Community Integrated Activities

The State submits the enclosed information with respect to Community Integrated Activities, in response to the Court's December 6, 2022 Order regarding substantial compliance.

Accessing the community is an important part of becoming a member of your community. People want to feel as though they belong. By getting out into the community, individuals are able to meet people and make meaningful connections at the local store, coffee shop, laundry mat, and/or restaurant amongst many other places or establishments in their community. People can also have communities they are part of that do not exist in their immediate neighborhood. There are online communities and groups. No matter how one accesses their community(s) of choice, it is an essential step in meeting people, forming relationships, and making employment connections.

Court Order Required Actions	Required Documentation	Responsive Documentation
Increased access to integrated community activities to substantially comply with Consent Decree benchmarks.	I will use Sherlock Survey data to document this	**Community Integrated Activities-000001 to Community Integrated Activities-000005:** BHDDH Narrative
	Any other pertinent data the State might have	**Community Integrated Activities-000001 to Community Integrated Activities-000005:** BHDDH Narrative
Expand and Fund innovative practices targeted to increasing participation in integrated community settings.	Written description of funding and/or initiatives targeted to increasing employment – who is involved, how implemented, number impacted	**Community Integrated Activities-000006 to Community Integrated Activities-000011:** • Transformation Fund Phase II Activities List • Transformation Fund Phase II Info
Provide funding and support to take effective Transformation 2 Projects to scale.	List of effective transformation strategies – by grantee	**Community Integrated Activities-000006 to Community Integrated Activities-0000010:** Transformation Fund Phase II Activities List
	To take strategy to scale Funding amounts needed – source, when distributed	**Community Integrated Activities-000012 to Community Integrated Activities-000020:** • Targeted Employment Funding Form Application • Employment Plan Form • Targeted Employment Outreach Funding Plan
Continue timely distribution of technology funds.	Number of requests, number awarded, total funds awarded	**Employment-000056 to Employment-000060:** BHDDH Narrative
	Schedule for additional rounds	**Community Integrated Activities-000021 to Community Integrated Activities-000024:** Technology Fund FAQs
	Follow-up data re: actual acquisition of technology	**Community Integrated Activities-000001 to Community Integrated**

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		Activities-000005: BHDDH Narrative.
Through the rate review process, increase the variety of **transportation options** and the number of allocated trips.	Written description of allowable transportation options	**Community Integrated Activities-000025 to Community Integrated Activities-000026:** Technical Bulletin 19-02 SD Allowable Goods and Services
	Guidance (both technical and plain language versions) to individuals, families and providers clarifying number of allowable trips	**Community Integrated Activities-000027 to Community Integrated Activities-000028:** Transportation Infographic (English & Spanish)

BHDDH Narrative

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Integrated Community Activities Required Actions

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Increased access to integrated community activities to substantially comply with Consent Decree benchmarks.

The Court Monitor will look through the Sherlock Survey data.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) will also look at the Sherlock Survey data to see if there has been an increase in community engagement for individuals in the provider agencies that have received Transformation Phase II funding for activities directly related to Community Integration. This will be one of the ongoing ways to monitor progress, outcomes, and effective initiatives/activities.

Additionally, we will look at the NCI data to see if there have been any changes in reporting that are statistically significant to show progress.

New Service -

During the public health emergency an initiative called Enhanced SLA was started. This service came to be by filling a need during the pandemic. It was successful, and people were happy to have this service option. When doing the Rate Methodology work, we included this so it would remain as a permanent service option. There are around 170 individuals receiving this service, which will now be called Whole Life SLA. Individuals receiving this service get supports from their SLA home provider.

This service option offers people flexibility. It also offers people the ability to do what they want when they want to. The Sherlock Center facilitated, at the request of Living Innovations, a 5-session variation of the Person-Centered Thinking training with 11 Shared Living Arrangement

providers with a focus on customized employment and improving community connections. This work was part of the Transformation Funds.

Expand and Fund innovative practices targeted to increasing participation in integrated community settings.

Written description of funding and/or initiatives targeted to increasing employment – who is involved, how implemented, number impacted.

Through the Transformation Phase II Funds, there are several Developmental Disabilities Organizations (DDOs) that proposed to work on initiatives that would increase employment outcomes. There were 10 organizations that have specific activities targeted to increase employment for individuals. There are 11 organizations using the funding to increase employee's knowledge of employment supports. (See Transformation Fund Phase II Activities Attachment)

One provider offered a training program. The initial cohort was 6 individuals. By using discovery and technology, they are able to provide meaningful training. The next cohort will include 9 individuals. They are doing community mapping and working to customize employment for individuals. The 1st cohort ended and 5 out of the 6 individuals are now employed.

See above information on Transformation Phase II Fund. (See Transformation Fund Phase II Attachment)

Provide funding and support to take effective Transformation 2 Projects to scale.

List of effective transformation strategies – by grantee

There are some promising things happening, but it is too soon to tell if many of the proposed activities have the meaningful community engagement outcomes that individuals would like to have. A few providers have hired Community Navigator positions, and some are still attempting to hire staff to do this specific work. (See attached Transformation Fund Phase II Activities List Attachment)

Some of these DDOs are engaging with TA provided by the Sherlock Center. One of the areas is the Person-Centered Thinking (PCT) training. The Sherlock Center is working on modifying the training and targeting different audiences. There was work done previously to modify the training to make it specific to educators. This training will assist staff in engaging with individuals in a more meaningful way, and therefore, helping individuals attain their desired outcomes.

One of the new positions in DDD is the Coordinator of Community, Planning, and Development. The individual hired for this position has reviewed all proposals submitted by providers. He will be visiting with all Community service providers to discuss what their programs are currently working on and if there are any barriers to implementing this work, and discussing how DDD can assist.

To take strategy to scale Funding amounts needed – source, when distributed.

Targeted Employment funding will be used to assist individuals in reaching their employment goals. This funding, if necessary, will be available on top of the employment funding available in their budget to allow for additional employment supports. This should assist individuals in meeting their employment goals. (Targeted Employment Funding Request Form Attachment; and Employment Plan Document Attachment)

This funding will also be used to provide agencies with additional funding to expand upon or start new service models. They can submit proposals and the submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The providers are encouraged to include work with youth in transition and those self-directing their services. (See Targeted Employment Funds Application Attachment)

Outreach and communication have been made to let providers, individuals who self-direct, and others know that there is additional funding to assist individuals in reaching their employment goals. One stream of funding is directly for individuals and the other stream that can be accessed is for providers to increase services. Emails have been sent to providers letting them know about this additional funding. The Supported Employment (SE) Associate Administrator met with the SE providers, and during these meetings he informed them that this funding was available. The Youth in Transition (YIT) Administrator has also informed the Transition Councils, youth educators, and others involved with YIT. The Assistant Director of DDD will be attending the Self-Directed Users Network meeting on June 21st to let people know this funding is available and the ways they can access it. There will be a meeting on June 27th to answer providers' questions related to this funding. Information will be on the website as well. If by September at least half of the funding is not accounted for another meeting will be set up with SE providers to encourage use of the funding and answer any questions. (See Targeted Employment Outreach Funding Plan Attachment)

The Division has also received an estimated $2 million to fund a pilot for the use of remote support services. These services will help individuals either gain or maintain independence in their life. Remote support services can be used to assist people at work, in their home, or out in the community. By having a way to connect with staff that do not need to be with you, in person, at all times, allows people more control over their lives. They can do things without the reliance on in-person staff.

There is a meeting scheduled for June 22nd with a small group of stakeholders to discuss how to implement remote supports in RI. Steps have been taken to implement this new service. Remote support services were written into the Extension of the 1115 Global Waiver, so these services can be offered in RI. Through the Rate Methodology work there are now rates for these services.

New and Innovative Service Discussions

➢ One DDO is accessing the Targeted Employment Funding to start an Adult Project Search. There will be a cohort of 9 individuals scheduled to start in August. DDD, ORS, and DTL collaborate with AccessPoint RI, in partnership with Bally's Twin River Lincoln. The adult program is for people from 21 to 30. Work is being done to get the funding for this initiative to the provider. They will receive funding in July.

- ➢ Another DDO has been in discussions with DDD to start a business training program. They are interested in working with youth in transition.
- ➢ A Technology Expert is looking to pair with a DDO, RIDE, and ORS to engage a larger business willing to employ individuals. It is a business engagement model. It has proven results in other states. Planning meetings are underway to get this project off the ground. The SME will work with ORS and DDD staff to recruit businesses that would be willing to partner with us on this work. It would also include trainings geared to educational staff working with transition age youth and training providers on use of technology to support individuals seeking employment.

There is also a Student Project Search at Newport Hospital. They did not have enough students in the cohort for this coming school year, so they inquired about opening it up to adults. The Youth in Transition Administrator was able to assist in getting the word out. There is one individual in the adult DD system who is looking to go through this Project Search.

Continue timely distribution of technology funds.

Number of requests, number awarded, total funds awarded (See duplicate information in Employment Section)

There have been 1093 requests submitted through the Technology Fund through May 31, 2023, of those requests 722 have been approved. Approvals from Round 5 have not yet been finalized and not included in total. Please note that the total number of requests includes duplicate requests, those deemed not eligible, 2 who passed away, and those who had withdrawn their requests after submission.

1st Round – 266 Requests; Approved 247; and Estimated Funding $148, 414.59

2nd Round – 241 Requests; Approved 205; and Estimated Funding $95,746.99

3rd Round – 182 Requests; Approved 144; and Estimated Funding $74,243.24

4th Round - 149 Requests; Approved 126 to date but waiting for final responses to requests for more information so approved number will increase.

5th Round – 255 Requests; approvals in progress.

Schedule for additional rounds

There will be additional rounds of the technology fund. The last round ended May 31, 2023, with the next deadlines happening on the following dates August 31, 2023, November 30, 2023, February 28, 2024, and May 31, 2024. (See Technology Fund FAQs Attachment)

Follow-up data re: actual acquisition of technology
To date, the estimate of technology purchased is 475. Invoices continue to be submitted, so it is likely more technology has been purchased. The State will follow up with Providers and continue to collect data.

Through the rate review process, increase the variety of transportation options and the number of allocated trips.

Written description of allowable transportation options

The Self-Directed Allowable Goods and Services bulletin was updated in October of 2021 to reflect all available transportation options. Individuals who self-direct their services are able to pay employees mileage, increase an employee's hourly rate to include mileage, purchase bus passes, or utilize RIde, taxis, Uber or Lyft. (See Technical Bulletin 19-02 Allowable Goods and Services Attachment)

For individuals receiving agency-based services, they are afforded the same options mentioned above although individuals do not pay staff as the provider agency would work out mileage reimbursement with their employees. Individuals receiving agency-based services have staff that can provide transportation, if necessary (See Transportation Infographic).

Guidance (both technical and plain language versions) to individuals, families and providers clarifying number of allowable trips.

Please see Technical Bulletin 18-05 Transportation FI 6/13/2023 and Transportation Infographic (English and Spanish).

Transformation Fund Phase II Activities List

Transformation Fund Phase II Info

	Agency/Organization	Tasks/ Projects
1	**Action Based Enterprieses, Inc**	**Activitiy**
		Hire a Vocational Coordinator to facilitate the Supported Employment and Volunteer Work project.
		Hire 2 Job Coaches to deliver the core services of the Supported Employment project.
		Stipends to participants and natural supports for attending Vocational Focus Groups
		Stipends for participants doing Community Work Experience (10-40hrs trial work in an intergrated community work setting)
		Interpreters for non-English speaking Participants
		Accounting for Vocational expenses
		Transportation costs for ride share services, natural support mileage, and project staff mileage.
1	**Accesspoint RI**	**Activity**
		Finalize project plan
		Customized Employment Professional
		30 IPads
		CQL Technical Assistance
		Memberships: ANCOR, ATECH, APSE
		SELN E-Learning
		Conferences: ATEC, CQL, ANCOR
		Trainings: Relias Training Platform
		Employment Professionals
		Emerging Leaders Training
		Community Inclusion Specialist (Navigators and DSPs)
		Customized Employment Mentor Platforms
		National Leadership Institute
		Performance Payments for Outcomes
		Employment Outcomes
		Individual Elements
1	**Avatar Residental**	**Activitiy**
		"The Agent"
		"The Facilitator"
		Administrative Oversite
		Barrier Buster Fund
1	**Best Life RI**	**Activity**
		One Lead Advisor
		Two Advisors
		Consultants (National and In-State)- Training, Development (Advisor/s, Allies, People with IDD)
		Marketing and Outreach
		Technology- Hardware and Software
		Administrative
1	**Community Living Of Rhode Island, Inc (Withdrew)**	**Activity**
		1. Develop New Models for Community-Based Supports
		(a) Improve on person centered program by utilizing the latest technology in the market to develop CLRI 100% Community-Based Employment brand as well as creating our brand identity to suit our diverse participants.
		(b) Expand on family center model through our collaborative effort between our employment department and the America's **Job Center of CaliforniaSM** (JCCSM).
		2. Increase Employment Outcomes for Participants
		North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce Membership
		Southern RI Chamber of Commerce
		East Providence Chamber of Commerce (for 100+ Employees)
		3. MBTI- (Myers Briggs Personality Assessment)
		MBTI- Certification for 10 Office Staff (in-person) x 4 Full Days
		Additional Person Each (More than 10) x 4 Full Days
		Strong Interest Inventory Assessment 10 Office Staff (in-person) x 2 Full Days
		4. Purchase Bank of Inventory Reports
		For 100 Reports
		For 500 Reports
		Crowne Plaza Training Location x 4 Full Days w/Lunch 9-5pm (15 min)
		Crowne Plaza Training Location x 2 Full Days w/Lunch 9-5pm (15 min)
		CareerScope Subscription
		CareerScope for 150 Administrations

		Providence History Day Trip around RI ($95.00x65 Participants)
		Boston Museum Entry Fee ($29.00x65 Participants)
		Light House Cruise Membership ($35.00x65 Participants)
		6. Administrative time for billing and quarterly reports
		7. Final Project Report
1	**Community Residences, Inc**	Activity
		Personal Develement Fund to support access to community activites to support ISP goals, increased recreational opportunities,etc.
		Hiring Community Liaison/Navigator to assess and devlop comprehnsive community inclusion plans and develop employment and social opportunities for personal growth.
		Training cost to enhance staff assigned to the program.
		Ongoing training quarterly
		Increased mileage for community exploration and development by Community Liaison/Facilitator
		Computer for Community Liaison/Navigator
		Cell phone/wireless card for dedicated line/internet access for responsive comminication with potential resources for Community Liaison/Navigator when in the community
		Training Resources
1	**Easter Seals RI**	**Activity**
	*salary and benefits, materials and travel are included within total costs for each activity	
		Cultivation of Business Partners, jobs available, planning of tours and planning of training
		Employee training at all levels of organization and potential technical assistance
		Individual tours, planning for individuals and ISPs
		Individual work and support including any necessary technical assistance
		Individual community engagement outside work hours
		Administrative costs at 5%
		Project Report
1	**Frank Olean Center, Inc**	**Activity**
		Advisor Role
		Director of SLA/Employment/Tarnsitions
		Adult Trainer
		Marketing/advertising materials
		Membership (messy middle funding)
1	**Fogarty Center**	**Activity**
		Proivde DSPs with training oppertunities focused on employment services and intergrated day activities
		Provide job coach with mobile technology to access data collection and internet during community employment hours
		Hire full time community liasion to explore meaningful community opportunites for home based day programs
		Provide financial reources for partipants to access the community through memebrships and classes
1	**Goodwill of Southern New England**	**Activity**
		6 individuals working 10 hrs a week with 1-1 coaching
		2 individuals working 15 hrs a week with 1-1 coaching
		Benefits Specialist/Retention Specialist
1	**Justice Resources Insitute, STEP**	**Activity**
		Employment Supervisor - Temporary 18 month positon
1	**LAZO**	**Activity**
		Hire Program Liaison / Admin Support
		Hire Program Facilitator
		Administration of Billing & Reports
		Continuing Education related to community integration and /or employment for participants
		Transportation
		Provide Quarterly Community Workshops
1	**LIFE,Inc**	**Activity**
		Annualized salary and ERE for Employment and Inclusion Director
		Annualized salary and ERE for Employment Specialist
		Annualized salary and ERE for Job Developer
		Portion of annual salary and ERE for 2 Job Coaches
1	**Living Innovations & Westbay**	**Activity**

		Vacancy managment -$244 day/8 people/60 day avg
		Transition supports to move people to GH $2,000/8 people, 6 months to move, avg
		Community Faciitator -multiple educatonal events, surveys, resource materials
		Transition/Intake Manager
1	**Looking Upwards**	**Activity**
		Transformation Director
		Consultation and follow up work with Joe W from Oregon
		Equipment for smart home not accessed through Tech grant
		Increase in job developers salary and cost associated
		Charting the Life Course training
		Transportation initiatives and Community Partnerships
		Space for Transformtion services
1	**Maher Center**	**Activity**
		part-time clinical social worker
		2 full time life coaches (enhanced DSPs)
		full-time nutritionist
		13 Ipads (10 participants, 3 staff)
		Peer support network building
1	**Ocean State Center for Independent Living (Withdrew)**	**Activity**
		CONTI JOSHUA
		HUGHES LINDA
		PINKHAM BETH
		SCHEY HEATHER
		Administration
		Consultants
		Office Space
		PROGRAM PROMOTIONS
		Peer support & Workshop;
		Supplies
		Travel/Transportation/Bus RIPTIKS/UBER
1	**Opportunities Unlimited**	
		Contract with SAs to dvelop PCPs with adults with DD.
1	**Perspectives Corp**	**Activity**
		One Lead Advisor (20 hours/week)
		Advisor salary supplement & professional development (4 full-time Advisors)
		Technology Equipment (6 Ninth Generation iPads for Advisors)
		Training/Consulting/Certification (Soapbox Consulting, Marc Gold & Associates, Institute for Community Inclusion at Umass Boston, Able Opportunities, Starfire Council & Neighbours Inc.)
		Membership, classes and club Fees (20 Individuals)
1	**The Arc of Bristol County dba proAbility**	**Activity**
		Development of Project Plan
		Newly designed training that will be provided to current staff and self directed staff in PCP, community navigation, employmnet, and innovation strategies
		Marketing Consultant
		Hire additional staff to afford training time
		Project Coordinator
		Data Collection
		Administrative time for billing and quartley reports
1	**ReFocus, Inc**	**Activitiy**
		One Community Navigator will be hired for two years at $23 per hour for 40 hours per week plus benefits.
		Community Navigator memberships and community integration activities costs.
		An incentive program will be established to reward 25 staff and individual teams $1000 each upon completion of targeted outcomes.
		Training costs
		One Employment Specialist will be hired for 18 months at $21 per hour for 40 hours per week plus benefits.
		Technology support & hardware for Community Navigator and two Employment Specialist.
1	**RI Cross Disability Coalition**	**Activity**
		1. Peer and Family Empowerment
	RIDDC	Staffing
	*Skills for RI Future	Operational
		2. Workforce Development

		Employer Engagement Training
		DD Providers Business Education, Marketing and Production
		In-State and National Webinars
		3. Employer Engagement
		Employer Diversity and Inclusion Series
		Minority Employer and Chamber Outreach
		Employer Recognition
		4. Transformation Stakeholders Learning Collaborative
		5. Project Management
		Staffing
		Operational costs
		Administrative costs
		6. Project Evaluation and Research
1	**RISDC**	Project Management Staff:
		Public Relations
		Web Support
		Speaker fees:
		Training for DSPs/Relias
		Licensing Fees (NADSP)
		CPR/First Aid Training
		Training Supplies/Materials/Office Supplies
		Stipends for DSP Trainees
		DSP Coordinator
		Instructor Fees
		Interpreters/Translators
		Training /Office Space Rental
1	**Seven Hills RI**	**Activity**
		Basic Agency-Wide Transformational training on Person-Centeredness will be provided to 250 staff (134 Phase 1, 116 Phase 2) through a two day, 16 hour workshop with the goal of enhancing organizational capacity to understand the importance of person-centered and community-based supports for person's served.
		ACRE Customized Employment training will be provided to 22 SHRI day, employment, and residential staff through a 5 week, 8 hours p/week workshop (40 hours total) with the goal of enhancing staff competencies through certification and improving employment outcomes for person's served.
		Discovery Mentor training will be provided to 10 SHRI day, employment, and residential staff who complete the ACRE certification. This training will be conducted over 12 weeks, 4 hours p/week (includes 3 hours job related field work and 1 hour class time - 40 hours total) with the goal of enhancing staff competencies through certification.
		Assistive Technology training will be provided to 125 SHRI day, employment, and residential staff through 3, 1-hour TechFirstShift trainings plus quarterly 1-hr Seven Hills Foundation "AT Expo zoom sessions" with the goal of enhancing staff competencies through certification and independent case study work.
		Incentives @ $100 /staff Phase 1 (125 AT training); Phase 2 - (21 ACRE , 9 Discovery Mentoring)
		Transformational Training Certification Incentive @ $100/staff
		Final project report
		Administrative time for billing and quarterly reports
1	**Skills RI (RI Cross Disability Coalition)**	Employer Engagement Staff (Client Services) Wages + Benefits
		Candidate Engagement Staff (Career Coaches) Wages + Benefits
		Professional Development for Network Partners (Employer Engagement) Wages + Benefits
		Professional Development for Network Partners (Candidate Engagement) Wages + Benefits
		Candidate Work-Readiness Training Program Stipends (Ready.Set. workAbility)
		Internal Data Staff
		Program Marketing + Program Materials
		Independent Researcher
		ADMIN
1	**Spurwink RI**	**Activity**
		Target Area 1-Innovative Strategies-Hybrid Model a: Pilot Project Community Connector Specialist
		Target Area 1-Innovative Strategies: Professional Supervision of intern(s) provided by licensed professional
		Target Area 1-Innovative Strategies-Pod Model b - Manager(s)
		Target Area 2 - Expansion/Continuation of a career ladder
		Final project report
		Administrative time for billing and quarterly reports
1	**The Arc of Blackstone Valley**	**Activity**
		Development of Project Plan

		Marketing and Communications
		4 months of training for 3 Job Coaches
		Provide trainings to current staff in PCP, community navigation, employment and retention.
		Project Coordinator
		Data Collection
		Administrative time for billing and quarterly reports
		Final project report
1	**Trudeau Center**	**Activity**
		Project Plan
		Person centered plan/facilitation for 12 people
		Community mapping/plan for 12 people
		Data collection
		Community access/ membership
		Utilize a transformation/QI coordinator to take the lead on Trudeau's transformation and Quality Improvement initiative (Transformation Fund year 2)
		Performance payments for community memberships and employment successes (30 at $200 each)
		Software and applications
		Final report
1	**UCP ArcRI**	**Activity**
		Futures Advisor
		Person Centered Future Facilitator
		Futures Life Coach
		Project Plan
		Final project report
		Administrative time for billing and quarterly reports
1	**West Bay RI**	**Activity**
		DSP (2) Community Connectors
		Training 2-day
		Self-determination Instruction (24 classes at $500 each)
		Admin time for billing and quarterly reports
		Tech Alliance (5) members
1	**WHITMARSH**	
		Chromebooks for 10 Community Based staff/Employment staff
		Chrome Licenses 10
		ANCOR Community Inclusion trainings through RELIAS will be provided to 30 staff (20 current, 10 new hires) in 7 sessions totaling 8.25 training hours (at 15.75 per hour)
		Money towards hiring and paying the salary for two Full-time Employment Specialist
		ANCOR Customized Self-Employment trainings through RELIAS will be provided to 2 Employment Specialist in 10 sessions
		ANCOR Community Employment Specialist trainings through RELIAS will be provided to 2 Employment Specialist in 5 sessions
		Money to be use for Person-Centered Activities or Memberships in the community by Whitmarsh Participants with their staff
		Money to be use for Person-Centered, skill building classes that focus but are not limited to the following areas: daily living skills, independence, employment, community inclusion, socialization, relationship building, child care, etc.
		Money towards training hours for Supervisors to mentor/guide DSPs while completing ANCOR Certifications
1	**Work Opportunities Unlimited**	**Activity**
		Latitude 3420, 14" Screen, i5 Processor 8gb of Ram, 256gb solid state drive, Microsoft Home Business 2021
		ASL Instructor Levels 1-3
		DSP Wages for ASL Class
		Team wages for ASL Classes
		ACRE certificate & DSP wages (12, 25 hr classes for mini certificate)
		SME DSP completion Bonus (exsisting and new certificates)
		DSP Community Based Work Bonus
	West Bay Collaborative	Training/support Design person centered plan to drive self-directed programing

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Agency	Award Amount	Disbursed
Action Based Enterprises	$153,174.47	Yes
Access Point RI	$133,380.81	Yes
Avatar Residential	$84,699.77	Yes
Best Life RI	$215,617.21	Yes
Community Residences	$68,447.25	Yes
Easter Seals RI	$50,914.99	Yes
Frank Olean Center	$255,297.68	Yes
Goodwill Industries of Southern New England	$248,661.84	Yes
Justice Resource Institute, STEP	$96,941.50	Yes
LAZO	$248,046.04	Yes
L.I.F.E., Inc.	$258,740.65	Yes
Living Innovations & West Bay Residential	$203,689.27	Yes
Looking Upwards	$258,549.53	Yes
James L. Maher Center	$245,889.87	Yes
Opportunities Unlimited	$122,393.82	Yes
Perspectives Corporation	$258,740.65	Yes
proAbility, The Arc of Bristol County	$258,174.87	Yes
ReFocus, Inc.	$258,740.65	Yes
RICDC/RIDDC/Skills for RI's Future	$258,706.15	Yes
RI Self-Direction Coalition	$237,178.93	Yes
Seven Hills RI	$151,647.90	Yes
Skills for RI's Future	$258,740.65	Yes
Spurwink/ri	$258,740.65	Yes
The Arc of Blackstone Valley	$253,997.07	Yes
The Fogarty Center	$190,270.98	Yes
J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center	$122,104.03	Yes
United Cerebal Palsy/ The ARC	$207,639.37	Yes
West Bay Collaborative	$258,740.65	No
West Bay RI	$89,524.27	Yes
Whitmarsh House	$146,222.97	Yes
Work Opportunities Unlimited	$153,775.53	Yes

	Total	$5,748,648.74

Targeted Employment Funding Form Application

Employment Plan Form

Targeted Employment Outreach Funding Plan

TARGETED EMPLOYMENT FUNDING FORM

* Required

Please note: if you wish to print the completed form, please right click on the document and click on print option before you hit the Submit button.

1. NAME *

Enter your answer

2. DOB

Enter your answer

3. ADDRESS

Enter your answer

4. DATE OF SUBMISSION

Enter your answer

5. REQUEST TYPE *

○ New Request

○ Request for Extension

6. SERVICE(s) REQUESTED (check all that apply)

☐ Job Assessment and Development

☐ Job Coaching

☐ Job Retention

7. What type of services are you receiving?

Select your answer ⌄

8. Enter name of Agency and/or Fiscal Intermediary (self-direct) that provides your services.

Enter your answer

9. Receiving ORS Services

☐ Check if currently receiving ORS services

☐ Check if received ORS previously

☐ Check if have received Community-Based Work Experience (CBWE)

10. What is the financial request (actual cost of services requested)?

Enter your answer

11. Provider Contact: Enter the name of the individual providing the service.

Enter your answer

12. Enter the date range of your request (should be in increments of 6 months)

Enter your answer

13. Check here to confirm that the Employment Plan document has been emailed to
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Employment Plan

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

DOB: Click or tap here to enter text.

Provider for the Employment Supports: Click or tap here to enter text.

Information Section

1. **What is the plan to support this individual with their employment goal(s) and what is the desired outcome? Please explain in detail with a timeline for completing specific services.**

Click or tap here to enter text.

2. **Is there a Discovery Port?   YES ☐   NO ☐**

If yes, date of completion? Click or tap here to enter text.

If not, is there a need for one? Click or tap here to enter text.

3. What is the transportation plan for employment? Will there be travel training?

Click or tap here to enter text.

4. What is the plan to fade supports?

Click or tap here to enter text.

5. Have you discussed with the individual the use of technology to support them with employment? Yes ☐   No ☐

If not, please explain:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Targeted Funding Outreach Plan - Supported Employment (SE) Providers

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Meeting with ORS		X	X									
Supported Employment Meetings w/Providers			X	X	X							
Email w/Information on Targeted Employment - Individuals					X	X						
Email w/Information on Targeted Employment - Providers					X	X						
Forms on website					X	X						
Information on website					X	X						
Provider FAQ Meeting						X				X		
DDSEC Meetings						X		X	X	X	X	X
Work4Wellness						X						

Targeted Funding Outreach Plan - Self-Direct

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Meeting w/ ORS		X										
Email w/Information on Targeted Employment - Individuals					X	X						
Email w/Information on Targeted Employment - Providers					X	X						
Forms on website					X	X						
Information on website						X						
Provider FAQ Meeting						X				X		
SD User Network Group Meeting						X				X		
Guidance on Accessing Employment Funds (posted on website)						X						

Targeted Funding Outreach Plan - Youth in Transition	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Meeting w/ORS		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
TAC Meetings		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Email w/Information on Targeted Employment - Individuals					X	X				X		
Email w/Information on Targeted Employment - Providers					X	X						
Forms on website					X	X						
Information on website					X	X						
Provider FAQ Meeting						X				X		
Guidance on Accessing Employment Funds (posted to website)						X						

**Targeted Funding
Outreach Plan**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Email w/Information on Targeted Employment - Individuals					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Email w/Information on Targeted Employment - Providers					X							

Technology Fund FAQs

1. **Who is eligible to apply for this fund?**

    • You must be receiving funded services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) with a current Individual Support Plan (ISP) in place.

2. **Where can I find more information about the Technology Fund including the Technology Request Form?**

    • On the BHDDH Technology Fund website: https://bhddh.ri.gov/developmental-disabilities/initiatives/technology-fund.

    • The Request Form is available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL).

    • Contact your DDD Social Case Worker if you need more support.

3. **How much can I spend?**

    • There is no defined minimum or maximum amount you can request. However, the fund holds 2 million dollars which is intended to be shared across approximately 4000 people.

    • You are encouraged to identify technology that best meets your accommodation needs.

4. **Do I need a technology goal in my ISP to access the Technology Fund?**

    • You do not need a goal specific to technology in your ISP.

    • You do need to be able to use the technology requested to meet a goal in your ISP.

        o If you already have a goal where the technology supports your progress, you do not need to write a new goal.

        o Or you may need to update your ISP to reflect your need/intended use of technology. Contact your plan writer/support coordinator to amend your ISP.

5. **When do I have to submit my Technology Request Form?**

    • You can submit your Technology Request Form any time before the end of each submission and it will be reviewed in the quarter in which it is received. Request deadlines are May 31, 2023, August 31, 2023, November 30, 2023, February 28, 2024, and May 31, 2024. You will be notified the month following your submission, in June 2023, October 2023, December 2023, March 2024, and June 2024 respectively.

6. **Who can submit the Technology Request Form?**

   - You can submit your Technology Request form, with or without support, or someone can submit it on your behalf, such as your support coordinator or family member.

7. **I self-direct my services, is there anything I need to know about accessing the Fund?**

   - You access the Fund like everyone else by filling out and submitting the Technology Request Form.

8. **What if I don't know who my Social Caseworker is?**

   - You can call the DDD main phone line at (401) 462-3421 and someone will help you.

9. **How will I know if my request has been approved? Will you send me the technology?**

   - You will be contacted by mail and/or email from your Social Caseworker to let you know if your request was approved.

   - DDD will work with your Provider Agencies/Fiscal Intermediaries to purchase the technology.

10. **What happens if my Technology Request Form is not approved?**

    - You will be contacted by your Social Caseworker and receive feedback about why your request is not being approved. You may choose to resubmit your request, based on the feedback.

To avoid delay of approval, fill out all the details requested in the request form.

Common issues that could delay your request:

- A lack of detail about the exact items you are requesting to purchase, including the device model and an itemized cost.
- Not listing the specific ISP goal/s where technology will be used to support you to work towards your goal, and detailed information on how the technology will be used to support your life.
- A lack of detail about accommodation need that explains why you need more than the base model of a device. For example, you might need a larger screen because of your vision needs.
  - The base model is the least expensive model. ***For example***, if you requested an iPad Pro, but did not justify the reason you need the larger model, you will only be approved for the base model: 10inch iPad, Wi-Fi 64 GB $329.00, AppleCare $69.00, Smart Cover $49.00. Total: $492.15
- You asked for subscription services. The Technology Fund can purchase a device with cellular capacity but cannot pay for a subscription/monthly fee. If requesting cellular capacity, provide justification of the need.
- You requested gaming equipment. The Technology Fund will not pay for gaming and entertainment equipment unless there is a clear connection to an ISP goal, and that goal is not isolating a person from community options/connections.
- Your request meets the criteria for approval. However, before your request is processed, the review committee wants to make sure you are aware that there are other pathways to pursue

the hardware/software you requested through other funds (for example, Medicaid funds can cover items recommended by Speech Language Pathologist).

- Your request describes use of the device solely for employment goals and could be purchased through other sources (for example, ORS or a self-employment mini grant).

11. **I'm not sure what technology to purchase, where do I start?**

- The Tech Fund was created to give you access to general technology, for example smart devices and touch screen tablets. There are many options available, you need to explore what is right for you based on your ISP goals.

- You can explore your options online, using searches on the internet (ex. technology used by people with disabilities, or independence through technology), you can go into stores that sell technology and talk to salespeople, speak to your family, peers, your provider, and your social caseworker.

- Forums on the Technology Fund will include information on what technology people are using and how they are using it to meet their goals.

12. **Does the Technology Fund pay for assessments or training?**

- No, it is only for you to receive Technology hardware or software.

13. **When will the next Technology Fund Forum be?**

- The Technology Fund Forums will be held in August 2022, October 2022, January 2023, and April 2023. Once this Forum is scheduled, meeting information will be made available on the Technology Fund website and in the DDD Newsletter.

- You can sign up to receive the DDD Newsletter at: https://bhddh.ri.gov/developmental-disabilities/newsletters-forums-and-events

14. **What happens if I miss the deadline to submit a Technology Request Form?**

- Requests will be reviewed on a Quarterly basis. If you miss the deadline for the current Round, your request will be reviewed by the Tech Review Committee during the following quarter.

15. **I will need help to learn the technology I purchase. My staff needs to learn how to support me using it. How do I do this?**

- Your Support Coordinator / Plan Writer can work with you to identify a training plan. DDD is working with the Sherlock Center and Advocates in Action to develop a library of training tools that includes short videos and clear visually-based training documents.

16. **What's the difference between assistive technology and technology?**

The definition of assistive technology (AT) is any item, piece of equipment, software program, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of persons with disabilities. For a long time, assistive technology focused on specialized tools and devices. Now with touch screen tablets, and smart devices created

for the entire population, technology is becoming more accessible for everyone. Many of these new devices meet the definition of AT.

Technical Bulletin 19-02 SD Allowable Goods and Services

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TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Technical Bulletin Number:	19-02 v. 2.0
Date:	Updated 10/04/2021
Subject:	**Self-Directed Services: Allowable Good and Services**
Applies to:	Self-Directed Participants

Purpose: To detail the allowable goods and services that can be authorized through self-directed plans, but need to be secondary to coverage available through other funding sources such as health coverage. This update clarifies the transportation options that can be used.

Background: Under Medicaid rules, self-directed participants can use their funding allocation not only to hire personal support workers, but also to purchase other goods and services designed to meet disability-related needs. Individual Directed Goods and Services are services, equipment, or supplies not otherwise provided through general Medicaid or the waiver that address an identified need in the individual's service plan.

Information: The following lists provide information on allowable and not allowable requests for goods and services.

Requests for Self-Directed Goods and Services:

- Requests for goods and services must:
    - be submitted with and documented in the annual ISP;
    - have a clear connection to the individual's identified and established goals; and
    - be drawn from an individual's allocated resource package.
- Requests can be made outside of the annual plan in the event of an emergency or exceptional need for a plan modification.
- Goods and Services can only be authorized through self-directed plans if not available through other funding sources such as health coverage.
- Substitutions to the goods and services approved in an annual budget may be made within the budget category with a similar or related alternative that is within the original budgeted amount for that item.
    - For example, if a specific lifelong learning class is budgeted, but the individual elects to attend a different class, this is allowable without submitting a formal budget modification. If the alternate class costs more, this would require a modification.

Examples of Allowable Self-Directed Goods and Services:

- Transportation for covered service-related activities.
    - Pay an increased hourly rate for self-directed staff that has mileage built in to it
    - Pay a per mile rate for self-directed staff (must be no higher than IRS mileage rate)
    - If using alternative modes of transportation other than staff, use the self-directed transportation option (e.g. to pay varying costs for Uber/Lyft, buy a RIPTA bus pass, etc.)
    - Only one method can be used for any given trip

- Health coverage for employees
    - Should not exceed $3000 annually or $250 a month

- Therapeutic services funded discretely or in conjunction with a health club membership or other allowable services. Allowable therapies or therapeutic services include, but are not limited to, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, personal training, hippotherapy, or other therapy that meets all of the following conditions:
    1) helps an individual physically, socially, or emotionally
    2) is recognized and provided by a Certified or Licensed practitioner
    3) is tied to specific goals in the individual's ISP
    4) is recommended and documented by a physician as a current need

- Health club memberships and enrollment fees
    - Should not exceed $1200 per year
    - Do not require a physician's note

- Memberships to organizations when there is a clear connection to an outcome measure listed in the individual's ISP.

- Specialized equipment and/or assistive technology that will enable or support an individual's independence, functionality, and/or increased access to the community.

- Lifelong learning that is not associated with college credits.
    - Note: Documentation of the requirement of materials necessary for participation in the class must be provided in order to use allocated funds to purchase the materials.

- Employee Wages and Taxes directly related to support services

- Support Brokerage & Administrative Fees (Workers Compensation, Plan Development)

- Trainings that are related to the individual's overall health, safety or community participation

Examples of Non-Allowable Self-Directed Goods and Services:

- Food
- Housing costs, including utilities
- Prescriptions or co-payments for covered medical services, including eyeglass frames or contact lenses
- Experimental or prohibited treatments

Other References: Technical Bulletin 18-05 Transportation Billing Alternative

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Transportation Infographic (English & Spanish)

Transportation Options Through Your DD Services

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WHAT HAS CHANGED?

In the past, you were only allowed a specific number of transportation trips per year. Now you can choose to use your funding for as many trips as you need. You also have flexibility to use your funding three ways to meet your transportation needs.

WHAT ARE THE THREE OPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION?

1. You can pay your agency for transportation they provide.

2. You can use your funds to pay for trips on The RIde Program (RIPTA). You need to add RIPTA to your plan and purchase order. RIPTA will bill the Division directly. There is no cost to you.

3. You can use the self-direct option for transportation, even if you use an agency for most services. Through self-direciton, you can pay for trips on Uber, Lyft or taxi service or to pay someone you know for driving you.

DO I NEED TO SELF-DIRECT TO USE THE SELF-DIRECT TRANSPORTATION OPTION?

No, you do not have to be in a self-direct program to use the self-direct transportation option.

Contact your provider and tell them that you want to use "self-directed funds option" for transportation to use Uber, Lyft, taxi service, or to pay someone for rides.

WHO DO I CONTACT?

Contact your provider.

Your provider will help you make sure your plan and purchase order have the transportation options you need.

You can use one or all of the transportation options.
1. Pay your provider agency for transportation.
2. Pay for RIde services.
3. Self-direct funds to pay for other transportation services such as Uber, Lyft, taxis, or someone who drives you.

Read more at https://www.bhddh.ri.gov/developmental-disabilities/services-adults/self-directed-services

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OPCIONES DE TRANSPORTE A TRAVÉS DE SUS SERVICIOS DD

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¿QUE HA CAMBIADO?

En el pasado, solo se le permitía una cantidad específica de viajes de transporte por año. Ahora tiene flexibilidad para utilizar los fondos de tres maneras para satisfacer sus necesidades de transporte.
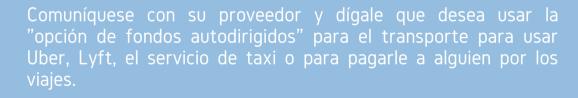
¿CUÁLES SON LAS TRES FORMAS DE FINANCIACIÓN DEL TRANSPORTE?

1. Puede pagar a su agencia por el transporte que proporciona.
2. Puede utilizar sus fondos para pagar viajes en el Programa RIde (RIPTA). Debe agregar RIPTA a su plan y orden de compra. RIPTA le facturará directamente a la División. No tiene ningún costo para usted.
3. Puede usar la opción de autoservicio directo para el transporte, incluso si usa una agencia para la mayoría de los servicios. A través de la autodirección, puede pagar viajes en Uber, Lyft o servicio de taxi o pagarle a alguien que conoce para que lo lleve.

¿NECESITO AUTODIRIGIRME PARA USAR LA OPCIÓN DE TRANSPORTE AUTODIRIGIDO?

No, no es necesario que esté en un programa autodirigido para utilizar la opción de transporte autodirigido.

Comuníquese con su proveedor y dígale que desea usar la "opción de fondos autodirigidos" para el transporte para usar Uber, Lyft, el servicio de taxi o para pagarle a alguien por los viajes.

¿CON QUIÉN ME COMUNICO?

Te pones en contacto con tu proveedor.

Su proveedor lo ayudará a asegurarse de que su plan y orden de compra tengan las opciones de transporte que necesita.

Puede utilizar una o todas las opciones de transporte
1. pagar su agencia proveedora para el transporte,
2. pagar los servicios de RIde, o
3. fondos autodirigidos para pagar otros servicios de transporte como Uber, Lyft, servicios de taxi o alguien que lo lleve.

Lea mas en https://www.bhddh.ri.gov/developmental-disabilities/services-adults/self-directed-services