

State Plan For Independent Living (SPIL)

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Title VII

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Part C - Centers for Independent Living

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2025-2027 Idaho State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) is our strategic plan that brings together the Network of Centers, the Idaho State Independent Living Council (SILC) and our partners as we work collaboratively to advance the independence of people across disabilities and lifespan.

Each partner in the plan has their own organizational strategic plan. The SPIL brings us together as a unified force amplifying the voices of Idahoans with disabilities and improving their quality of life across our cities and most rural communities.

The mission, goals and objectives outlined in the 2025-2027 Plan represent the culmination of work that began in 2021 in preparation for the 2022-2023 statewide assessment. We agreed that the Plan should address the statewide needs of Idahoans across disabilities and lifespan; and that all partners would work toward greater participation in the upcoming statewide assessment in 2022. The Planning committee began development of the assessment in July 2021, participated in events and followed progress throughout the 2022 assessment and review process culminating with a final report published July 1, 2023.

The Idaho SILC in partnership with the three CILs, the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation conducted a statewide survey of needs of people with disabilities January 25 - September 16, 2022. Surveys were available in various formats, including electronic surveys in English and Spanish, hard-copy surveys, available in English, Spanish, large print, and Braille. Additionally, the SILC staff read surveys to several people upon request. No other language requests were made. The SILC was prepared to provide translation and interpreting services should the need have arisen. One person completed an electronic survey in Spanish.

Idahoans with disabilities and other stakeholders participated in the surveys via the SILC, CIL and partner agency websites. Additionally, the SILC distributed surveys through email, newsletters through the Department of Health and Welfare and other partner agencies, community meetings, and outreach events. These efforts led to the return of 658 surveys, a 205% increase in responses from the 2018 assessment survey. Much of this increase can be attributed to increased partnerships with a variety of disability and non-disability specific organizations and state agencies. Additionally, through 29 events coordinated by the CILs, SILC and Center staff met with community members across Idaho from April 21 through August 24, 2022. The SILC held two additional sharing events via virtual format that included people from northern, eastern, central and western Idaho. In all, 213 people provided input and shared concerns about the state of services, support, community access and local challenges as well as successes through a variety of opportunities, including formal meetings, personal interviews and follow-up conversations.

The IL Network and SPIL planning committee commenced SPIL drafting meetings in early October 2022, concluding the end of September 2023. A total of seven SPIL drafting meetings provided additional public input opportunities which included further review of the statewide assessment, recent PPRs and other updated local data (affordable and assessable housing/homelessness data, reports issued by state oversight committees related to the direct care workforce shortage and loss of home and community based services, etc.). All meetings were held virtually and posted publicly on the SILC website, social media platforms and on the Idaho Townhall website (part of Transparent Idaho). Further, SPIL development reports and opportunities for comment were provided during quarterly SILC business meetings held through January 2024, prior to posting the draft for the 30-day public comment period. Several members of the public frequently attended Council meetings during this timeframe. Members of the public are permitted time to comment and ask questions at the discretion of the chairperson as was allowed during SPIL development discussion.

A draft of the Plan contained herein was reviewed and approved for the publicly posted comment period during a public Council meeting on January 19, 2024. The Plan was posted to the SILC and CIL websites, and shared widely via CIL, SILC and partner email lists and newsletters during the 30-day comment period January 30 - February 28, 2024. An additional public hearing via Zoom was held on February 5, 2024 to review any concerns, questions or receive further public input. ASL was provided for this meeting. The meeting notice was posted on the SILC website, the State of Idaho Townhall website and via partner organizations' communication channels, including the Consortium of Idahoans with Disabilities, Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol on February 2, 2024.

In spite of our efforts to get the word out about the zoom meeting held on February 5, no one attended. We also did not receive any additional comments during the 30-day comment period. We attribute the lack of additional response to the fact that all SPIL development meetings, including quarterly Council meetings have been public and we blanketed the state with public meetings in the prior year. Additionally, this is the fifth Plan, including extension amendments, that we have developed since 2015. During a recent conversation with another state disability organization director, they noted that "you are always working on a SPIL." Indeed, this can be attributed to some circumstances beyond our control and the fact that SPILs only cover a three-year period instead of the more typical five-year period for the Department of Education or Developmental Disabilities Councils.

As partners - the Network of Centers, the Idaho SILC, the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ICBVI) and our Designated State Entity (DSE), the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) - are committed to making Idaho a better place for Idahoans with disabilities through advocacy, peer to peer support, independent living services and collaboration across disabilities and lifespan.

All elements of this State Plan for Independent Living are aligned with the stated purpose of the Independent Living Program as defined in Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act (1973), as amended.

Section 1: Mission, Goals, Objectives, and Activities

1.1 - MISSION

Mission of the Independent Living Network and the SPIL

To advocate for and enhance the ability of Idahoans with disabilities to live independently, direct their lives and participate fully in their community.

1.2 - GOALS

Goals of the SPIL

Goal #1: The Idaho IL Network will promote and advocate for the integration, inclusion and equity of Idahoans with disabilities across lifespan and cultures.

Goal #2: The Idaho IL Network will work to strengthen effective network collaboration, leadership development and resources.

Goal #3: Idahoans with disabilities receive the community-based supports and services they need to live in their community with greater independence.

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 #1: The Idaho IL Network will promote and advocate for the integration, inclusion and equity of Idahoans with disabilities across lifespan and cultures.

Objective #1.1: State and local emergency officials include individuals with disabilities and address their unique needs in emergency planning: mitigation, preparation, response and recovery.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #1.1.1: Quarterly SPIL surveys will review barriers addressed, successes and lessons learned by SILC and CILs, identifying and reporting on the implementation of one best practice annually.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective #1.2: The IL Network will represent the voice of individuals with disabilities in improving the availability of housing, transportation, health care and community access.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #1.2.1: IL Network members complete the SPIL quarterly survey identifying activities, barriers, best practice and innovation. Surveys are reviewed quarterly by the SILC planning committee and the Council for effectiveness and potential revision. At least one best practice(s) or barrier(s) overcome or being addressed, will be identified annually by the IL Network.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective #1.3: The Idaho SILC and identified community partners and stakeholders will explore opportunities for potential legislation establishing an Idaho ABLE program.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #1.3.1: SPIL quarterly surveys demonstrate that stakeholders convened at least once quarterly, identifying best practice, engaging policy makers and providing analysis regarding establishment of an Idaho ABLE program by the end of the SPIL cycle, Idaho will have laid the groundwork for an Idaho ABLE program, passed legislation allowing for the creation of an Idaho ABLE program or provide reasoning why an ABLE program is not feasible in Idaho.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Goal #2: The Idaho IL Network will work to strengthen effective network collaboration, leadership development and resources.

Objective #2.1: Increase engagement of transition age youth and young adults with disabilities to expand our community and develop future leaders in the movement.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #2.1.1: Year One: Members of the Idaho IL Network will meet to determine how to collect information, what data needs to be collected and how it will be reported and used, and review potential barriers that may prevent, or increase the burden, for transition age youth and young adults to become involved in activities, events, or opportunities. Information collected will be reported quarterly and a summary completed by the CILs and provided to the Council at the end of year one.

Indicator #2.1.2: Year Two: The IL Network and identified partners will continue to meet, to build upon the information and data collected in Year 1. The IL Network and partners will explore opportunities to create environments for youth and young adults with disabilities to build and expand their knowledge and leadership skills. Progress will be reported quarterly on SPIL surveys.

Indicator #2.1.3: Continuing from the work completed in Year 2, the IL Network will implement program(s) that were developed for youth and young adults. The IL

Network will actively promote and engage in these programs in order to expand outreach and participation. Progress will be reported quarterly on SPIL surveys.

Other Objective info and/or Activities (optional):

Objective Info #2.1.1: Year One (Discovery): The Idaho IL Network will work with identified partners to identify needs, opportunities, and activities to regularly engage transition age youth and young adults with disabilities to promote self and systems advocacy skills, civic leadership, and economic prosperity. Partners will identify and execute a data collection method to better understand the needs, wants, and barriers to success for the target population.

Objective Info #2.1.2: Year Two (Development): The Idaho IL Network, in collaboration with partners from year one and representatives from the transition age youth and young adults with disabilities community, will develop statewide strategies to connect local and regional youth programs across Idaho.

Objective Info #2.1.3: Year Three (Implementation): The Idaho IL Network in concert with community partners and transition age youth and young adults with disabilities, will execute the strategies developed from year two.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective #2.2: Ensure qualified and effective Idaho IL Network personnel hold at least one team and skills building educational event within the three-year plan with the participation of network members that include in-person and hybrid attendance options when possible and as resources allow.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #2.2.1: Participants from all attending entities will complete satisfaction surveys to express the level of value in the statewide training/networking event(s). Results will be shared with all partners for evaluation and future improvement.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective #2.3: The Idaho SILC will explore alternative business models of operation to enhance the Council's effectiveness within the IL Network.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #2.3.1: The SILC executive director in coordination with the executive committee will identify effective business models of SILC operation and report findings annually to the Council and CIL directors.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Goal #3: Idahoans with disabilities receive the community-based supports and services they need to live in their community with greater independence.

Objective #3.1: Provide Independent Living services to people with disabilities to increase community access in rural areas and/or unserved and underserved populations identified in section 3.2.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #3.1.1: As demonstrated through review of PPRs each Center and ICBVI will provide services in at least one unserved/underserved area and/or to at least one member of an identified population (may be living in an urban area) demonstrating greater access, inclusion, independence and/or peer connections in previously unserved/underserved communities.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective #3.2: Build and promote community connections and participation in peer to peer mentoring and learning groups.

Measurable Indicators:

Indicator #3.2.1: As demonstrated through review of PPRs each Center and ICBVI will provide opportunities for at least one peer to peer mentoring group annually.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

1.4 - EVALUATION

To facilitate the SILC's duty to monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the State Plan, the Idaho IL Network agrees to the performance measures identified in Section 1.3. The IL Network further agrees to provide annual PPRs, designate appropriate staff to complete quarterly surveys and provide goal specific annual reports to the Council when appropriate.

Prior to quarterly business meetings (held shortly after the end of the prior quarter), SILC staff sends out two surveys on behalf of the SILC planning committee: one to Council members, and another to SILC staff, CIL Directors, CIL representatives who are appointed to the Council and other subrecipients and SPIL partners. CIL, SILC and ICBVI Directors or their designee are ultimately responsible for the completion of quarterly surveys. Surveys collect information regarding progress, barriers, lessons learned and reporting. The SILC and ICBVI are Part B subrecipients and as such, are held to the same quarterly and annual reporting requirements as the Network of Centers.

The planning committee works with SILC staff to compile responses and present a report, including relevant data, to the Council during quarterly business meetings (January, April, July, October). The planning committee shares successes and alerts the Council to potential issues, barriers or other concerns that may require additional focus or alteration of the SPIL. The committee leads the Council through discussions, sharing ideas and local feedback from their communities to address issues during the quarterly or additional public meetings. The full Council makes

recommendations regarding the need for additional data and possible public forums to gather more information.

The SILC Executive Director at the direction of and in coordination with the Council Chair and other members of the Executive/Finance Committee, provides quarterly reports in addition to an annual state report, based on the state fiscal year (SFY July 1 - June 30). The SILC Executive Director works with the DSE, Network of Centers and ICBVI to complete the annual ILS Program Progress Report (PPR) based on the federal fiscal year (FFY). Dedicated ICBVI staff provide direct service data for completion of Subparts II and III of the annual ILS PPR. The SILC Executive Director uses the quarterly compiled data and internal tracking to report SILC staff and Council member activities at the end of the SFY and FFY. Reports include accomplishments, lessons, challenges, changes and progress toward the achievement of identified goals and objectives. State and Federal annual reports are provided during the October and January quarterly meetings and are publicly posted on the SILC website.

1.4 – EVALUATION

Goal #1: The Idaho IL Network will promote and advocate for the integration, inclusion and equity of Idahoans with Disabilities across lifespan and cultures.

Timeline	Objectives	Data to be collected	Data collection method	Organization primarily responsible for data collection
10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	State and local emergency officials include individuals with disabilities and address their unique needs in emergency planning: mitigation, preparation, response and recovery.	Barriers addressed, successes, lessons learned	Quarterly survey	CIL, SILC
10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	The IL Network will represent the voice of individuals with disabilities in improving the availability of housing, transportation, health care and community access.	Activities, barriers, best practice and innovation	Quarterly survey	CIL, SILC, Other
10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	The Idaho SILC and identified community partners and stakeholders will explore opportunities for potential legislation establishing an Idaho ABLE program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of stakeholder meetings, participants and policy makers identified and actively engaged. - Quarterly analysis of input received, policies reviewed and progress in determining the feasibility of an Idaho ABLE savings program. 	Quarterly survey	SILC

Goal #2: The Idaho IL Network will work to strengthen effective network collaboration, leadership development and resources.

Timeline	Objectives	Data to be collected	Data collection method	Organization primarily responsible for data collection
10/01/2024 - 09/01/2027	Increase engagement of transition age youth and young adults with disabilities to expand our community and develop future leaders in the movement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data collection method identified addressing the wants, and barriers to success for the target population. - Identification of developed statewide strategies to connect local and regional youth programs across the state. - Number of youths engaged. 	Quarterly SPIL surveys and annual PPRs specific to the goal to be provided by the CILs	CIL, SILC
10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	Ensure qualified and effective Idaho IL Network personnel hold at least one team and skills building educational event within the three-year plan with the participation of network members that include in-	Information from event participants.	After event survey(s) and SPIL quarterly	CIL, SILC

Timeline	Objectives	Data to be collected	Data collection method	Organization primarily responsible for data collection
	person and hybrid attendance options when possible and as resources allow.		surveys when appropriate.	
10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	The Idaho SILC will explore alternative business models of operation to enhance the Council's effectiveness within the IL Network.	Identification of at least two alternative business models for the SILC.	Quarterly surveys and annual report to the Council.	SILC

Goal #3: Idahoans with disabilities receive the community-based supports and services they need to live in their community with greater independence.

Timeline	Objectives	Data to be collected	Data collection method	Organization primarily responsible for data collection
10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	Provide Independent Living services to people with disabilities to increase community access in rural areas and/or unserved and underserved populations identified in section 3.2.	Number of people served from underserved communities.	CIL and ILS PPRs	CIL, SILC, Other

Timeline	Objectives	Data to be collected	Data collection method	Organization primarily responsible for data collection
09/01/2027 - 10/30/2027	Build and promote community connections and participation in peer to peer mentoring and learning groups.	Number of active peer to peer mentoring groups.	CIL and ILS PPRs	CIL, SILC, Other

1.5 - PART I: FINANCIAL PLAN

Sources, uses of, and efforts to coordinate funding to be used to accomplish the SPIL 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): 2025 – 2027 - October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027

Sources Projected Funding Amounts and Uses

	SILC Resource Plan	IL Services	General CIL Operations	Other SPIL Activities	Retained by DSE for Admin. Costs	TOTAL
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Title VII Funds

Chapter 1, Part B	\$104418	\$73092	\$153147	\$17403	\$0	\$348060
Chapter 1, Part C	\$0	\$0	\$1094997	\$0		\$1094997
						\$1443057

Other Federal Funds

Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	\$129500	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$129500
Social Security Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other	\$0	\$225000	\$0	\$0		\$225000
						\$354500

Non-Federal Funds

Part B State Match	\$11602	\$8121	\$17016	\$1934	\$0	\$38673
Other State Match for Funds in SPIL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Funds	\$150498	\$0	\$0	\$101500	\$0	\$251998
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
						\$290671
TOTAL	\$396018	\$306213	\$1265160	\$120837	\$0	\$2088228

1.5.2 - PART II: FINANCIAL PLANNING NARRATIVE

Sources, uses of, and efforts to coordinate funding to be used to accomplish the SPIL Goals and Objectives. Process for grants/contracts, selection of grantees, and distribution of funds to facilitate effective operations and provision of services.

Idaho's financial plan for the 2025-27 SPIL is the culmination work completed in the previous two SPIL cycles to equitably distribute Part B funding to the Network of Centers while continuing to support the statewide IL work carried out by ICBVI and the SILC resource plan. Through on-going discussions that included the DSE and the SILC, and informed by the statewide needs assessment, the Network of Centers and ICBVI have agreed to collaborate to ensure that Idahoans who are Blind or have low vision maintain independence in their homes. ICBVI is a Part B subrecipient and IL Network partner. ICBVI is not a signer on the SPIL because they are not a Center for Independent Living. The CILs, ICBVI and the SILC, as Part B subrecipients, have all agreed to participate in quarterly reporting. Additionally, because ICBVI's Part B funding directly supports statewide IL services, they work with the SILC and the DSE to complete portions of the annual Program Progress Report (PPR).

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ICBVI serves all 44 counties in Idaho. ICBVI's main office is in Boise with field offices in southeastern Idaho - Idaho Falls, Pocatello; northern Idaho, Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston; and in south central Idaho, Twin Falls.

Oversight: Chapter II, OIB - Rehabilitation Services Administration process

Part B -- DSE, see section 4.3 oversight process for Part B funds

The plan further works to compensate for Part C funding which is largely distributed to DAC-NW, the Center serving the fewest counties, and no urban areas, yet receives nearly double that of the two other Centers, LINC and LIFE combined. LINC and LIFE are located in a larger combined geographical area, one of which, LINC, serves the state's metro areas, combined with rural and frontier regions. However, even when combined, the two Centers receive less Part C funding than DAC-NW. DAC-NW serves a large, rural and frontier region of the state, and currently receives Part C funding that is more in line with the \$570,000 needed to adequately fund a Center. While Part B reallocation cannot fully compensate for Idaho's Part C disparities, all parties have agreed to work toward that end through means currently available with Part B funds.

As reference, the table below illustrates the agreed upon redistribution of Part B for the 2021-24 Idaho State Plan for Independent Living. Percentage distribution will remain constant at the 2024 percentage through the 2025-2027 SPIL cycle.

Subrecipient	FY2021 amount	FY2022 amount	FY2023 amount	FY2024 amount
DAC-NW	5%	5%	5%	5%
LINC	21.5%	23%	24.5%	24.5%
LIFE	16.5%	18%	19.5%	19.5%
SILC	30%	30%	30%	30%
ICBVI	27%	24%	21%	21%

The anticipated total Chapter 1, Part B federal appropriation for each year of the SPIL cycle is \$348,060. Subgrantees are responsible for meeting the match for their portion of Part B funding. Part B funds in the Other SPIL Activities column are to support collaborative activities of all three CILs and other partners that cross Part C service boundaries to affect the whole state. The production and distribution of a the statewide/regional newsletter and the planning and implementation of a statewide IL conference or training event is supported by Part B funding that is contributed through each CIL. The entire allocation of Part B funding designated for Disability Action Center - NW, less 10% Indirect, is dedicated to these activities, with Part B funds from the other CILs making up the difference. While small percentage adjustments in Part B distribution occur over the three years as indicated in the information below, the anticipated dollar amount dedicated to Other SPIL Activities remains consistent.

The Idaho SILC is appropriated state general funds annually. The 2024 (SFY: July 1-June 30) appropriation is \$259,900 as indicated in table 1.5. The SILC allocates approximately 40% (\$97,800) in state general funds directly toward SPIL activities. These activities are primarily dedicated to emergency preparation, mitigation and recovery activities, including education. Activities also include financial literacy technical assistance and limited youth activities. The remaining 60% (\$162,100) is directed toward the SILC resource plan.

FFY 2025 - 2027:

Chapter 1 Part B funds \$104,418 and \$11,602 non-federal state funds will be used to fund the resource plan for the Idaho State Independent Living Council (SILC) through a contract with the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR). This amount represents 30% of the Chapter 1 Part B funds.

Chapter 1 Part B \$73,092 and \$8121 non-federal state funds will be used to fund the state independent living services through the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ICBVI) through a contract with the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR). This amount represents 21% of the Chapter 1 Part B funds. Chapter 2 \$225,000 and \$25,000 non-federal match will be used to fund older blind programs.

Chapter 1 Part B \$85,275 and \$9,475 non-federal funds will be used to fund the general operations of Living Independence Network Corporation (LINC) through a contract with the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR). This amount represents 24.5% of the Chapter 1 Part B funds.

Chapter 1 Part B \$17,403 and \$1,934 non-federal funds will be used to fund SPIL activities of Disability Action Center-Northwest (DACNW) through a contract with the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR). This amount represents 5% of the Chapter 1 Part B funds.

Chapter 1 Part B \$67,872 and \$7,541 non-federal funds will be used to fund IL Services, SPIL activities and the general operations of LIFE, A Center For Independent Living through a contract with the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR). This amount represents 19.5% of the Chapter 1 Part B funds.

Chapter 1 Part C \$1,094,997 (based on 2023 appropriation) will fund the state network of centers for independent living: LINC, DAC-NW and LIFE.

Section 2: Scope, Extent and Arrangements of Services

2.1 - SERVICES

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

Core Independent Living Services: Information and referral

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Core Independent Living Services: IL skills training

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Core Independent Living Services: Peer counseling

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes

Provided By	CIL ICBVI
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Core Independent Living Services: Individual and systems advocacy

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Transition Services: Transition from nursing homes and other institutions

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Transition Services: Diversion from institutions

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Transition Services: Transition of youth (who were eligible for an IEP) to post-secondary life

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL DSE ICBVI

Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services

Is this service being provided?	Yes
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Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	DSE ICBVI

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.

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Rehabilitation technology

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL DSE ICBVI

Mobility training

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes

Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL DSE ICBVI

Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Surveys, directories and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation opportunities, and accessible transportation and other support services

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

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

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes

Provided By	CIL ICBVI
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Supported living Note: CILs are not allowed to own or operate housing.

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation and training in the use of public transportation vehicles and systems

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL DSE ICBVI

Physical rehabilitation

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	No
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	DSE

Therapeutic treatment

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	No
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	DSE

Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	No

Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	DSE

Individual and group social and recreational services

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Training to develop skills specifically designed for youths who are individuals with significant disabilities to promote self-awareness and esteem, develop advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL DSE ICBVI

Services for children

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

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

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes

Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL DSE ICBVI

Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with disabilities for similar services in the future

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	CIL ICBVI

Such other necessary services as may be necessary and not inconsistent with the Act

Is this service being provided?	Yes
Provided using Title VII, Chapter 1 Part B funds?	Yes
Provided using other funds?	Yes
Provided By	Other (ICBVI)

2.1 - OPTIONAL MAP ATTACHMENT

Idahoans with Disabilities

The State Independent Living Council (SILC) is Idaho's only statewide, cross disability, organization dedicated to independent living and full community inclusion serving people with disabilities from birth to death.

Idaho's frontier counties include the highest percentages of people who identify themselves as having a disability.*



Percentage of people with disabilities by county

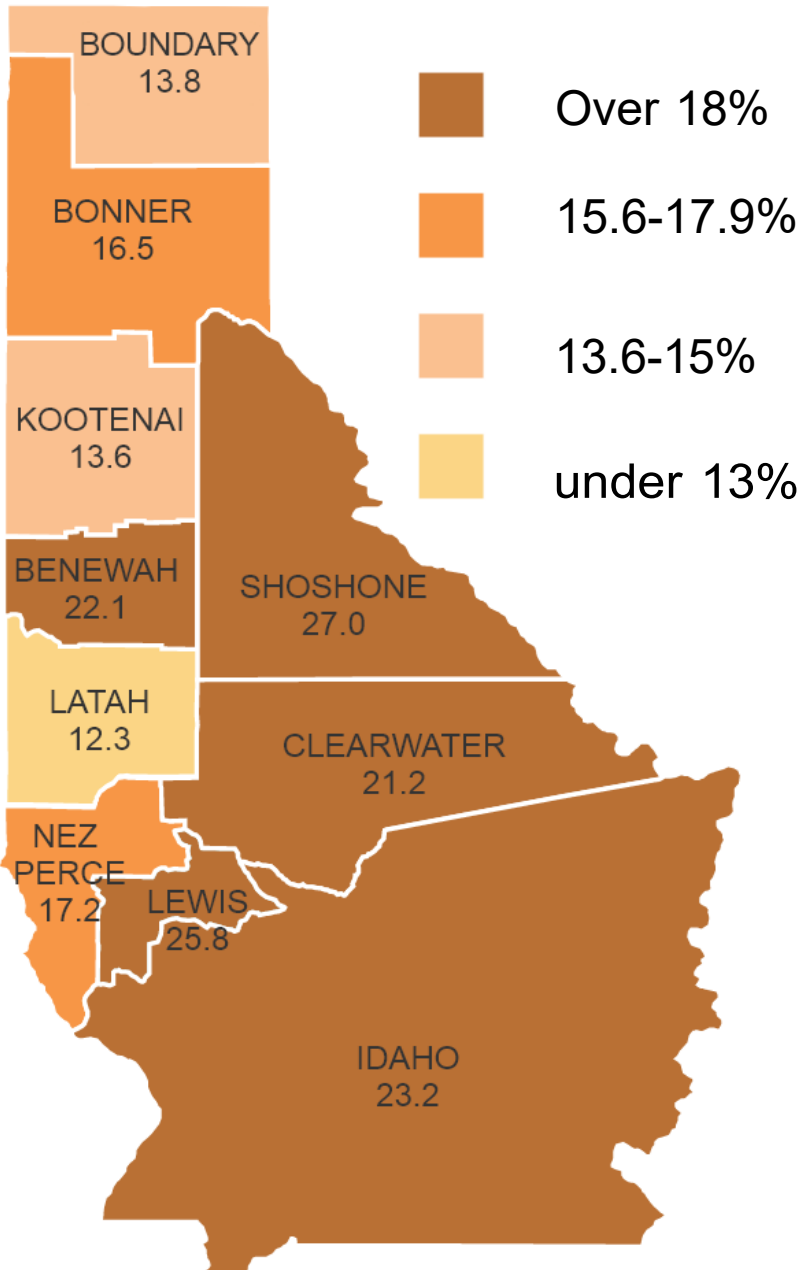
County	Percentage	County	Percentage	County	Percentage
Ada	10.3%	Cassia	14.0%	Lewis	25.8%
Adams	21.1%	Clark	5.9%	Lincoln	14.1%
Bannock	15.9%	Clearwater	21.2%	Madison	8.4%
Bear Lake	14.2%	Custer	25.9%	Minidoka	14.5%
Benewah	22.1%	Elmore	14.2%	Nez Perce	17.2%
Bingham	15.8%	Franklin	15.6%	Oneida	18.0%
Blaine	10.1%	Fremont	14.6%	Owyhee	17.9%
Boise	13.8%	Gem	20.7%	Payette	17.0%
Bonner	16.5%	Gooding	13.0%	Power	17.9%
Bonneville	14.4%	Idaho	23.2%	Shoshone	27.0%
Boundary	13.8%	Jefferson	10.3%	Teton	6.0%
Butte	15.6%	Jerome	11.0%	Twin Falls	13.7%
Camas	11.2%	Kootenai	13.6%	Valley	15.7%
Canyon	14.6%	Latah	12.3%	Washington	20.0%
Caribou	14.6%	Lemhi	18.3%		

*Us Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019

Map Legend

Idaho Disabled Population percentage by county

*US Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ASC) 2015-2019



*ACS Self-Identification of Disability

Hearing: Deaf or significant hearing loss

Vision: Blind or having significant vision loss, even when wearing glasses

Cognitive: Due to a physical, mental, or emotional issue, having difficulty remembering, concentrating, or making decisions

Ambulatory: Significant difficulty walking or climbing stairs

Self-care: Difficulty bathing or dressing

Independent Living: Due to a physical, mental or emotional issue having difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office, cooking, or shopping

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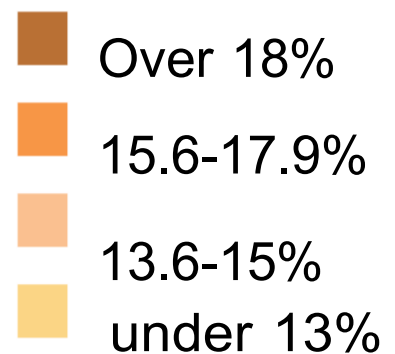
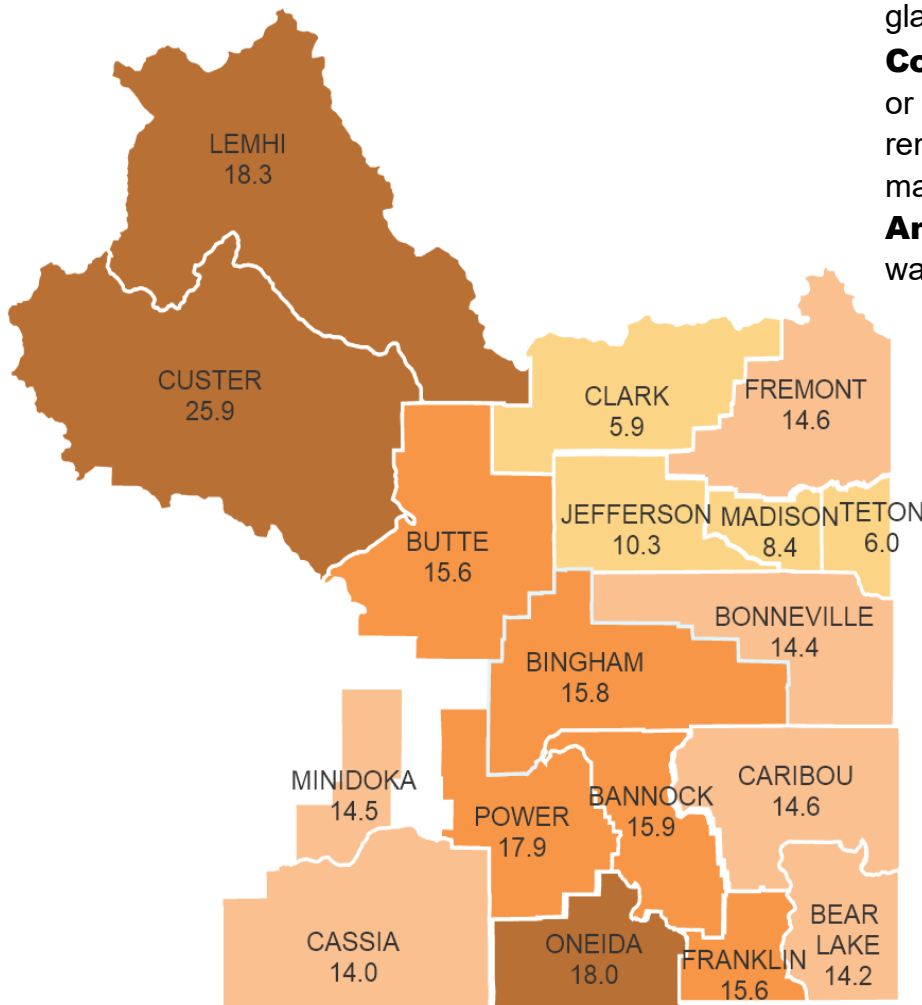
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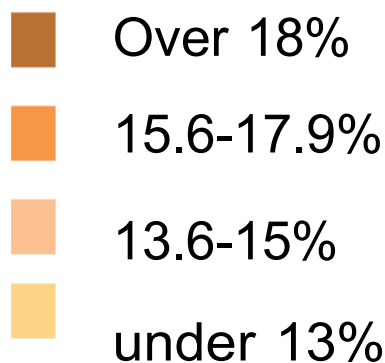
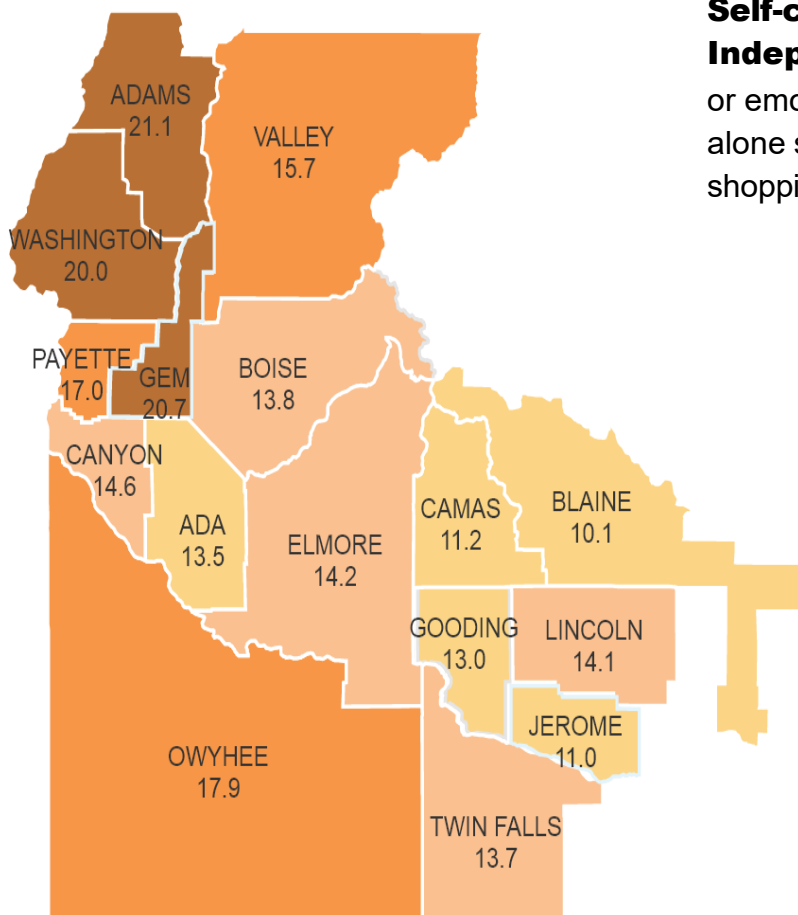
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2.2 - OUTREACH TO UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

The following definitions are established in Section 3.2 with regard to Network of Centers and IL Network partner services within this SPIL:

Served:

- Service area and all populations of individuals with disabilities have full access to a CIL.

Unserved:

- A county or area is not served by a CIL.
- Marginalized populations not served by a CIL

Underserved:

- The region is within the service area of a CIL, however, individuals with disabilities do not have easy access to the CIL due to the size/geography and remote nature of the service area, lack of private or public transportation and lack of financial resources.
- Identified marginalized populations are often unaware of CIL services, even in areas otherwise well served: such populations may be racial or ethnic minorities including, but not limited to refugees (primarily urban), migrant workers (urban, rural and frontier), Indigenous people, LGBTQ+ youth (urban, rural and frontier).

Idaho's three CILs and ICBVI are willing and eager to serve all 44 counties of Idaho. Due to the lack of financial resources, the CIL's are currently unable to serve all counties at the level desired. All three CIL's have significantly underserved counties and underserved minority groups across all counties. With the appropriate funding levels, the CIL's would be able expand the five core services offered in these communities.

Given the size, population and geographical landscape, counties and racial and ethnic minorities that aren't identified through Part C PPRs are indicated as unserved. Counties and/or target populations who receive one to three services, indicates that such county or population is underserved, sometimes dependent on location. All counties are considered as either unserved or underserved in Idaho due to the lack of funding and limited staffing capacities. Each Center has identified specific populations in their service area on whom they will focus additional effort.

Idaho's population grew more than 23% in the last decade. Most recent US Census Bureau data indicates that nearly 81% of the population is white and non-Hispanic or Latino. More than 13% are Hispanic or Latino, 2.2% identify as more than one race, 1.5% identify as Asian, 1% as American Indian or Alaska Native and approximately 1% are black or African American. Through collaboration with our partners who work directly with migrant workers, refugees and indigenous peoples we know that that these communities face more significant incidence of disability and poor health outcomes.

Outreach focus and activity:

Statewide outreach targets counties and populations which have been unserved and underserved. Outreach activity grew exponentially through the Public Health Emergency (PHE). We anticipate that many of these efforts will continue through the coming years as many have been or may be determined to be best practice. The three CILs, ICBVI and the SILC may host or participate in

local, regional and statewide outreach activities as outlined in the SPIL goals and as resources allow.

Activities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Public service announcements and press releases through print, radio and television outlets about the services Centers provide, including contact information for Centers in their respective media market areas.
- Participation in Job, Health and Education Fairs in rural communities, through Tribal (Section 121) Vocational Rehabilitation Projects, Migrant Farm worker appreciation events, and Refugee and LGBTQ+ events.
- Hosting ADA celebrations regionally.
- Participation in and co-sponsorship of Disability Advocacy Day held during legislative sessions.
- Hosting web-based and in-person IL conferences, training opportunities, peer support, emergency planning, and other workshops.
- Visiting high schools, including alternative high schools and connecting with out of school youth living in rural and frontier areas.

2.3 - COORDINATION

Plans for coordination of services and cooperation between programs and organizations that support community life for persons with disabilities.

Coordination of services and activities ensures support for integration and inclusion of people with disabilities in our communities. As Idaho's Part B subrecipients, the Network of Centers, SILC and ICBVI work with the DSE to coordinate and complement services avoiding unnecessary duplication of programs. Idaho Part B subrecipients often coordinate with the following state agencies, public and private entities and non-profits among others:

- Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)
- American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
- Alzheimer's Association of Idaho
- Boise/Ada Homeless Coalition
- Idaho Antitrafficking Coalition
- Idaho Asset Building Network
- Idaho Assistive Technology Project (IATP)
- Idaho Caregiver Alliance
- Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW)
- Idaho Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) and county emergency managers
- Idaho Parents Unlimited
- Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC)
- National Federation of the Blind (NFB) of Idaho
- NW-ADA - Idaho Center
- Public Health Entities
- State Department of Education
- State Protection and Advocacy System (which includes the Client Assistance Program)
- Veteran's Administration
- Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)
- Other federal, state and local agencies, state universities and non-profits, addressing issues such as housing, education, transportation, healthcare, emergency management and Veterans' programs.

The breadth of organizations with whom the Idaho IL network works is substantial. The CILs and ICBVI may partner with a variety of service organizations to address individual housing needs while the CILs and the SILC engage in broader systemic housing advocacy to address services for people with disabilities who are unhoused, housed in unsuitable (i.e.: not accessible) settings and Olmstead issues. We may work on multiple levels to address an individual service recipient's needs while also addressing issues of Fair Housing and the administration of HUD grants. Through systems advocacy related to affordable accessible housing coalitions may also include Area Aging and Veterans organizations. Often, related to individual services, what one agency can't provide, another can. Likewise, when it comes to systems improvement, what one organization cannot do within the limits of their funding rules, another often can do within the parameters of their ability to lobby.

Due to a still relatively low population, coupled with the need to cover a large and diverse geographic area, Idaho agencies work to fill the gaps together. We have a good understanding that we can do together what we cannot do alone.

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, and oversight entity.

3.1 - EXISTING CENTERS

Disability Action Center - NW, Inc.

Counties Served: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, Shoshone

All Sources of Funding:

Title VII Chapter 1, Part B

Oversight Process: The DSE has a designated Financial Specialist who reviews, evaluates and disperses Part B funds in accordance with individual contracts through established State of Idaho documentation and payment processes, and in compliance with Federal regulations. The DSE maintains and reviews financial data, prepares Federal cash draws and files required financial reports. The DSE also participates in preparation and review of program reports as needed. The DSE does not provide administrative support for Part B to SILC, ICBVI or the CILs. The DSE's administrative support occurs only in the administration (receiving, accounting, disbursing) of the Part B grant funds to SILC, ICBVI and CILs. The DSE maintains grant records and data by following State of Idaho policies and Federal regulations as they apply to financial activities and documentation. The DSE maintains the records according to retention policies set by the State of Idaho and makes those records available for inspection as needed. The DSE has a designated representative from upper management who is an ex-officio member of the Idaho SILC. As such, the DSE is a SPIL Development Committee member and reviews quarterly and annual reports, budgets and audits. The DSE complies with the Notice of Award (NoA) and provides yearly financial reports, and other information and data as defined in the award. If required, the DSE may provide additional program assurances and information. Council quarterly financial review. SILC/DSE submit the annual PPR to ACL/OILP.

Title VII Chapter 1, Part C

Oversight Process: CIL submits annual CIL PPR to ACL/OILP

Other Federal Funds - include examples (CDC, PHWF, etc.)

Oversight Process: Veteran's Administration: Oversight through ongoing contact and periodic review. Public Health Workforce: Annual report.

State Funds

Oversight Process: Idaho Medicaid: Idaho state law as well as Idaho Medicaid determines the oversight process. Quality assurance audits by Medicaid happen every 2 years and Medicaid's Integrity Unit may audit at any time if there are concerns about billing and claims. Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - Benefits Counseling: Vocational Rehabilitation determines the oversight process which includes audits of benefit analysis plans and connected invoices. Pathways to Partnership: Idaho Department of Education determines the oversight process. FTA funding passed through the Idaho Transportation Department: Periodic review and monthly reports.

Other Non-Federal Funds

Oversight Process: Northwest ADA Center from the University of Washington: online national data collection. Private donations: Monthly Financial Committee board review and annual outside financial audit.

Oversight Entity: DSE, DSE and ACL/OILP, ACL/OILP, Other (Veteran's Administration, NW-ADA Center, University of Washington, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Bureau of LTC, State Department of Education, Idaho Transportation Department, CIL Board of Directors)

SPIL Signatory: Yes

County Services

Benewah (Limited Services)

Bonner (Limited Services)

Boundary (Limited Services)

Clearwater (Limited Services)

Idaho (Limited Services)

Kootenai (Limited Services)

Latah (Limited Services)

Lewis (Limited Services)

Nez Perce (Limited Services)

Shoshone (Limited Services)

LIFE, A Center for Independent Living

Counties Served: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Cassia, Clark, Custer, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Minidoka, Oneida, Power, Teton

All Sources of Funding:

Title VII Chapter 1, Part B

Oversight Process: The DSE has a designated Financial Specialist who reviews, evaluates and disperses Part B funds in accordance with individual contracts through established State of Idaho documentation and payment processes, and in compliance with Federal regulations. The DSE maintains and reviews financial data, prepares Federal cash draws and files required financial reports. The DSE also participates in preparation and review of program reports as needed. The DSE does not provide administrative support for Part B to SILC, ICBVI or the CILs. The DSE's administrative support occurs only in the administration (receiving, accounting, disbursing) of the Part B grant funds to SILC, ICBVI and CILs. The DSE maintains grant records and data by following State of Idaho policies and Federal regulations as they apply to financial activities and documentation. The DSE maintains the records according to retention policies set by the State of Idaho and makes those records available for inspection as needed. The DSE has a designated representative from upper management who is an ex-officio member of the Idaho SILC. As such, the DSE is a SPIL Development Committee member and reviews quarterly and annual reports, budgets and audits. The DSE complies with the Notice of Award (NoA) and provides yearly financial reports, and other information and data as defined in the award. If required, the DSE may provide additional program assurances and information. Council quarterly financial review. SILC/DSE submit the annual PPR to ACL/OILP.

Title VII Chapter 1, Part C

Oversight Process: CIL submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP

State Funds

Oversight Process: Idaho Medicaid: Idaho state law as well as Idaho Medicaid determines the oversight process. Quality assurance audits by Medicaid happen every 2 years and Medicaid's Integrity Unit may audit at any time if there are concerns about billing and claims. Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - Benefits Counseling: Vocational Rehabilitation determines the oversight process which includes audits of benefit analysis plans and connected invoices. University of Idaho- Assistive Technology Project: University of Idaho determines the oversight process which includes access to financial records for an audit upon request. Pathways to Partnership: Idaho Department of Education determines the oversight process.

Other Non-Federal Funds

Oversight Process: Private donations: Monthly Financial Committee board review and annual outside financial audit.

Oversight Entity: DSE, DSE and ACL/OILP, ACL/OILP, Other (Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Bureau of LTC, University of Idaho - AT Project, State Department of Education, CIL Board of Directors)

SPIL Signatory: Yes

County Services

Bannock (Limited Services)

Bear Lake (Limited Services)

Bingham (Limited Services)

Bonneville (Limited Services)

Butte (Limited Services)

Caribou (Limited Services)

Cassia (Limited Services)

Clark (Limited Services)

Custer (Limited Services)

Franklin (Limited Services)

Fremont (Limited Services)

Jefferson (Limited Services)

Lemhi (Limited Services)

Madison (Limited Services)

Minidoka (Limited Services)

Oneida (Limited Services)

Power (Limited Services)

Teton (Limited Services)

Living Independence Network Corporation

Counties Served: Ada, Adams, Blaine, Boise, Camas, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Owyhee, Payette, Twin Falls, Valley, Washington

All Sources of Funding:

Title VII Chapter 1, Part B

Oversight Process: The DSE has a designated Financial Specialist who reviews, evaluates and disperses Part B funds in accordance with individual contracts through established State of Idaho documentation and payment processes, and in compliance with Federal regulations. The DSE maintains and reviews financial data, prepares Federal cash draws and files required financial reports. The DSE also participates in preparation and review of program reports as needed. The DSE does not provide administrative support for Part B to SILC, ICBVI or the CILs. The DSE's administrative support occurs only in the administration (receiving, accounting, disbursing) of the Part B grant funds to SILC, ICBVI and CILs. The DSE maintains grant records and data by following State of Idaho policies and Federal regulations as they apply to financial activities and documentation. The DSE maintains the records according to retention policies set by the State of Idaho and makes those records available for inspection as needed. The DSE has a designated representative from upper management who is an ex-officio member of the Idaho SILC. As such, the DSE is a SPIL Development Committee member and reviews quarterly and annual reports, budgets and audits. The DSE complies with the Notice of Award (NoA) and provides yearly financial reports, and other information and data as defined in the award. If required, the DSE may provide additional program assurances and information. Council quarterly financial review. SILC/DSE submit the annual PPR to ACL/OILP.

Title VII Chapter 1, Part C

Oversight Process: CIL submits CIL PPR to ACL/OILP.

State Funds

Oversight Process: Idaho Medicaid: Idaho state law as well as Idaho Medicaid determines the oversight process. Quality assurance audits by Medicaid Semi-Annual Quality Assurance and Documentation Audits and Financial Audits (WAHR). Medicaid's Integrity Unit may audit at any time if there are concerns about billing and claims. Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - Benefits Counseling: Vocational Rehabilitation determines the oversight process which includes audits of benefit analysis plans and connected invoices. Pathways to Partnership: Idaho Department of Education determines the oversight process. Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) 5310: Quarterly reports submitted to ITD and annual audit. College of Southern Idaho (CSI) Office on Aging, Home and Community Based Services: Site visits and documentation review.

Other Non-Federal Funds

Oversight Process: Private grants: Provide written updates within the timelines outlined in each specific grant agreement. Private Pay: Participants use EVV to bill and track services/payments. Private donations: Monthly Financial Committee board review and annual outside financial audit.

Oversight Entity: DSE, DSE and ACL/OILP, ACL/OILP, Other (Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Idaho Department of Education, Idaho Transportation Department, CSI Office on Aging, CIL Board of Directors)

SPIL Signatory: Yes

County Services

Ada (Limited Services)

Adams (Limited Services)

Blaine (Limited Services)

Boise (Limited Services)

Camas (Limited Services)

Canyon (Limited Services)

Elmore (Limited Services)

Gem (Limited Services)

Gooding (Limited Services)

Jerome (Limited Services)

Lincoln (Limited Services)

Owyhee (Limited Services)

Payette (Limited Services)

Twin Falls (Limited Services)

Valley (Limited Services)

Washington (Limited Services)

3.1 - EXISTING CENTERS

CIL Network

Explain the criteria for defining the CIL network, bearing in mind that those CILs included in the network should be those eligible to sign the SPIL.

The three Idaho CILs are recipients of Title VII, Part C funds, providing services to all 44 counties of Idaho. All three CILs receive a percentage of Part B funds. There are no other CILs in Idaho. LINC, DAC-NW and LIFE are community-based, cross-disability, nonprofits, run by a majority of individuals with a disability and managed by a board that is made up of a majority of people with a significant disability. These entities meet the minimum requirements to join the Idaho SILC in creating and being signatories to the Idaho SPIL.

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 the statewide reach of the Network.(Follow the instructions in Title VII, Part C of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.)

Definition of served, unserved, and underserved.

Served:

- Service area and all populations of individuals with disabilities have full access to a CIL.

Unserved:

- A county or area is not served by a CIL.
- Marginalized populations not served by a CIL

Underserved:

- The region is within the service area of a CIL, however, individuals with disabilities do not have easy access to the CIL due to the size/geography and remote nature of the service area and lack of financial resources.
- Identified marginalized populations are often unaware of CIL services, even in areas otherwise well served: such populations may be racial or ethnic minorities including, but not limited to refugees (primarily urban), migrant workers, Indigenous people, LGBTQ+ youth (urban, rural and frontier).

Minimum funding level for a Center and formula/plan for distribution of funds to ensure that each Center receives at least the minimum.

There are currently two funding sources to support each CIL in Idaho with direct relation to Independent Living: Title VII, Part C and Title VII, Part B. Each Center follows federal guidance and works to achieve other funding sources outside of federal funds to support operations. Additional programs require additional operating expense funds, so a minimal amount of funds from other funding sources meet the level of need for the Independent Living programs.

Priorities for establishment of new CIL(s).

All counties are within a CIL service area. There are no current plans to establish another CIL.

Action/process for distribution of funds relinquished or removed from a Center and/or if a Center closes.

In the event that a Center's funds are relinquished or removed:

- Funding would be distributed equitably 50/50 between the remaining CIL's, until such time funds are reinstated to the Center from where the funds originated or a new CIL is added and recognized by the IL Network in a new or amended SPIL.

In the event that a Center closes, the following would take place:

- The remaining CIL Directors and the SILC would identify what counties within the closed CIL's region could be temporarily supported by the operating CIL's; and funding would be dispersed accordingly. Due to geographical location, the application of the two remaining CIL's continuing may not be achievable and only one center would temporarily absorb the counties and funding.
- The funding would be accounted for separately and not added to a current CIL funding source for their current service area but in support of the originally funded counties. The

Center Directors, in collaboration with the SILC, would work together to open another CIL to support the originally designated area.

Plan to build capacity of existing CILs and/or expand statewide reach by establishing branch offices and/or satellites of existing CILs.

There are currently no changes planned for service areas. Idaho worked for two SPIL cycles to reallocate Part B funds from DAC-NW, ICBVI and the SILC toward the two underfunded Centers. The current Plan provides sustained Part B funding at 2024 levels to LIFE, DAC-NW, LINC, SILC, ICBVI . Any additional changes to CIL services and/or funding levels will be detailed and agreed upon by the SILC and CIL Directors in an approved SPIL amendment.

DAC-NW has two satellite offices for a total of three offices in Moscow, Post Falls and Lewiston and has no plans to expand until such time as additional funds become available.

LINC has two satellite offices for a total of three offices in Boise, Twin Falls and Caldwell and has no plans to expand until such time as additional funds become available.

LIFE has three satellite offices for a total of four offices in Pocatello, Blackfoot, Burley and Idaho Falls and has no plans to expand until such time as additional funds become available.

Plan/formula for distribution of new funds (Part B, Part C, one-time funds, etc.)

During the 2021-2023 SPIL cycle, the three CIL directors determined that when the Rehabilitation Act is reauthorized and reallocation of Part C funds is allowed, they will split it equally between the three Centers. Their report indicated that they would allow a transition period to ensure that DAC-NW has an opportunity to adequately plan for reduced Part C funding. Should any one-time funding streams be issued prior to a change in equitable funding, the three CIL Directors will meet and create an appropriate disbursement formula based on current information on needs, funding allocations and data, and submit a plan. At any such time that funding becomes available the funding distribution would be split between the three Centers equally. Any additional changes to CIL service area and/or funding levels will be detailed and agreed upon by the SILC and CIL Directors in an approved SPIL amendment.

Plan/formula for adjusting distribution of funds when cut/reduced.

Should current Part C funding be reduced, the three CIL Directors will meet and create an appropriate disbursement formula based on current information related to identified needs, funding allocations, geographical area and demographic data, and submit for approval to ACL, a plan that would appropriately fit the given situation. In the event that all centers have equitable Part C funding, all three Centers will take an equitable reduction.

Should Part B funding be reduced during the course of the plan, funds will be reduced by the percentage amount of the full grant year award provided in the Financial Plan, Section 1.5 for the FFY in which the change occurs. Such changes would similarly impact Part B subrecipients, the SILC and ICBVI.

Plan for changes to Center service areas and/or funding levels to accommodate expansion and/or adjustment of the Network. State the needed change(s) as concretely and succinctly as possible.

There are no plans to alter Center service areas. Should all three Centers receive additional Part C funding, many of their underserved communities will have improved access to services. Should

Part B funding be increased, it would be divided as per the percentage in the current SPIL, increasing access in underserved people and areas of the state.

Temporary Changes (if applicable) Other (if applicable)

N/A

Section 4: Designated State Entity

4.0 - DESIGNATED STATE ENTITY

Vocational Rehabilitation will serve as the entity in Idaho 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.

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 - ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING: DSE ASSURANCES

Administrative and staffing support provided by the DSE.

The DSE does not retain any portion of the Part B appropriation. The Idaho SILC is an independent state entity with its own employees who are supervised by the SILC Executive Director. The SILC executive director is supervised by the Council.

The DSE does not provide any staffing support to the SILC.

The DSE administrator or their designee serve as an appointed, ex-officio member of the Council at no cost to the SILC beyond typical quarterly meeting expenses incurred by any local individual member who attends (i.e.: lunch for all day meetings and printing materials).

4.3 - STATE-IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS

State-imposed requirements contained in the provisions of this SPIL including:

- State law, regulation, rule, or policy relating to the DSE's administration, funding, or operation of IL programs and/or establishment, funding, and operations of the SILC
- 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

IDVR applies the same rules to the Part B IL grant that it uses for all other Federal grants and for any financial activities. IDVR follows state and Federal regulations and the grant requirements. No additional rules apply that would limit, expand or alter requirements for the SPIL.

4.4 - GRANT PROCESS and DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Grant processes, policies, and procedures to be followed by the DSE in the awarding of grants of Part B funds.

Instructions: Describe the processes, policies, and procedures to be followed by the DSE in the awarding of grants of Part B funds including: (all of the following are required)

Process for soliciting proposals

Idaho's SPIL development process provides the means to solicit proposals, develop proposal formats, review proposals and it provides reviewers for the proposals. The SILC holds public quarterly meetings attended by the DSE and Council members to conduct official business of the SILC. Among its many business topics, the Council discusses proposals for participation in the IL grant funds and helps the agencies (SILC, ICBVI, DAC-NW, LIFE, LINC) define the needs of the independent living community and plan methods to deliver vital services.

Continuation Funding: IDVR has always met the grant's match requirements in the first year of the award and has thus qualified for an additional year of carryover to continue grant activities. In the event that some financial activities go into the carryover year and match has been met, the original contract values will continue and IDVR will issue time extensions. IDVR will apply all monitoring and payment procedures as usual while grant recipients finish providing IL grant activities and using the balance of their agreements.

When a new grant year starts IDVR will issue new contracts based on the SPIL. IDVR does not mix new grant funds with old funds but keeps them separate and accounts for them in their respective grants. It is possible to have two grants running at the same time; however, the accounting and tracking remains separate.

The DSE will not retain any portion of the 5% administration fee allowed under Section 704(c)(5) during the course of the 2025-2027 SPIL. All Federal IL award funds will go to SILC, ICBVI and the CILs as defined in the SPIL.

Development of format for proposals

Creation of the agency proposals comes through statewide assessments, planning and discussion among the Network of Centers, Council members and other partners during public meetings, and review and approval of each agency's plan to deliver opportunities and knowledge for independent living.

Process for reviewing proposals and who reviewers will be

The SPIL development and SILC planning committee are responsible for drafting and reviewing the SPIL, including Part B distribution percentages. The DSE is a member of the SPIL development team and the SILC planning committee.

Through a rigorous planning process, the Network of Centers, SILC, other partners and the DSE discuss the funding allocations. The agreed upon SPIL is submitted to ACL with at least 51% of

Center Directors and the SILC Chair signing on, and the DSE Administrator agrees 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)) and approve the percentage share that each agency will receive. Upon approval from ACL and receipt of the Part B Notice of Award (NoA), contracts are completed with each subrecipient.

Process for evaluating performance and compliance of grantees

The Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR), Idaho's Designated State Entity (DSE), receives, accounts for, and disburses Federal Part B funds per the Notice of Award (NOA) from the Administration on Community Living (ACL). As with all financial activities IDVR follows State of Idaho policies to receive, disburse, and document grant award funds. Idaho's State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) has defined percentages that set the amount of funds that each agency will receive. Two State of Idaho agencies receive Federal IL Part B funds: the State Independent Living Council (SILC) and the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ICBVI); The three Centers for Independent Living (CILs): Disability Action Center-Northwest (DAC-NW); LIFE, A Center for Independent Living, (LIFE); and Living Independence Network Corporation (LINC), all non-profit organizations comply with DSE reporting requirements for disbursements.

The DSE enters into agreements with the SILC, ICBVI and the CILs for the amounts defined in the approved SPIL and monitors the agreements and expenditures to ensure compliance with the SPIL. The DSE provides contract monitoring services for Part B funds. Funds are allocated in accordance with the SPIL, and contracts are issued at the beginning of the grant year. Funds are reimbursed in a timely manner upon submission of appropriate documentation agreed upon in the annual contract and in accordance with state payment policies.

A staff person from the DSE is appointed to the Council and participates in the SILC planning committee which develops and reviews quarterly surveys that are completed by each Part B subrecipient.

4.5 - OVERSIGHT PROCESS FOR PART B FUNDS

The oversight process to be followed by the DSE.

The DSE has a designated Financial Specialist who reviews, evaluates and disperses Part B funds in accordance with individual contracts through established State of Idaho documentation and payment processes, and in compliance with Federal regulations. The DSE maintains and reviews financial data, prepares Federal cash draws and files required financial reports. The DSE also participates in preparation and review of program reports as needed.

The DSE does not provide administrative support for Part B to SILC, ICBVI or the CILs. The DSE's administrative support occurs only in the administration (receiving, accounting, disbursing) of the Part B grant funds to SILC, ICBVI and CILs.

The DSE maintains grant records and data by following State of Idaho policies and Federal regulations as they apply to financial activities and documentation. The DSE maintains the records according to retention policies set by the State of Idaho and makes those records available for inspection as needed.

The DSE has a designated representative from upper management, either the IDVR administrator or an IDVR manager, who is an ex-officio member of the Idaho SILC. As such, the DSE is a SPIL Development Committee member and reviews quarterly and annual reports, budgets and audits.

The DSE complies with the Notice of Award (NoA) and the SPIL and provides yearly financial reports, and other information and data as defined in the award. If required, the DSE may provide additional program assurances and information.

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Section 5: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

5.1 - ESTABLISHMENT OF SILC

How the SILC is established and SILC autonomy is assured.

Governor Cecil D. Andrus provided for the establishment of the Idaho SILC in 1993 by Executive Order 9301. The Idaho SILC became a self-governing state entity in 2004 as established in Idaho Code, Title 56, Chapter 12. As such, the Idaho SILC is not housed within any other state agency, maintaining independent control when requesting legislative authority regarding staffing, state budget requests, reporting, contracts, travel, etc. The Idaho SILC office is not within any other state office structure. The Idaho SILC works in concert with the DSE, the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR), but is not directed by the agency with regard to service provision or daily operation.

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.

Funding sources may include “Innovation and Expansion (I and E) funds authorized by 29 U.S.C. 721(a)(18); Independent Living Part B funds; State matching funds; [state allotments of Vocational Rehabilitation funding;] other public funds (such as Social Security reimbursement funds); and private sources.”

State General Funds \$263,600 (subject to annual appropriation)

Part B \$104,418 (subject to annual appropriation)

Title I, I and E \$129,500 (subject to availability and annual appropriation)

SILC Fund \$27,965 (interest, rebates, donations)

Cash Reserve: \$251,500 (held at a minimum of \$180,000 in state account system should there be an unanticipated funding reduction)

Process used to develop the Resource Plan.

The Idaho SILC delegates to its Executive Director the responsibility to oversee development of an annual draft budget for submission to the Idaho legislature for appropriation and the Resource Plan for conducting Rehabilitation Act section 705 activities.

The SILC has four FTE: An executive director, a program specialist, a financial specialist and an administrative assistant.

State General Funds

The Executive Director works with the SILC Financial Specialist to develop a budget request for appropriation in cooperation with analysts from the Division of Financial Management, the Legislative Services Office and the Governor's Office. Prior to preparation, the Council discusses the SPIL, including a review of budgetary needs including Council meetings, member travel and training, and the activities for which the SILC may lead or have an active role requiring additional resources. Occasionally, we are approached by other agencies or legislators to take on additional duties. If those fall within our federal or state authorities, the Council may elect to ask for additional state general funds or pursue grant opportunities. We do not anticipate asking for additional state general funds during the coming SPIL cycle, beyond inflationary increases that may be needed for operations within state systems.

Final federal and state funds requested are determined by the Governor's office and the Department of Administration, generally to cover changes to fringe benefits, technology systems and rent increases. The Governor makes a recommendation to the Legislature dependent on state revenue forecasts. Further all appropriations through state, federal and other potential grant funds must be appropriated by the Legislature and signed by the Governor before they can be accessed by the Idaho SILC. The State Fiscal Year (SFY) runs from July 1 - June 30. State funds cannot be carried over to the following SFY.

State General Funds (SGF) are used to meet the Title I, Innovation and Expansion state match (21.3%), Part B match (10%), operating costs, such as computer replacement, annual audits, office space rent, and may supplement funds for council meetings and conference attendance. SGF are also used to pay part of the executive director's salary and fully fund the salary and program activities of the program specialist who works closely with the executive director to develop, coordinate and implement ABLE savings and emergency preparedness technical assistance.

Part B Funds

Part B funds are negotiated as part of the SPIL development process with the planning team, which includes the Center Directors, the SILC Chair and other Council members who do not work for the state or a CIL, and ex-officio members from ICBVI and the DSE. The Executive Director serves to provide information, technical assistance, and advise funding needs for effective SILC operations and any additional duties. The full Council reviews and approves final negotiated Part B amounts for distribution among the Network of Centers, the SILC and select community partners (ICBVI).

Part B funds are used to pay the executive director and support Council activities, including quarterly meetings, ASL and other language interpreters, language translation of written documents, meals which support Council meetings and supplemental trainings, conference attendance (including hotels), participation in workshop presentations to agencies or conferences and other peer to peer learning activities.

Title I, Innovation and Expansion Funds

Title I, I and E funds are offered by the DSE and agreed upon annually through an MOU during each SPIL cycle.

I and E funds are used solely for salary and fringe benefits for the SILC administrative assistant, the financial specialist and may also be directed toward the executive director. I and E funds are not used for operating costs, including costs associated with Council meetings or development.

Other Funds

SILC Development Fund

The SILC development fund consists of unrestricted funds which are conserved to cover expenses not allowed by state or federal regulations, such as pizza for a youth activity or other events that may only last an hour or two. This fund may also be used for certain expense deposits (such as hotels) that we anticipate will be reimbursed through contracts in the following SFY.

Cash balance

The SILC retains a cash balance of approximately \$250,500 in the Idaho Division of Financial Management state accounting system. Our target is to never drop below \$180,000. The fund balance is held in anticipation of unexpected funding reductions or delays associated with Congressional continuing resolutions.

Other Resources

The Council may on occasion direct the Executive Director to pursue grant funds that would align with the SILC's mission.

Process for disbursement of funds to facilitate effective operations of SILC.

The Idaho 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 Idaho SILC budget. The Idaho SILC provides assurance that Resource Plan expenditures are appropriate for the purpose and funding period through standard accounting practices and maintenance of all financial records necessary for auditing by appropriate state or federal entities. All SILC funds are held by the state and dispersed through the internal state accounting system. The SILC financial specialist works with the Division of Financial Management and the Department of Administration to ensure smooth operation within state IT systems. Quarterly financial reports are provided to the Council for review and approval. The Designated State Entity receives, disburses, and accounts for Rehabilitation Act Resource Plan funds and expenditures, on behalf of the Idaho SILC, through the State Financial Management System. Resource Plan expenditures are subject to audits conducted by the Department of Human Services and the Idaho State Controller's Office (SCO) or a private auditor approved by the SCO as well as the Legislative Services Office. Under state statutory requirements, the Idaho SILC completes an annual audit through a private contractor.

Justification if more than 30% of the Part B appropriation is to be used for the SILC Resource Plan.

The Idaho SILC receives 30% of the Part B appropriation.

5.3 - MAINTENANCE OF SILC

How State will maintain the SILC over the course of the SPIL.

Instructions: Describe the process used by the State to appoint members to the SILC who meet the composition requirements in section 705(b). Indicate who appoints members to the SILC, how

the State ensures that the SILC composition and qualification requirements are met, how the chair is selected, how term limits are maintained, and how SILC vacancies are filled. Describe how the specific SILC-staffing requirements listed in the SPIL Instrument will be addressed. Concisely describe or cite relevant written policies, procedures, by-laws, technical assistance, and monitoring activities, or other practices.

Describe how the State will ensure that: (all of the following are required)

The SILC is established and operating

Idaho SILC Establishment

TITLE 56 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND WELFARE CHAPTER 12 IDAHO STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

56-1201. IDAHO STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL -- LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

The Idaho state independent living council, as hereby created and as provided for in this chapter, is not a single department of state government unto itself, nor is it a part of any of the twenty (20) departments of state government authorized by section 20, article IV, of the constitution of the state of Idaho, or of the departments prescribed in section 67-2402, Idaho Code. It is legislative intent that the Idaho state independent living council operate and be recognized not as a state agency or department, but as a governmental entity whose creation has been authorized by the state, much in the same manner as other single purpose districts. Pursuant to this intent, and because the Idaho state independent living council is not a state department or agency, the Idaho state independent living council is exempt from the required participation in the services of the purchasing agent or employee liability coverage, as rendered by the department of administration. However, nothing shall prohibit the Idaho state independent living council from entering into contractual arrangements with the department of administration, or any other department of state government or an elected constitutional officer, for these or any other services. It is legislative intent to require compliance with the state merit system, and to affirm the participation of the Idaho state independent living council in the public employee retirement system, chapter 13, title 59, Idaho Code, and the personnel system, chapter 53, title 67, Idaho Code. It is also legislative intent that the matters of location of deposit of Idaho state independent living council funds, or the instruments or documents of payment from those funds shall be construed as no more than items of convenience for the conduct of business, and in no way reflect upon the nature or status of the Idaho state independent living council as an entity of government. This section merely affirms that the Idaho state independent living council created under this chapter is not a state agency and in no way changes the character of it as it existed prior to this chapter. The functions previously performed by the state independent living council created by executive order no. 2002-05, are hereby transferred to the Idaho state independent living council pursuant to this chapter.[56-1201, added 2004, ch. 327, sec. 1, p. 978.]

56-1202. IDAHO STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL -- POWERS.

The council shall:(1) Be independent of any state agency;(2) Adopt bylaws and policies governing its operation;(3) Provide to the council's employees the employee benefit package offered to state of Idaho employees; and(4) Meet at least quarterly.[56-1202, added 2004, ch. 327, sec. 1, p. 978.]

56-1203. DIRECTORS OF IDAHO STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL.

Directors of the Idaho state independent living council shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the governor. The governor shall comply with the provisions of the rehabilitation act of 1973, as amended, in making appointments to the council. The council shall select an executive director to carry out the executive functions of the council. [56-1203, added 2004, ch. 327, sec. 1, p. 979; am. 2016, ch. 224, sec. 1, p. 619.]

56-1204. ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES.

The council shall carry out those powers and duties set forth in the rehabilitation act of 1973, as amended. The council shall also:(1) Assess the need for services for Idahoans with disabilities and advocate with decision makers;(2) Supervise and evaluate such staff as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the council;(3) Ensure that all regularly scheduled meetings of the council are open to the public and that sufficient advance notice of meetings is provided pursuant to the open meeting law;(4) Prepare reports and make recommendations, as necessary;(5) Perform other activities the council deems necessary to increase the ability of Idahoans with disabilities to live independently;(6) Promulgate rules, as may be necessary, in compliance with chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.[56-1204, added 2004, ch. 327, sec. 1, p. 979; am. 2016, ch. 224, sec. 2, p. 619.]

56-1205. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY DESIGNATED STATE UNITS.

The Idaho state independent living council shall enter into an agreement with the state agency designated by the state plan for independent living for the receipt, allocation and disbursement of funds to support the council's activities. The funds shall be deposited in the Idaho state independent living council fund created pursuant to section 56-1206, Idaho Code. Such an agreement shall not be subject to the competitive bidding requirements as provided by law, and shall be limited to the amounts appropriated by the legislature or the United States congress. [56-1205, added 2004, ch. 327, sec. 1, p. 979; am. 2016, ch. 224, sec. 3, p. 619.]

56-1206. IDAHO STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL FUND.

There is hereby created in the state treasury the Idaho state independent living council fund. Moneys in the fund shall consist of appropriations, grants, federal funds, donations, gifts, or moneys from any other source. Moneys in the fund are hereby perpetually appropriated for purposes provided in this chapter. The state treasurer shall invest idle moneys in the fund and any interest received on those investments shall be returned to the fund. [56-1206, added 2004, ch. 327, sec. 1, p. 979.]

Appointments are made in a timely manner to keep the SILC in compliance with the Act

Prospective Council members are referred by Center staff, current or former Council members and other stakeholders. Application forms are accepted throughout the year. Completed applications are forwarded to the membership committee who review and interview qualified applicants.

Selection of a nominee is based on demonstrated knowledge of the independent living philosophy along with the desire and ability to serve and meet the statutory requirements. The Idaho SILC asks that candidates carefully consider their time commitment and other factors when applying for the Council. The membership committee makes a recommendation to the full Council regarding its selection of a prospective nominee. The Council votes on the prospective nominee.

Upon selection, the nominee completes an appointment form provided by the Office of the Governor with the Council recommendation for appointment. This helps the Idaho SILC maintain a balanced and qualified membership, consistent with requirements in section 705 (b) of the Rehabilitation Act. The Idaho SILC and the Governor's office maintain records, including term lengths, to demonstrate that the Idaho SILC is fully compliant with requirements. Recently, appointments have been delayed due to increased scrutiny by the Governor's office related to criminal background checks and recent changes to state internal processes. We continue to work with the Governor's office to resolve delays and maintain compliance. The Governor's office requires that the SILC include four ex-officio members who are administrators or their designee from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the Idaho Commission on Aging, the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DSE) and the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Vision Impaired.

Approximately six months prior to an anticipated vacancy, the SILC works with the CILs, the exiting Council member and other stakeholders to recruit applicants with knowledge of IL services and philosophy, and who come from one of each of Idaho's seven geographic areas, across disabilities and from diverse backgrounds, including those from underserved populations such as racial and ethnic minorities, indigenous communities, young adults, urban, rural and LGBTQ+ communities. The Council may create at-large seats to be filled by people with disabilities from underrepresented communities. This addition enhances the Council's ability to better understand and improve outreach as well as increasing our number of people with disabilities, ensuring a majority of people with disabilities who do not work for the state or a center are on the SILC. The Governor appoints all members. Idaho ensures that no member of the SILC serves more than two consecutive full three-year terms in accordance with the Act, Idaho SILC bylaws and state law.

Idaho ensures that the SILC is composed of members who provide statewide representation, represent a broad range of individuals with disabilities from diverse backgrounds who are knowledgeable about the Centers and IL services, and willing to learn about the SILC's bylaws, policies and state law. Idaho ensures that a majority of the SILC voting members are individuals with disabilities, who are not employed by any state agency or Center as required by state and federal law. Given the rural nature of our state, the SILC may include member representatives who are employed by the state, outside of disability service agencies and Center staff. However, those members are not counted among the majority of people with disabilities who make up the voting membership.

The SILC is organized in a way to ensure it is not part of any state agency

As per §56-1201:

The Idaho state independent living council, as hereby created and as provided for in this chapter, is not a single department of state government unto itself, nor is it a part of any of the twenty (20) departments of state government authorized by section 20, article IV, of the constitution of the state of Idaho, or of the departments prescribed in section 67-2402, Idaho Code.

It is legislative intent that the Idaho state independent living council operate and be recognized not as a state agency or department, but as a governmental entity whose creation has been authorized by the state, much in the same manner as other single purpose districts.

The SILC has the autonomy necessary to fulfill its duties and authorities, including “[working] with CILs to coordinate services with public and private entities, . . . conducting resource development, and performing such other functions . . . as the [SILC] determines to be appropriate

As per §56-1202 - POWERS

The council shall:(1) Be independent of any state agency;(2) Adopt bylaws and policies governing its operation;(3) Provide to the council's employees the employee benefit package offered to state of Idaho employees; and(4) Meet at least quarterly.[56-1202, added 2004, ch. 327, sec. 1, p. 978.]

As per §56-1204 - ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES.

The council shall carry out those powers and duties set forth in the rehabilitation act of 1973, as amended. The council shall also:(1) Assess the need for services for Idahoans with disabilities and advocate with decision makers;(2) Supervise and evaluate such staff as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the council;(3) Ensure that all regularly scheduled meetings of the council are open to the public and that sufficient advance notice of meetings is provided pursuant to the open meeting law;(4) Prepare reports and make recommendations, as necessary;(5) Perform other activities the council deems necessary to increase the ability of Idahoans with disabilities to live independently;(6) Promulgate rules, as may be necessary, in compliance with chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.[56-1204, added 2004, ch.327, sec. 1, p. 979; am. 2016, ch. 224, sec. 2, p. 619.]

Necessary and sufficient resources are provided for the SILC Resource Plan to ensure the SILC has the capacity to fulfill its statutory duties and authorities

With resource allocations identified in 5.2, the Idaho SILC coordinates Council meetings and activities in which the Council develops, implements, monitors and evaluates the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The Idaho SILC holds quarterly public business and training meetings in accessible locations or online formats that are publicly noticed in compliance with state law. The Executive Committee meets approximately one month prior to Council meetings to discuss SILC business including training opportunities/status, review meetings surveys, updates and set the agenda for Council meetings. The Council and the executive committee may hold additional meetings as needed in compliance with state public meeting laws. Executive Committee meetings are held in accessible locations, on-line formats or conference lines and are publicly noticed in compliance with state law.

The SILC resource plan includes travel and hotel accommodations for Council meetings, ASL interpreters for all public meetings, other language interpreters on request and meals, including lunches for peer-to-peer support and exchange of ideas during in person Council meetings lasting more than four hours. The SILC has an established a training budget for Council members and select SILC staff to travel for conferences and participate in on-line training opportunities. Meeting materials are mailed, emailed and provided during in person meetings as requested by Council members and the public. Alternate format preferences of Council members are always available and provided to members of the public on request.

Section 6: Legal Basis and Certifications

6.1 - DESIGNATED STATE ENTITY

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

Authorized representative of the DSE Jane Donnellan. Title: IDVR Administrator.

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 Idaho Statewide 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:

Disability Action Center - NW, inc.

LIFE, A Center for Independent Living

Living Independence Network Corporation

6.4.A

The SILC is authorized to submit the SPIL to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living.

Yes

6.4.B

The SILC and CILs may legally carryout each provision of the SPIL.

Yes

6.4.C

State/DSE operation and administration of the program is authorized by the SPIL.

Yes

Section 7: DSE Assurances

DSE ASSURANCES

Jane Donnellan acting on behalf of the DSE Vocational Rehabilitation located at:

Street: 650 W. State Street, Rm. 150

City: Boise

State: Idaho

Zip Code: 83720

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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;

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).

DSE SIGNATURE SECTION

Jane Donnellan

Name of DSE Director/Authorized Representative

Administrator

Title of DSE Director/Authorized Representative

Jane Donnellan

Electronic Signature

05/15/2024

Date

I understand that this constitutes a legal signature

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

8.1 - SILC ASSURANCES

Brittany Shipley acting on behalf of the SILC Idaho Statewide Independent Living Council located at:

Street: 2271 Moon Light Drive

City: Hailey

State: Idaho

Zip Code: 83333

45 CFR 1329.14 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;
3. The SILC terms of appointment adhere to the Act;
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.
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.

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;

A method for identifying and resolving actual or potential disputes and conflicts of interest that are in compliance with State and federal law;

- b. A process to hold public meetings and meet regularly as prescribed in 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(3);
 - c. 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);
 - 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);
 - 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;
 - e. A process and timelines for the public to request reasonable accommodations to participate during a public Council meeting;
 - f. 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
 - g. 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;
 - ii. 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;
 - iii. Funds for innovation and expansion activities under Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 721(a)(18), as applicable;
 - iv. 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.

SILC SIGNATURE SECTION

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

Brittany Shipley

Name of SILC Chair

Brittany Shipley

Electronic Signature

05/15/2024

Date

I understand that this constitutes a legal signature

Section 9: Signatures

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 Idaho Statewide Independent Living Council 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 10/01/2024

SILC SIGNATURE SECTION

Brittany Shipley

Name of SILC Chair

Brittany Shipley

Electronic Signature

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CIL SIGNATURE SECTION

Living Independence Network Corporation Name of Center for Independent Living Jeremy Maxand Name of CIL Director Jeremy Maxand Electronic Signature 05/15/2024 Date
Disability Action Center - NW, inc. Name of Center for Independent Living Mark Leeper Name of CIL Director Mark Leeper Electronic Signature 05/15/2024 Date
Life, A Center for Independent Living Name of Center for Independent Living Michael Lefevor Name of CIL Director Michael Lefevor Electronic Signature 05/15/2024 Date