



The Department of Developmental Services awarded San Gabriel /Pomona Regional Center the following projects as part of the Community Resource Development Plan for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) for Children

SG/PRC was awarded \$250,000 for the selection of a provider to operate an EBSH for children. Based on our needs survey and internal information, there is a need to provide specialized residential services to children who have behavioral challenges. There are children at our regional center who have some significant behavioral challenges, and who are in large temporary housing facilities that are overseen by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). These temporary shelters are not optimum places for these children and they are not permanent places where they can receive needed services. In addition, most providers through DCFS lack the knowledge and expertise needed to provide quality services to the children with ID/DD. This is a unique need in our area. We currently do not have sufficient capacity in our area to address this need. This proposal will allow for the selection of a residential service provider to develop services in an EBSH that could serve as a permanent home for these children and provide specialized services that each child would need. Trauma Informed Care (TIC) and behavioral intervention by a BCBA are two such services. The property for this home has been selected and will be owned by a Housing Developer and the State of California.

Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) for adults with a Forensic background

SG/PRC was awarded \$250,000 for the selection of a provider to operate an EBSH for adults with a forensic background. Based on our needs survey and internal information, there is a need to provide specialized residential services to individuals who have a current or past forensic background. These individuals may have been incarcerated at the county, city or state level. Offenses, though, cannot include sexual abuse to children (Pedophilia). This is a unique need in our area. We currently do not have sufficient capacity in our area to address this need. This proposal will allow for the selection of a residential service provider to develop services in an EBSH that could serve as a permanent home for these adults and provide specialized services that they would need. Trauma Informed Care (TIC), Mental Health counseling, and behavioral intervention by a BCBA are three such services. The property for this home is in

currently in search, but will be owned by a Housing Developer and the State of California.

Social Connection Workshop Series for Teens.

SG/PRC was awarded \$70,000 for the selection of a provider who can develop a social connection workshop series for teens ages 13 to 17. Social connection is known to improve physical health and mental and emotional well-being. Thus it is important for teens with developmental disabilities so that they can live a satisfying life. In addition, making connections with others is vital to their social growth. To increase social connections, these teens need to have social skills and opportunities to make these connections. Some of our teens have limited opportunities to socialize and make connections. Lastly, we have had so many situations where teens with developmental disabilities are bullied in school-- some with fatal outcomes. This series would include a discussion on bullying. This proposal is to

develop a workshop series covering various topics that will improve social skills and assist these teens in enhancing social connectedness and learn to cope through being bullied. Through learning social skills, these teens can learn how to maintain relationships with family and friends. The workshops will also build their skills to become active members of their communities .

These workshops can explore topics such as: positive body image, conflict resolution, problem solving, dating/relationships, safe social media usage, self advocacy, boundary setting, self regulation, building /maintaining relationships ,and bullying. There will also be parent component

Housing Readiness Tool

SG/PRC was awarded \$150,000 for the selection of a provider who can develop a tool for "housing readiness." The tool would be intuitive, simple, in plain language, translated into threshold languages and used to assist individuals and families to do the following: assess their housing readiness and identify potential generic housing resources (vouchered programs and the like); assess if the individuals are lease ready (important for landlords and housing agencies); and identify areas that may need to get in order to qualify for housing resources. This would be available for individuals served by all 7 Los Angeles County Regional Centers. It would need to generate a report that could be used by the individual and their family, for housing supports, Supported Living, Independent Living, Coordinated Family Support, and/or SC to assist someone in pursuing their housing goal, whether short term or long term. For the LA County RCs the data could be used with the individuals' permission to work with our county and

local housing authorities to identify the needs as a county and individual RCs. The tool could also be used to apply for future CPP/CRDP or other funding and potentially be adapted for other RCs statewide.

Generator for an existing EBSH for Children

SG/PRC was awarded \$17,077 to support an existing Enhanced Behavioral Support Home for Children, to purchase a new generator for the home. The generator will serve as a backup supply of electricity should the power go out. It will serve as an alternative source of electricity to power this children's home.