

NARRATIVE INFORMATION – DA 400
Division of the Budget
State of Kansas

AGENCY NAME: Social and Rehabilitation Services
PROGRAM TITLE: Integrated Service Delivery
SUBPROGRAM TITLE: Rehabilitation Services Independent Living

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION - Rehabilitation Services Independent Living – 26500 (STARS 27930)

Program Overview: Rehabilitation Services Independent Living Program in partnership with the Statewide Independent Living Council develops the Statewide Plan for Independent Living with consumer input across the state. On a local level, Centers for Independent Living develop and provide services to individuals, without regard to their specific disability, at the direction of a consumer controlled board. Centers work to advocate for consumers and to build a system that fosters inclusion in all aspects of community life, teach basic living skills, and work with consumers on employment goals. All centers work to provide the four core services: Information and Referral, Independent Living Skills Training, Peer Counseling and Advocacy, as well as a fifth service, Deinstitutionalization. Many centers also provide additional Independent Living services as allowed by the Rehabilitation Act. Deinstitutionalization, provision of assistive technology, home/vehicle/workplace modifications, and assistive devices are cost-effective methods of assisting people with disabilities in living independently. The need for services is evidenced by the number of people requesting services from the 12 centers funded in Kansas; as well as the growing population of individuals eligible for services.

A total of \$564,280 in economic stimulus funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 has been allocated to the Kansas Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program for Independent Living. Expected public benefits from these funds include improved and expanded provision of independent living services, especially to populations that are currently unserved or underserved.

Object Code 5200: Contractual Services

Summary: Contractual Services are used to purchase assistive technology services and quality reviews. The University of Kansas Center for Research Inc. provides for direct services with no overhead to purchase the most frequently utilized basic independent living aids for people who are blind or visually impaired. This was to assure easy, consistent access to these basic tools and to cover the cost of postage to deliver the aids.

Current Year FY 2011: \$10,000 – This request is unchanged from FY 2010.

Allocated Budget FY 2012: \$10,000 - This request is unchanged from FY 2011.

Object Code 5500: Grants and Assistance

Centers utilize Independent Living funding to provide services to consumers such as Information and Referral, developing Independent Living plans, teaching independent living skills, and advocate for inclusion of individuals with disabilities. Special project grants are also available to increase capacity for independent living in Kansas.

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Funds are provided to the Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas (SILCK) to coordinate inputs for the state plan and oversee the outcomes of the state plan.

Independent Living (IL) ARRA funding is being used to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and the integration and the full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream American society, by providing financial assistance for providing, expanding and improving the provision of independent living services. These are shown in the table below as IL Special Projects.

Independent Living Older Blind ARRA and regular funding is being used to fund performance based contracts to provide services previously provided by staff of the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. These are shown in the table below as Blind and Visually Impaired (BVI) Capacity Building.

Current Year FY 2011: \$2,591,208 - The request is a decrease of \$63,822 from FY 2010. This includes an increase of \$853,667 for BVI Capacity Building grants, a reduction in Base Grants of \$602,601, and discontinuation of Special Projects funded with ARRA funding of \$314,888. Of the reduction in Base Grants, \$331,453 is a one-time reduction related to shifting these grants from a federal fiscal year to a state fiscal year funding cycle.

Item	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Current Year	FY 2012 Allocated Budget	Enhancement Restore Funding for Centers for Independent Living	Resulting FY 2012 Budget
IL Network Funding					
Base Grants	\$2,024,146	\$1,418,547	\$1,750,000	\$321,956	\$2,071,956
Capacity Building	\$169,258	\$172,256	\$169,256		\$169,256
IL SILCK Operations	\$146,738	\$146,738	\$146,738		\$146,738
IL Special Projects	\$314,888				\$0
BVI Capacity Building	\$0	\$853,667	\$76,726		\$76,726
Total	\$2,655,030	\$2,591,208	\$2,142,720	\$321,956	\$2,464,676
Funding					
SGF - VR Aid & Assistance	\$1,653,373	\$1,111,627	\$1,365,085	\$321,956	\$1,687,041
Fee Funds	\$567,823	\$424,188	\$424,188		\$424,188
Federal Funds	\$150,434	\$734,025	\$353,447		\$353,447
ARRA Funds	\$283,400	\$321,368	\$0		\$0
Total	\$2,655,030	\$2,591,208	\$2,142,720	\$321,956	\$2,464,676

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Allocated Budget FY 2012: \$2,142,720 – (\$2,464,676 with enhancement, see Supplementals/Enhancements section for details) The request is a decrease of \$448,488 from FY 2011. The enhancement is being requested to restore funding for the Centers for Independent Living previously cut from the program.