



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) ANNOUNCEMENT

February 14, 2025

**KERN REGIONAL CENTER (KRC)
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

SUPPORTED LIVING AGENCY (SLS)

KRC is a private non-profit agency under contract to the State Department of Developmental Services to provide services to persons with developmental disabilities in Kern, Inyo and Mono Counties. Developmental disabilities include intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, and other neurological conditions.

Consistent with the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act and the promotion of community-based services for all people with Developmental Disabilities, Kern Regional Center is currently accepting proposals and invites the community at large to develop a Supported Living Agency in Kern County. All applications, including those that propose innovative approaches to the resource needed will be considered. Proposals submitted after the indicated timelines and/or are not complete per this RFP will not be considered. There are no start up funds associated with this RFP.

Visit www.kernrc.org to view and download complete RFP. Hard copies of the RFP can be available for in-person pick up at KRC's main office in Bakersfield upon request. **For further information on obtaining an RFP, you may contact Joanne Frasher, Community Service Specialist at, (661) 852- 3314 or jfrasher@kernrc.org.**

There will be an **RFP Orientation on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 10:00AM via ZOOM** to provide applicants with an opportunity to ask questions specifically in reference to the RFP and RFP process. ***This orientation is voluntary and not required in order to submit a proposal.*** To register, please submit a request to participate to jfrasher@kernrc.org.

RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL DEADLINE

Documentation: Five (5) copies of the application, proposal and all applicable attachments must be received by **Friday, March 28, 2025 no later than 5pm** at:

**Kern Regional Center
Attn: Joanne Frasher, CSS
3200 N. Sillect Ave.
Bakersfield, California 93308**

***In addition, send an electronic copy of the proposal to jfrasher@kernrc.org.**

***Proposals received after the above stated date and time will not be considered.**

SUBMITTING AND REVIEWING OF THE PROPOSAL

All proposals must be completed and organized in accordance with Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, Exhibit D, and Exhibit E. Proposals that do not follow any of these above-referenced attachments are considered by the committee to be incomplete and will not be considered. **Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted for review or consideration.**

All proposals will be scored for the written and oral presentations in accordance with Exhibit B. **If after review of the written proposal, it is noted by the committee that the applicant cannot meet requirements or other minimum professional criteria specific to the project applied for, the proposal will be disqualified at that time.** KRC will appoint a three to five-member committee to score each proposal and conduct interviews with each applicant. The final decision of the committee is not subject to appeal. All applicants will receive notification of KRC’s decision regarding their proposal. In person interviews for selected applicant(s) are anticipated to take place on **Thursday, April 10, 2025, beginning at 9:00am.**

There are no start up funds associated with this project.

Applicants responding to this RFP shall bear the costs associated with the development and submission of a proposal.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Kern Regional Center reserves the right to request or negotiate changes in a proposal, to accept all or part of a proposal, or to reject any or all proposals. KRC may, at its sole and absolute discretion, select no provider for these services if, in its determination, no applicant is sufficiently responsive to the need.

TIMELINES:

Request for Proposal: Announcement Release & Posting	Friday, February 14, 2025
General briefing meeting on RFP Process, timeline, and Q&A session.	Thursday, February 27, 2025 *Orientation will be held by Kern Regional Center via Zoom at 10:00AM. *To register please submit a request to participate to jfrasher@kernrc.org *If you require an interpreter, please submit a request to jfrasher@kernrc.org no later than Monday, February 24, 2025 by 5:00pm.

Deadline for receipt of Proposals (5 copies of each proposal)	Friday, March 28, 2025 no later than 5pm. Proposals received after said date and time will not be considered.
Interviews and oral presentations	If your proposal is selected, you will be contacted and invited to an in-person interview at Kern Regional Center (Malibu room) on Thursday, April 10, 2025, beginning at 9am.
Notice of Selection sent	Thursday, April 17, 2025

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE
SUPPORTED LIVING AGENCY
TITLE 17, SECTION 58614

Consumer/Service Profile:

Age: 18 and older
Gender: Male and Female
Ambulatory Status: Ambulatory/Non-ambulatory: Consumers may have physical challenges.
Geographic area served: Kern County
Minimum Staffing Ratio: 1:1

Entrance Criteria: Must be 18 and older, have agreement from IPP Planning Team. The agreement to include consumer or authorized representative stating informed choice for SLS. Have an approved SLS Assessment, which includes access and use of all generic resources. Have the financial resources for owning or leasing/renting a home of their own.

Service Description/Scope of Work:

The development of a Supported Living Agency providing the full scope of service and support components as outlined in Title 17, Section 58614. Services shall be consistent with all applicable federal laws including but not limited to Welfare and Institutions Code 4689, which adhere to the following principles: 1) Consumers shall be supported in living arrangements which are typical of those in which persons without disabilities reside; 2) The services or supports that a consumer receives shall change as his or her needs change without the consumer having to move elsewhere; 3) The consumer's preference shall guide decisions concerning where and with whom he or she lives; 4) Consumers shall have control over the environment within their own home; 5) The purpose of furnishing services and supports to a consumer shall be to assist that individual to exercise choice in his or her life while building critical and durable relationships with other individuals; 6) The services or supports shall be flexible and tailored to a consumer's needs and preferences; 7) Services and supports are most effective when furnished where a person lives and within the context of his or her day-to-day activities and; 8) Consumers shall not be excluded from supported living arrangements based solely on the nature and severity of their disabilities. Regional centers shall monitor and ensure quality of services and supports provided to individuals living in homes that they own or lease. Monitoring shall take into account all of the following: 1) Adherence to all of the above-referenced 8 principles; 2) Whether the services and supports outlined in the consumer's individual program plan are congruent with the choices

and needs of the individual; 3) Whether services and supports described in the consumer's individual program plan are being delivered; 4) Whether services and supports are having the desired effects and; 5) Whether the consumer is satisfied with the services and supports. Assessments shall be conducted prior to services authorized. Assessments are completed, in part, for the purpose of getting to know the consumer being supported and developing a support plan congruent with the choices and needs of the individual and consistent with the principles of supported living as referenced above. This service provides 24 hour emergency assistance.

Qualifications:

- SLS Director must have a minimum of seven (7) years providing SLS services.
- In addition to years of experience, the applicant must demonstrate that the director position meets all standards as outlined in Title 17, Section 58641.
- The applicant must demonstrate the ability to hire supervisory and direct staff positions that meet all standards as outlined in Title 17, Section 58642 and 58643.

Rate:

Payment shall be based on an hourly per consumer per the January 1, 2025 Rate Reform rate.

Award of the Contract:

KRC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bid or in the bid process. The award of a contract, if made by KRC, shall be to the qualified applicant(s) whose proposal best complies with the requirements set forth in the RFP and whose proposal, in the opinion of KRC, is in the best interest of KRC and its consumers.

PROPOSAL AFFIRMATION

I affirm that the information presented in this proposal is true and that this proposal was developed and authored by the person(s) indicated. I understand that any falsification of information or failure to disclose any history of deficiencies or abuse will be cause for immediate disqualification. I also understand that failure to meet minimum qualifications as stated in the RFP, late proposal submissions, facsimile proposal submissions, and any missing information (e.g., sections). I also understand that in the event that my proposal is selected for development, further discussion for final agreement may be required.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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PROPOSAL FORMAT AND PROPOSAL SCORING CRITERIA

A. Content of Proposal

APPLICANT INFORMATION: Applicant(s) must complete and attach EXHIBIT C (Proposal Coversheet) with each proposal submitted.

- 1) Education and Experience: The proposal should clearly provide evidence that the applicant(s) possesses the education and/or experience necessary to complete a project of this scope. The applicant should clearly demonstrate an ability to manage programs successfully. Applicant should include letters of reference and resumes.
- 2) Proposes Resource(s): The proposal should describe the location of the proposed services (include facility location and community resources near facility). Such description should clearly document that the program will provide a normalizing, integrated, accessible experience (meets Section 504 standards) and that the size and design of any proposed facility is adequate to accommodate the proposed program(s) and residents.
- 3) Program Description: The proposal should clearly demonstrate that the program description is appropriate for the population to be served. Such description should clearly identify client capabilities and deficits, which are the basis for admitting or exiting clients from the facility. The proposal must specify which client characteristics you are unwilling to work with in the facility. The proposal should describe the expected client service outcomes, the training techniques used to meet the service outcomes and the methodology used to collect the data to measure client service outcomes. The proposal should demonstrate a clear understanding and utilization of Person-Centered Planning.
- 4) Staffing: The proposal should clearly document the type and number of staff with job descriptions for all positions. The proposal should clearly demonstrate that staffing patterns and staff qualifications are consistent with the regulations and guidelines noted in the RFP, and are realistic when compared to similar program/services for all positions.
- 5) Staff Schedule Included: The proposal should include a staff schedule, which is in accordance with the RFP guidelines and identifies direct care personnel. Not applicable for SLS.
- 6) Program Development: The proposal should clearly describe proposed timelines for development and completion of the proposed project. The applicant(s) should clearly document an understanding of program requirements.
- 7) Budget and Finance: The program budget should clearly display all costs associated with the proposal. The applicant(s) must demonstrate the ability to keep adequate fiscal records in accordance with all State and local requirements. Applicant must include Exhibit E.

B. Oral Presentation Scoring Criteria

The administrator/licensee (applicant) must be the primary presenter during the oral presentation as they are ultimately responsible for all services provided.

- 1) Service Quality: Applicant clearly demonstrates an understanding and working knowledge of the principles of integration and normalization. Applicant clearly demonstrates through their presentation an understanding of client choices as related to services provided and service quality.
- 2) Program Description: Applicant clearly demonstrates a working knowledge of their program plan and the ways in which they will implement the program description as related to the needs of the clients.
- 3) Client Needs: Applicant demonstrates knowledge of client's needs as related to current Request For Proposal and client life quality outcomes.
- 4) Budget and Finance: Applicant demonstrates an understanding of operating the service requested in the most cost-effective manner and demonstrated clear knowledge of facility requirements to operate the facility in accordance with Title 17 and Title 22 regulations.
- 5) Experience: Applicant clearly articulates pertinent experience for themselves, staff and consultants pursuant to this RFP as well as Title 17 and Title 22 Regulations.
- 6) Training Issues: Applicant demonstrates an understanding of the need for training staff per Title 17 & Title 22 Regulations and the requirements noted in the RFP as well as to ensure client safety and success. Applicant also demonstrates an understanding of training needs in relation to different staffing levels.
- 7) Proposed Resources: Applicant successfully identifies a variety of community contacts and resources that will ensure implementation of the program plan.
- 8) Overview Summary: Applicant is able to field questions from the panel about the program in a concise and articulate manner.

C. Scoring

Submitted proposals will be scored per the following scoring guidelines by each of the members of the Review Panel in each of the areas above. Applicant's oral presentation will also be scored using the same criteria.

- 0 (Zero) Criteria not addressed at all
- 1 Minimal Response: Subject area is mentioned; however, applicant has not included any narrative or any supporting documentation that demonstrates an understanding of this particular proposal requirement.
- 2 Some supporting documentation and/or narrative discussion; however, the responses are not clearly articulated.
- 3 Good supporting documentation and/or narrative discussion; responses are more clearly articulated.
- 4 Maximum Response: Full supporting documentation and/or narrative discussion with exceptionally clear articulation making it readily apparent that applicant understands all aspects of the program development process.

The written proposal and presentation can achieve a maximum score of 60 points per member. (Written proposal= 28 points; Oral presentation= 32 points)

KRC SLS PROPOSAL COVERSHEET

Must be submitted by **Friday , March 28, 2025 by 5pm**, with all required exhibits

DATE: ___/___/___

APPLICANT / AGENCY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WEBSITE ADDRESS: _____

If the applicant is a corporation, please attach a separate sheet of paper listing all principal members of the corporation.

Please indicate the identification number and description of the project(s) in which you are submitting. Five copies of each proposal you are applying for must be submitted.

Project Description: _____

Name of person authorized to sign a binding contract with Kern Regional Center:

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

I am able to meet licensing, administrator and other qualifications per Title 17 and Title 22 regulations for the proposal(s) I am submitting.

X _____
Signature / Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND EXCLUSION VERIFICATION

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

According to Title 17 Regulations, Section 54314, the following individuals and entities shall not be vended:

1. Any officer or employee of the state of California;
2. Any applicant in which an officer or employee of the State of California has a financial interest, as defined in the Government Code, Section 87103, except as permitted by Public Contract Code, Section 10430 (g), effective January 1, 1992;
3. Employees and board members of any regional center with a conflict of interest pursuant to Title 17, Sections 54500 through 54525, unless the conflict is eliminated or a waiver is obtained pursuant to Title 17, Sections 54522 through 54525;
4. Any applicant in which the regional center employee or board member has a relationship which creates a conflict of interest pursuant to Title 17, Section 54500 through 54525, unless the conflict is eliminated or a waiver is obtained pursuant to Title 17, Sections 54522 through 54525;
5. Regional Center Clients to provide services for, or to, themselves except to provide transportation or serve as their own Supported Living Services Vendor;
6. Except as specified in Section 54318 of these regulations, any applicant located outside the state;
7. Any applicant that has been determined to be an excluded individual or entity as defined in Section 54302 (b)(1).

I have read the above information and declare:

No present or potential barriers to becoming a vendor exist.

A current or potential barrier to becoming a vendor exists.

EXCLUSION VERIFICATION

“Excluded Individuals or Entities means those individuals and entities that have been placed on either the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspectors’ General (OIG) List of Excluded Individuals/Entities or the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal Suspended and Ineligible Provider List of persons, or individuals and entities that have been convicted of a criminal offense related to involvement in any program under Medicare, Medicaid or the Title XX services program, or those individuals and entities that meet the criteria included in Title 17, Section 54311 (a)(6).

Pursuant to the Applicant/Vendor Disclosure Statement, all applicants and co-applicants are required to provide verification that the applicant and/or co-applicants are not listed on the State of California or the Federal Office of Inspector General databases for Ineligible Providers and Excluded Providers. **As a requirement of this RFP, please screen all applicants/co-applicants using one the databases listed below. Please include a screen print of your results with your written proposal.**

The State of California Suspended and Ineligible Provider List can be found at:

[LEIE Downloadable Databases | Office of Inspector General | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)

The Federal Office of Inspector General “exclusions database” can be found at:

<http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov>

Applicant Signature

Date

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AS OF _____, 20__

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT(S)

ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$ _____
Cash in commercial accounts	_____
Savings accounts	_____
Time deposits	_____
Notes and receivables	_____
Inventory	_____
Life Insurance (cash value)	_____
Stocks and Bonds (at market value)	_____
Land	_____
Buildings and Improvements	_____
Equipment, furniture and furnishings	_____
Other Investments or Assets (describe): _____ _____	_____
A. Total Assets	\$ _____

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (include installment contracts) (balance due)	\$ _____
Salaries and Wages Payable	_____
Payroll Taxes Payable	_____
Real Estate Taxes Payable	_____
Notes Payable (include personal notes) (balance due): _____ _____	\$ _____
Real Estate Loans or Mortgages (balance due): _____	_____
Other debts (describe): _____ _____ _____	_____
B. Total Liabilities	\$ _____

OWNERSHIP (Equity)

C. Total Ownership (difference between A and B) \$ _____

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM AND ANY ACCOMPANYING ATTACHMENTS ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

COMPLETED BY	TITLE	DATE
