL, under Title VII, Part B of the Act is Department of Human Services.

Authorized representative of the DSE Keith Ozols.

Title: Vocational Rehabilitation Director.

6.2 - STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) that meets the requirements of section 705 of the Act and is authorized to perform the functions outlined in section 705(c) of the Act in the State is Oregon Statewide Independent Living Council.

6.3 - CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CILS)

The Centers for Independent Living (CILs) eligible to sign the SPIL, a

minimum of 51% whom must sign prior to submission, are:

Abilitree

Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living

Handicap Awareness & Support League

Independent Living Resources

Lane Independent Living Alliance

SPOKES Unlimited

Umpqua Valley disAbilities Network

6.4 - AUTHORIZATIONS

6.4.A

The SILC is authorized to submit the SPIL to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living. Yes

6.4.B

The SILC and CILs may legally carryout each provision of the SPIL. Yes

6.4.C

State/DSE operation and administration of the program is authorized by the SPIL. Yes

Section 7: DSE Assurances

Keith Ozols acting on behalf of the DSE Department of Human Services
located at: Street: 500 Summer St NE, E-87

City: Salem State: OR

Zip Code: 97301

7.1

The DSE acknowledges its role on behalf of the State, as the fiscal intermediary to receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State to support Independent Living Services in the State based on the plan;

7.2

The DSE will assure that the agency keeps appropriate records, in accordance with federal and state law, and provides access to records by the federal funding agency upon request;

7.3

The DSE will not retain more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B for administrative expenses;

7.4

The DSE assures that the SILC is established as an autonomous entity within the State as required in 45 CFR 1329.14;

7.5

The DSE will not interfere with the business or operations of the SILC that include but are not limited to:

- 1.Expenditure of federal funds
- 2.Meeting schedules and agendas
- 3.SILC board business
- 4.Voting actions of the SILC board
- 5.Personnel actions
- 6.Allowable travel
- 7.Trainings

7.6

The DSE will abide by SILC determination of whether the SILC wants to utilize DSE staff:

1. If the SILC informs the DSE that the SILC wants to utilize DSE staff, the DSE assures that management of such staff with regard to activities and functions performed for the SILC is the sole responsibility of the SILC in accordance with Sec. 705(e)(3) of the Act (Sec. 705(e)(3), 29 U.S.C.796d(e)(3)).

7.7

The DSE will fully cooperate with the SILC in the nomination and appointment process for the SILC in the State;

7.8

The DSE shall make timely and prompt payments to Part B funded SILCs and CILs:

1. When the reimbursement method is used, the DSE must make a payment within 30 calendar days after receipt of the billing, unless the agency or pass-through entity reasonably believes the request to be improper;
2. When necessary, the DSE will advance payments to Part B funded SILCs and CILs to cover its estimated disbursement needs for an initial period generally geared to the mutually agreed upon disbursing cycle; and
3. The DSE will accept requests for advance payments and reimbursements at least monthly when electronic fund transfers are not used, and as often as necessary when electronic fund transfers are used, in accordance with the provisions of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693-1693r).

DSE SIGNATURE

The signature below indicates this entity/agency's agreement to: serve as the DSE and fulfill all the responsibilities in Sec. 704(c) of the Act; affirm the State will comply with the aforementioned assurances during the three-year period of this SPIL; and develop, with the SILC, and ensure that the SILC resource plan is necessary and sufficient (in compliance with section 8, indicator (6) below) for the SILC to fulfill its statutory duties and authorities under Sec. 705(c) of the Act, consistent with the approved SPIL.

Name of DSE Director/Authorized Representative: Keith Ozols

Title of DSE Director/Authorized Representative: VR Director

Electronic Signature Date: 04/25/2024

I understand that this constitutes a legal signature

Section 8: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Assurances and Indicators of Minimum Compliance

8.1 - SILC ASSURANCES

Corinne Vieville acting on behalf of the SILC Oregon Statewide Independent Living Council located at:

Street: 500 Summer St NE, E-87 City: Salem

State: OR

Zip Code: 97301

45 CFR 1329.14 assures that:

- (1) The SILC regularly (not less than annually) provides the appointing authority recommendations for eligible appointments;
- (2) The SILC is composed of the requisite members set forth in the Act;
- (3) The SILC terms of appointment adhere to the Act;
- (4) The SILC is not established as an entity within a State agency in accordance with 45 CFR Sec. 1329.14(b);
- (5) The SILC will make the determination of whether it wants to utilize DSE staff to carry out the functions of the SILC;
 - a. The SILC must inform the DSE if it chooses to utilize DSE staff;
 - b. The SILC assumes management and responsibility of such staff with regard to activities and functions performed for the SILC in accordance with the Act.
- (6) The SILC shall ensure all program activities are accessible to people with disabilities;
- (7) The State Plan shall provide assurances that the designated State entity, any other agency, office, or entity of the State will not interfere with operations of the SILC, except as provided by law and regulation and;
- (8) The SILC actively consults with unserved and underserved populations in urban and rural areas that include, indigenous populations as appropriate for State Plan development as described in Sec. 713(b)(7) the Act regarding Authorized Uses of Funds.

8.2 - INDICATORS OF MINIMUM COMPLIANCE

Indicators of minimum compliance for Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILC) as required by the Rehabilitation Act (Section 706(b), 29 U.S.C. Sec 796d-1(b)), as amended and supported by 45 CFR 1329.14-1329.16; and Assurances for Designated State Entities (DSE) as permitted by Section 704(c)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. Sec. 796c(c)(4)), as amended.

- (a) STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL INDICATORS -
 - (1) SILC written policies and procedures must include:
 - a. A method for recruiting members, reviewing applications, and regularly providing recommendations for eligible appointments to the appointing authority;
 - b. A method for identifying and resolving actual or potential

disputes and conflicts of interest that are in compliance with State and federal law;

- c. A process to hold public meetings and meet regularly as prescribed in 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(3);
 - d. A process and timelines for advance notice to the public of SILC meetings in compliance with State and federal law and 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(3);
 - e. A process and timelines for advance notice to the public of SILC meetings in compliance with State and federal law and 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(3);
 - i. "Executive Session" meetings should be rare and only take place to discuss confidential SILC issues such as but not limited to staffing.
 - f. Agendas for "Executive Session" meetings must be made available to the public, although personal identifiable information regarding SILC staff shall not be included;
 - g. A process and timelines for the public to request reasonable accommodations to participate during a public Council meeting;
 - h. A method for developing, seeking and incorporating public input into, monitoring, reviewing and evaluating implementation of the State Plan as required in 45 CFR 1329.17; and
 - i. A process to verify centers for independent living are eligible to sign the State Plan in compliance with 45 CFR 1329.17(d)(2)(iii).
- (2) The SILC maintains regular communication with the appointing authority to ensure efficiency and timeliness of the appointment process.
- (3) The SILC maintains individual training plans for members that adhere to the SILC Training and Technical Assistance Center's SILC training curriculum.
- (4) The SILC receives public input into the development of the State Plan for Independent Living in accordance with 45 CFR 1329.17(f) ensuring:
- a. Adequate documentation of the State Plan development process, including but not limited to a written process setting forth how input will be gathered from the state's centers for independent living and individuals with disabilities throughout the state, and the process for how the information collected is considered.
 - b. All meetings regarding State Plan development and review are open to the public and provides advance notice of such meetings in accordance with existing State and

- federal laws and 45 CFR 1329.17(f)(2)(i)-(ii);
 - c. Meetings seeking public input regarding the State Plan provides advance notice of such meetings in accordance with existing State and federal laws, and 45 CFR 1329.17(f)(2)(i);
 - d. Public meeting locations, where public input is being taken, are accessible to all people with disabilities, including, but not limited to:
 - i. proximity to public transportation,
 - ii. physical accessibility, and
 - iii. effective communication and accommodations that include auxiliary aids and services, necessary to make the meeting accessible to all people with disabilities.
 - e. Materials available electronically must be 508 compliant and, upon request, available in alternative and accessible format including other commonly spoken languages.
- (5) The SILC monitors, reviews and evaluates the State Plan in accordance with 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(2) ensuring:
- a. Timely identification of revisions needed due to any material change in State law, state organization, policy or agency operations that affect the administration of the State Plan approved by the Administration for Community Living.
- (6) The SILC State Plan resource plan includes:
- a. Sufficient funds received from:
 - i. Title VII, Part B funds;
 - 1. If the resource plan includes Title VII, Part B funds, the State Plan provides justification of the percentage of Part B funds to be used if the percentage exceeds 30 percent of Title VII, Part B funds received by the State;
 - ii. Funds for innovation and expansion activities under Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 721(a)(18), as applicable;
 - iii. Other public and private sources.
 - b. The funds needed to support:
 - i. Staff/personnel;
 - ii. Operating expenses;
 - iii. Council compensation and expenses;
 - iv. Meeting expenses including meeting space, alternate

- formats, interpreters, and other accommodations;
- v. Resources to attend and/or secure training and conferences for staff and council members and;
- vi. Other costs as appropriate.

SILC SIGNATURE

The signature below indicates the SILC's agreement to comply with the aforementioned assurances and indicators:

Name of SILC Chair Corinne Vieville

Electronic Signature Date: 04/18/2024

I understand that this constitutes a legal signature

Section 9: Signatures

The signatures below are of the SILC chairperson and at least 51 percent of the directors of the centers for independent living listed in section 6.3. These signatures indicate that the Oregon Statewide Independent Living Council and the centers for independent living in the state agree with and intend to fully implement this SPIL's content. These signatures also indicate that this SPIL is complete and ready for submission to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The effective date of this SPIL is 10/01/2024

SILC SIGNATURE

Corinne Vieville Name of SILC Chair: Corinne Vieville

Electronic Signature Date: 04/18/2024

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CIL SIGNATURES

Name of Center for Independent Living: Abilitree

Name of CIL Director: Travis Forrest

Electronic Signature Date: 05/02/2024

Name of Center for Independent Living: Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living

Name of CIL Director: W. Kirt Toombs

Electronic Signature Date: 10/18/2024

Name of Center for Independent Living: Handicap Awareness & Support League

Name of CIL Director: Cheryl O'Brien

Electronic Signature Date: 04/25/2024

Name of Center for Independent Living: Independent Living Resources

Name of CIL Director: Barry Fox-Quamme

Electronic Signature Date: 10/18/2024

Name of Center for Independent Living: Lane Independent Living Alliance

Name of CIL Director: Sheila Thomas

Electronic Signature Date: 04/18/2024

Name of Center for Independent Living: SPOKES Unlimited

Name of CIL Director: Curtis Raines

Electronic Signature Date: 04/25/2024

Name of Center for Independent Living : Umpqua Valley disAbilities Network

Name of CIL Director: Matthew Droscher

Electronic Signature Date: 04/25/2024

Review Status: Approved