STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL)

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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 2021-2023 are defined in Section 1 of the State Plan. The mission of the Oregon Independent Living (IL) System 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 IL System includes the following partners; 7 Centers for Independent Living (CILs) as outlined in Section 3 – Existing Network, Oregon State 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 SPIL contains the following three goals to achieve progress toward the mission:

- The Oregon IL System is funded and supported to provide increased IL services to people with disabilities.
- The Oregon IL System listens and responds to specific consumer needs.
- The Oregon IL System educates and advocates for the Independent Living Philosophy.

Each goal contains objectives directed toward the achievement and evaluation measures to assess progress and impact. A consistent set of evaluation measures will assess impact for each objective to the ultimate areas of change identified in the IL System mission: empowerment of people with disabilities and increased access to communities. When PPRs are referred to in evaluation measures, it means the annual Program Performance Reports and their data tables related to Individual Services and to Community Activities.

The financial aspects of the SPIL are explained in Section 1.5 and define amounts by source are listed in the financial table for the SPIL period. 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 Work Group. In addition, to the Evaluation Work Group the SILC annually reviews the Program Performance Reports, consumer satisfaction survey results, and state needs assessment data.

The scope of services provided by the IL System through this SPIL are identified in Section 2. The appropriate services are checked in the updated table 2.1A Independent Living Services, indicating 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 provided.

IL system partner coordination and collaboration plans are described in Section 2.3. Through collaborations, Oregon's IL System is able to maximize working relationships and further accomplish goals and objectives of the SPIL.

The network of Oregon centers for independent living is identified in Section 3. The existing network, Section 3.1, identifies them by name, geographic area/counties served and sources of

funding. Expansion and adjustment to the network is explained in Section 3.2. for Part B, Part C and State general funds. In addition to outlining minimum base funding, Oregon CILs have created a funding methodology to adequately fund existing CILs; create sustainability and support capacity building.

Table 3.2A - Funding Distribution Table contained in Section 3.2 identifies target adequate funding levels, percent of total funds for area served, overall population of people with disabilities within the service area and sets the target of five percent of disability population to serve. In addition to the 7 existing CILs, it prioritizes expansion into unserved counties of the state. One-time funding, adjustments of funding when reduced and what happens if an existing CIL ceases to provide IL services are also explained within this section.

Section 4 represents the Designated State Entity's (DSE's) response to their administrative responsibilities related to the SPIL. Oregon's DSE will remain Department of Human Services (DHS) – Vocational Rehabilitation (VR).

Section 5 defines the Oregon State 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 members to the SILC who meet the composition requirements in section 705(b) of the Rehabilitation Act.

Section 6 provides legal certifications for the identified entities involved with authorities and responsibilities for the SPIL. 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 State 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 Administration for Community Living.

Section 1: 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 IL Network for the three-year period of the plan.

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

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

Goal 3: The Oregon IL System educates and advocates for the Independent Living Philosophy.

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(s) | Objective to be achieved | Time frame start date | Time frame end date |
|--|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| The Oregon IL System is funded and supported to provide IL services to people with disabilities. | Objective 1.1 – Funding formula and methodology will be reviewed & updated at least biennially to address service expansion through capacity-building and outreach to unserved IL consumers. Evaluation measure: Funding formula and methodology are reviewed at least once in the SPIL period. At a minimum, underserved and unserved areas will be reviewed. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2023 |
| The Oregon IL System is funded and supported to provide IL services to people with disabilities. | Objective 1.2 – The IL System advocates for IL program funding. Evaluation measure: Completed advocacy activities and any outcomes have been identified. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2023 |
| The Oregon IL System is funded and supported to provide IL services to people with disabilities. | Objective 1.3 - The IL System and partners come together to increase resources to better meet the needs of IL consumers. Evaluation measure: The IL System has documented participation in collaborative activities to better meet the needs of people with disabilities, including reporting on any outcomes. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2023 |
| The Oregon IL System listens and responds to specific consumer needs. | Objective 2.1 - Consumers will receive IL services to facilitate their independent living goals including services in response to local, regional or statewide disasters or other emergencies. Evaluation measure: PPR data will show that 95% of consumer requests statewide (including all types of IL services listed), have been provided/received. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2023 |

| Goal(s) | Objective to be achieved | Time frame start date | Time frame end date |
|---|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| The Oregon IL System listens and responds to | Objective 2.2 – Consumer access to health care is improved. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2023 |
| specific consumer needs. | Evaluation measure 1: PPR data over the SPIL period, will show at least 95% of consumers needing access to health care achieved access. | | |
| | Evaluation measure 2: PPR data will show at least 400 hours spent over the term of the SPIL period on community activities, to address access to health care. | | |
| The Oregon IL System listens and responds to specific consumer needs. | Objective 2.3 - The IL system will advocate with transportation coalitions and partnerships to expand transportation options for people with disabilities. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2023 |
| needs. | Evaluation measure: PPR data will show at least 400 hours spent over the term of the SPIL period on community activities, to address access to transportation. | | |
| The Oregon IL System listens and responds to specific consumer | Objective 2.4 - The IL system will advocate with housing coalitions and partnerships to expand access for people with disabilities. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2023 |
| needs. | Evaluation measure: PPR data will show at least 400 hours spent over the term of the SPIL period on community activities, to address access to housing. | | |
| The Oregon IL System educates and advocates for | Objective 3.1 - The IL System will educate community partners and funders regarding the value of IL services. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2023 |
| the Independent Living Philosophy. | Evaluation measure 1: By the end of year 1, public relations tools will be in place for use by IL program entities. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2021 |
| | Evaluation measure 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. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2023 |

| Goal(s) | Objective to be achieved | Time frame start date | Time frame end date |
|--|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| The Oregon IL System educates and advocates for the Independent Living Philosophy. | Objective 3.2 – The IL system will engage in local and statewide systems advocacy to address issues impacting consumer needs. Evaluation measure: PPR data will show at least 1000 hours spent over the term of the SPIL period on community activities around systems advocacy on issues beyond health care, transportation and housing. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2023 |
| The Oregon IL System educates and advocates for the Independent Living Philosophy. | Objective 3.3 – The IL system will hold an IL conference at least once in the SPIL period to provide needed training and technical assistance. Evaluation measure: Training and technical assistance event was held. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2023 |
| The Oregon IL System educates and advocates for the Independent Living Philosophy. | Objective 3.4 – With the support of the IL System, the Oregon SILC will pursue a youth leadership training initiative across the state. Evaluation measure: By the end of the SPIL period, the SILC will have conducted research and developed a concept for a youth leadership training initiative, including how it could be funded. | 10/01/2020 | 09/30/2023 |

1.4 Evaluation

Methods and processes the SILC will use to evaluate the effectiveness of the SPIL including timelines and evaluation of satisfaction of individuals with disabilities.

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. Annually, the SILC reviews the PPR reports from the 7 CILs in Oregon and other data identified for the evaluation measures to analyze trends, funding, services and other demographics within the state. Annually, service providers send the SILC their consumer satisfaction survey results, related to objective 2.1 (services to facilitate their independent living goals), to evaluate the overall statewide results.

In addition to the individual objective evaluation measures, barriers to implementation are also evaluated annually – specifically, resources needed to accomplish the goals and objectives set forth in the plan, such as:

a. Management and planning

- b. Funding
- c. Staffing/personnel issues unrelated to funding
- d. Partner or consumer participation

1.5 Financial Plan

Sources, uses of, and efforts to coordinate funding to be used to accomplish the 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): Annual amounts for Federal Fiscal Years 2021-2023. *Only for 2021. | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Sources | Projected Funding Amounts and Uses | | | | |
| | SILC | IL | General CIL | Other | Retained by DSE for |
| | Resource | Services | Operations | SPIL | Administrative costs |
| | Plan | | | Activities | (applies only to Part |
| | | | | | B funding) |
| Title VII Funds | | | | | |
| Chapter 1, Part B | | 47,044 | 329,308 | | |
| (including state | | | | | |
| match) | | | | | |
| Chapter 1, Part C | | | 973,814 | | |
| | | | | | |
| Other Federal | | | | | |
| Funds | | | | | |
| Sec. 101(a)(18) of | 297,387 | | | | |
| the Act (Innovation | | | | | |
| and Expansion) | | | | | _ |
| Social Security | | | | | |
| Reimbursement | | | | | _ |
| Other (CARES Act) | | | | 941,295* | |
| | | | | | |
| Non-Federal | | | | | |
| Funds | | | | | |
| State Funds | 80,000 | | 841,327 | | |
| Other | | | | | |

Description of financial plan narrative.

12.5% of annual Part B funds (\$42,340 Federal plus \$4,704 State match) will be used by Oregon Commission for the Blind to provide IL services to individuals meeting the following criteria. This supports several of the SPIL's objectives:

- Not seeking employment, under 55 and legally blind according to OCB's IL program.
- Not seeking employment, 55 or older and legally blind or severely vision impaired according to Older Blind Program.

Center for Independent Living general operations, which support consumer services as well as implementation of several the SPIL's objectives. This will be funded annually with:

- 87.5% Part B funds (\$296,377 Federal plus \$32,931 State match).
- \$973,814 Federal Part C funds.
- \$841,327 unmatched State funds.

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 4.2 – Grant Process & Distribution of Funds.

Disaster and Emergency Response Services

For fiscal year 2021, \$941,295 in other Part C funds are provided through the CARES Act by the Administration for Community Living, directly to Oregon's five federally funded CILs for COVID-19 response activities (other SPIL activities).

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 have begun working with other disability organizations and FEMA on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Response. We will continue to develop this coordination, and work on the development of long-term strategies for the IL Network to better prepare for and respond 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.

- 1) Within the entity's assigned service area.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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 will be 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 Arrangements of Services

2.1 Services

Services to be provided to persons with disabilities that promote full access to community life including geographic scope, determination of eligibility and statewideness.

| Table 2.1A Independent living services | Provided using Part B (check to indicate yes) | Provided using other funds (check to indicate yes; do not list the other funds) | Entity that provides (specify CIL, DSE, or the other entity) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Core Independent Living Services, as required: - Information and referral - IL skills training - Peer counseling - Individual and systems advocacy - Transition services including: • Transition from nursing homes & other institutions • Diversion from institutions • Transition of youth (who were eligible for an IEP) to post-secondary life | Yes | Yes | CIL – OCB; OCB does not provide Individual and Systems Advocacy |
| Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services | Yes | Yes | 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. | Yes | Yes | CIL |
| Rehabilitation technology | Yes | Yes | CIL- OCB |
| Mobility training | Yes | Yes | CIL- OCB |
| Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services | Yes | Yes | CIL - OCB |
| Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services | Yes | Yes | CIL |
| Surveys, directories and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation opportunities, and accessible transportation, and other support services | Yes | Yes | CIL |

| Table 2.1A Independent living services | Provided using Part B (check to indicate yes) | Provided using other funds (check to indicate yes; do not list the other funds) | Entity that provides (specify CIL, DSE, or the other entity) |
|--|---|---|--|
| 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 | Yes | Yes | CIL- OCB |
| Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities | Yes | Yes | CIL - OCB |
| Supported living Note: CILs are not allowed to own or operate housing. | Yes | Yes | CIL |
| Transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation and training in the use of public transportation vehicles and systems | Yes | Yes | CIL- OCB |
| Physical rehabilitation | No | No | |
| Therapeutic treatment | No | No | |
| Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices | Yes | Yes | CIL |
| Individual and group social and recreational services | Yes | Yes | CIL- OCB |
| Training to develop skills specifically designed for youths who are individuals with disabilities to promote self-awareness and esteem, develop advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options | Yes | Yes | CIL |
| Services for children | Yes | Yes | 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 | Yes | Yes | CIL- OCB |
| Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with disabilities for similar services in the future | Yes | Yes | CIL- OCB |
| Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities | Yes | Yes | CIL- OCB |
| Such other services as may be necessary and not inconsistent with the Act | Yes | Yes | CIL- OCB |

2.2 Outreach

Identify steps to be taken regarding statewide outreach to populations that are unserved or underserved by programs that are funded under Title VII, including minority groups and urban and rural populations.

<u>Unserved:</u> Oregon defines unserved as any county disability population where CIL services are not currently funded through a SPIL-directed contract. This means approximately 27% 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 unserved 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.

<u>Underserved:</u> 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 among 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 System 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 System 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 System intends to engage and collaborate with "non-IL" entities including, but not limited to:

- Adult Protective Services
- Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
- Aging and People with Disabilities Division (APD)
- Committees on Accessible Transportation
- Coordinated Care Organization Advisory Councils
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Education
- Department of Transportation and 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)
- Local Area Agencies on Aging and Disability
- Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) OHA Medicaid
- Office of Equity & Multicultural Services (OEMS)
- Ombudsman Advisory Committee
- Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disability (O4AD)
- Oregon Consortium of Family Networks
- Oregon Consumer Advisory Council (OCAC) OHA mental health
- Oregon Home Care Commission (OHCC)
- Oregon Housing and Community Services
- Oregon Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI)
- Oregon Project Independence (OPI)
- Oregon Public Health System
- Social Security Administration
- Special Education Service Districts
- State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)
- The Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities (OCDD)
- The Oregon Disabilities Commission (ODC)
- The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) public health issues
- The University Centers for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)
- Vocational Rehabilitation programs including Pre-ETS
- Basic Rights Oregon and/or other LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit entities
- Latino specific entities
- Tribal specific entities
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Through collaborations, Oregon's IL System 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 (e.g., Part B, Part C, state funds, etc.) and oversight entity.

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 with various combinations of the following funding sources:

- 1. Title VII Part C funds provided directly from the Administration for Community Living to eligible CILs. At the submission of this state plan, Oregon has five CILs that receive federal Part C funds: Abilitree, HASL, ILR, SPOKES Unlimited, and UVdN. For oversight, all recipients submit Program Performance Reports to ACL/OILP.
- 2. Title VII Part B funds matched with the required 10% state funds, administered by the Designated State Entity according to the SPIL. For oversight, all recipients submit Program Performance Reports to DSE.
- 3. State IL General Funds included in the Designated State Entity's state budget and administered according to the SPIL. For oversight, all recipients submit Program Performance Reports to DSE.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Other public and/or private sources these are developed by the CILs, and may include feefor-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.
- 6. CARES Act (Part C) funds provided for COVID-19 response, directly from the Administration for Community Living to CILs receiving Title VII Part C funds: Abilitree, HASL, ILR, SPOKES Unlimited, and UVdN. For oversight, all recipients submit additional requested information about this source in Program Performance Reports to ACL/OILP.

OREGON'S NETWORK OF CILS:

ABILITREE

Service Area: Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson Counties

Square Miles: 7,778 - Population: 202,948 (25,465 – population with disabilities)

Source(s) of Funding: Title VII, Part B; Title VII, Part C (including CARES Act); State IL and Other funds

EOCIL (Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living)

Main office located in Ontario and branch office located in Pendleton.

Additional office located in The Dalles – Wasco County - services provided are funded with resources other than federal or state IL program dollars therefore this area is listed as unserved and not included within the existing network.

Service Area: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler Counties.

Square Miles: 40,967 - Population: 185,873 (28,001 – population with disabilities)

Source(s) of Funding: Title VII, Part B; State IL and Other funds

HASL (Handicap Awareness & Support League, Inc.)

Service Area: Jackson and Josephine Counties

Square Miles: 4,423 - Population: 287,809 (46,121 – population with disabilities)

Source(s) of Funding: Title VII, Part B; Title VII, Part C (including CARES Act); State IL and Other funds

ILR (Independent Living Resources)

Service Area: Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties

Square Miles: 3,026 - Population: 1,668,648 (185,562 – population with disabilities)

Source(s) of Funding: Title VII, Part B; Title VII, Part C (including CARES Act); State IL and Other funds

LILA (Lane Independent Living Alliance, Inc.)

Main office located in Eugene.

Additional office located in Salem – Marion County – services provided are funded with resources other than federal or state IL program dollars therefore this area is listed as unserved and not included within the existing network.

Service Area: Lane County

Square Miles: 4,553 - Population: 353,416 (51,497 – population with disabilities)

Source(s) of Funding: Title VII, Part B; State IL and Other funds

SPOKES Unlimited

Service Area: Klamath and Lake Counties

Square Miles: 14,080 - Population: 74,207 (13,205 – population with disabilities)

Source(s) of Funding: Title VII, Part B; Title VII, Part C (including CARES Act); State IL

and Other funds

UVdN (Umpqua Valley disAbilities Network)

Service Area: Douglas County

Square Miles: 5,036 - Population: 107,490 (22,881 – population with disabilities)

Source(s) of Funding: Title VII, Part B; Title VII, Part C (including CARES Act); State IL

and Other funds

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 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. 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

| | % of Total Funds for Area | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | (= % of State's | | Total PWD | |
| | Disability | | in CIL | Total PWD |
| | Population in | Annual Adequate | Service | to Serve |
| CIL | each Area) | Funding Level | Area | (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 | 73.0% | \$14,223,870 | 373632 | 18681 |
| Salem Region | 11% | \$1,968,832 | 54108 | 2705 |
| S. Coast Region Central Willamette Coast | 5% | \$1,084,749 | 23240 | 1162 |
| 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 |
| Grand Total | 100% | \$20,310,678 | 511280 | 25563 |

Section 4: Designated State Entity

<u>Vocational Rehabilitation</u> will serve as the entity in <u>Oregon</u> 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. (Sec. 704(c))

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 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.

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.

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

4.3 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 participate in the on-site peer review using CILs PERForm as the review protocol 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.

4.4 Administration and Staffing

Administrative and staffing support provided by the DSE.

No Part B funds are retained by the DSE for administrative and staffing support.

4.5 State Imposed Requirements

State-imposed requirements contained in the provisions of this SPIL including: (45 CFR 1329.17(g))

- State law, regulation, rule, or policy relating to the DSE's administration or operation of IL programs
- 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.

- (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.

4.6 722 vs. 723 State

Check one:

X 722 (if checked, will move to Section 5)

_____ 723 (if checked, will move to Section 4.7)

4.7 723 States

Order of priorities for allocating funds amounts to Centers, agreed upon by the SILC and Centers, and any differences from 45 CFR 1329.21 & 1329.22.

Not applicable.

How state policies, practices, and procedures governing the awarding of grants to Centers and oversight of the Centers are consistent with 45 CFR 1329.5, 1329.6, & 1329.22.

Not applicable.

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 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 DHS 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.

The annual Resource Plan will consist of the following funding sources:

- \$1,800 per year contributed by OCB from Title I Innovation & Expansion funds
- \$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*

The SILC Resource Plan shall provide appropriate and adequate financial support for the processes and personnel required 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. 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, in conflict with the SILC's authority. 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

^{*}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.

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 .8 FTE 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 SILC over the course of the SPIL.¹

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 4.4 for information about SILC staffing requirements.

Section 6: Legal Basis and Certifications

6.1 Designated State Entity (DSE)

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

Authorized representative of the DSE Keith Ozols Title 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 State 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 - EOCIL

Handicap Awareness & Support League, Inc. – HASL

Independent Living Resources - ILR

Lane Independent Living Alliance - LILA

SPOKES Unlimited

Umpqua Valley disAbilities Network - UVdN

6.4 Authorizations

- 6.4.a. The SILC is authorized to submit the SPIL to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living. Yes (Yes/No)
- 6.4.b. The SILC and CILs may legally carryout each provision of the SPIL. Yes (Yes/No)
- 6.4.c. State/DSE operation and administration of the program is authorized by the SPIL. <u>Yes</u> (Yes/No)

Section 7: DSE Assurances

Keith Ozols acting on behalf of the DSE Vocational Rehabilitation located at 500 Summer Street, E-87, Salem OR 97301; (503) 945-5679; keith.s.ozols@dhsoha.state.or.us 45 CFR 1329.11 assures that:

- 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;1
- 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).

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.¹

Keith Ozols, Director Name and Title of DSE director/authorized representative Keith Ozols 6/9/2020

Electronic signature may be used for the purposes of submission, but hard copy of signature must be kept on file by the SILC.

Date

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

8.1 Assurances

Signature

<u>Cutis Raines</u> acting on behalf of the SILC <u>Oregon State Independent Living Council</u> located at <u>500 Summer St NE, E-87, Salem, OR 97301; (503) 945-6204;</u> <u>oregon.silc@dhsoha.state.or.us</u> <u>45 CFR 1329.14</u> 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;¹
- (3) The SILC terms of appointment adhere to the Act;¹
- (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. ¹
- (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.¹

Section 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 timeline for advance notice to the public for SILC "Executive Session" meetings, that are closed to the public, that follow applicable federal and State laws;
 - i. "Executive Session" meetings should be rare and only take place to discuss confidential SILC issues such as but not limited to staffing.
 - ii. Agendas for "Executive Session" meetings must be made available to the public, although personal identifiable information regarding SILC staff shall not be included;
 - f. A process and timelines for the public to request reasonable accommodations to participate during a public Council meeting;
 - g. 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
 - h. 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.

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

Curtis Raines
Name of SILC chairperson

Curtis Raines

6/8/2020

Signature

Date

Electronic signature may be used for the purposes of submission, but hard copy of signature must be kept on file by the SILC.

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 <u>Oregon State Independent Living Council</u> 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 October 1, 2020 (year)

| Curtis Raines | 6/8/2020 |
|---|-------------|
| SIGNATURE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON | DATE |
| Curtis Raines | |
| NAME OF SILC CHAIRPERSON | |
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| NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT L | IVING (CIL) |
| Greg Sublett | 6/11/2020 |
| SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR | DATE |
| Greg Sublett | |
| NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR | |
| Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living | |
| NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT L | IVING (CIL) |
| W. Kirt Toombs | 6/9/2020 |
| SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR | DATE |
| W. Kirt Toombs | |
| NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR | |
| Handicap Awareness & Support League, Inc HASL | |
| NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT L | IVING (CIL) |
| Randy Samuelson | 6/8/2020 |

| SIGNATURE | OF | CIL | DIRECTOR |
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Mathew Droscher 6/8/2020

SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR DATE

Matthew Droscher

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