



# INLAND REGIONAL CENTER

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

March 25, 2024

To All Interested and Qualified Parties:

Inland Regional Center (IRC) is conducting a Request for Proposal (RFP) to award CPP/CRDP Start Up Funds, to qualified Service Providers. The awardee(s) ultimately selected must embrace IRC's core values of independence, inclusion, and empowerment. CPP and CRDP are designed to assist regional centers to provide the necessary supports and services for individuals with challenging service needs.

The current funding available are for the following:

- A. Development of an Inclusive Survey for Deaf plus IRC consumers:
  - i. Funding to create an inclusive and accessible survey to further ensure IRC's commitment to identify service options for IRC consumers within the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) and Deaf Plus population.
  
- B. Enhanced Behavioral Support Home for Adults:
  - i. Funding for a service provider to take over operations of a currently open and occupied EBSH residential facility in Hemet, CA.

IRC strongly encourages all interested and qualified parties to submit a proposal in response to the items included in this RFP. IRC is looking forward to a collaborative relationship with vendors who will provide creative and innovative services. IRC reserves the right to suspend or defer the development of these projects based upon funding availability, suitability or proposals received. Please refer to the RFP Guidelines for submission requirements.

All proposals will only be accepted through our website **and must be submitted no later than 12pm on Thursday April 25, 2024.**

For Development of an Inclusive Survey for Deaf plus IRC consumers

<https://inlandrc.seamlessdocs.com/f/RFP2324PJ7>

For Enhanced Behavioral Support Home for Adults:

<https://inlandrc.seamlessdocs.com/f/RFP2324PJ8PJ10>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ryan Hall via e-mail, [Rhall@inlandrc.org](mailto:Rhall@inlandrc.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryan Hall".

Ryan Hall  
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**FY2023-2024**

## **Service Provider Request for Proposal (RFP)**

**FY2023-2024 Project #7:** Development of an Inclusive Survey for Deaf plus IRC consumers

**GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:** TBD

**CONTRACT AWARD AMOUNT:** Startup funding UP TO \$300,000

**SERVICE DESCRIPTION:** Funding to collaborate with multiple regional centers (IRC, RCOC, NLARC & ELARC) to assist in creating a more inclusive survey which could potentially be used statewide to identify service options for RC consumers within the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) and Deaf Plus population. Applicants will utilize a certified interpreter team (Tri Ling/CDI/CART) to hold eight (8) 2-hour focus groups with Regional Center consumers, gather and analyze data, and create an inclusive survey process. In addition, the awardee will also meet with some individuals in their residence, or a neutral place of their choosing should a group setting not be preferred. The purpose of this service is to get inclusive statistics for the Deaf plus community, as the NCI survey has not been successful for these individuals. Funding will also provide focus group attendees with a gift card incentive for IRC consumers and their support staff to attend a session. The focal point will be on meeting the needs of IRC's Deaf plus community.

Applicants/Entity submitting proposal must have the following qualifications:

- Entity to be owned by an individual that is part of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Community(preferred)
- Completion of Self-Advocacy Training or Person-Centered Planning
- Education/Training in American Sign Language and Deaf Culture
- The vendor must have licensed individual(s) or master's degree graduates with a focus on creating and conducting surveys or analyzing data and statistics from polls or questionnaires
- An employee surveyor must possess a bachelor's degree in any human services field like social work, psychology, sociology, education or special education, chemical dependence administration, rehabilitation counseling, criminal justice, and other relevant human services degrees
- A bachelor's degree can be substituted with two to three years' work experience subject to the review and approval of a vrending regional center
- An employee surveyor must be fluent in ASL and have knowledge and work experience relating to Deaf Plus culture
- All surveyors must meet the additional qualifications listed below

- i. Must have at least one year experience in working with persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- ii. Experience working with Deaf or HOH individuals with developmental disabilities is preferred but not required
- iii. Experience conducting surveys, research and or analyzing data
- iv. Demonstrate familiarity with one or more standardized research survey's used widely to assess Regional Center experiences (e.g., NCI )
  - Any Current Regional Center Vendored Service Providers:
    - i. Current vendorization(s) must be in compliance with proper insurance(s), business licenses and other professional licenses pertaining to vendorization or repayment of any funds
    - ii. Current vendorization(s) must not be on a Plan of Correction, Corrective Action Plan or have any substantiated Health and Safety risks that have been identified by assigned QA liaison



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## **Service Provider Request for Proposal (RFP)**

### **FY2023-2024 Project #8 & #10: Enhanced Behavioral Support Home for Adults**

**GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:** Hemet

**CONTRACT AWARD AMOUNT:** Startup funding UP TO \$132,500

**SERVICE DESCRIPTION:** The Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) is a residential facility certified by the Department of Developmental Services and licensed by the Department of Social Services. IRC is requesting a service provider to take over operations of a currently open and occupied EBSH residential facility in Hemet, CA. This home serves adults who may have individuals with forensic involvement, behavioral challenges, possible substance abuse histories and dual diagnosis. Some individuals may be transitioning from Porterville Developmental Center - Secure Treatment Program (PDC-STP).

Applicants must have the following qualifications (per Title 17 Section 59060):

- An Administrator Must:
  - Have a minimum of two years prior experience providing direct care or supervision to individuals with developmental disabilities and be one of the following:
    - A Registered Behavior Technician
    - A licensed Psychiatric Technician
    - A qualified Behavior Modification Professional (as defined in Title 17 Section 59050 (v))
- Applicant/Administrator must attend IRC's New Residential Service Provider Orientation.
  - If you do not have a current NRSPO certificate, you will be required to attend an orientation within 3 months of being awarded.
- The applicant may be requested to employ/contract with a Board-Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) to provide on-going consulting hours. BCBA must have experience supporting individuals

with developmental disabilities, mental health disorders and meet the requirements outlined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2, Article 3, and Section 54342(a)(11).

- IRC's best practice requires that the applicant must have a minimum of two years' experience providing direct care or supervision in a Specialized Residential Facility or above.
- For current EBSH service providers, you must be in good standing with IRC's Quality Assurance Unit, IRC's Audit Team and DDS and current on all lease payments with the Housing Developer Organization (HDO).

The EBSH exceeds the minimum requirements of a Specialized Residential Facility (SRF) by providing enhanced support, staffing, and supervision as defined in Section 4684.80 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The EBSH will have a maximum capacity of four (4) individuals, all of whom must have a qualifying Regional Center diagnosis. Individuals targeted for this home will need intensive support and services due to forensic involvement, severe psychiatric, emotional, and behavioral challenges.