

State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) for Ohio for 2017-2020

General Information

Designated Agency Identification

State: Ohio

Agency: Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

Plan for: 2017-2020

Submitted in fiscal year: 2019

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Part I: Assurances

Section 1: Legal Basis and Certifications

1.1 The designated State unit (DSU) eligible to submit the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL or the plan) and authorized under State law to perform the functions of the State under the State Independent Living Services (SILS) and Centers for Independent Living (CIL) programs.

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency (OOD) is the Designated State Entity.

1.2 The separate State agency eligible to submit the plan and authorized under State law to provide vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to individuals who are blind.

N/A

1.3 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.

Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council

1.4 The DSU and, if applicable, the separate State agency authorized to provide VR services to individuals who are blind, and the SILC are authorized to jointly develop, sign and submit this SPIL on behalf of the State, and have adopted or otherwise formally approved the SPIL. Yes

1.5 The DSU, and, if applicable, the separate State agency authorized to provide VR services to individuals who are blind, may legally carry out each provision of the plan and will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the three-year period it receives funding under the SPIL. Yes

1.6 The SPIL is the basis for State operation and administration of the program. All provisions of the SPIL are consistent with State law. Yes

1.7 The representative of the DSU and, if applicable, of the separate State agency authorized to provide VR services to individuals who are blind, who has the authority under State law to receive, hold, and disburse Federal funds made available under the SPIL and to submit the SPIL jointly with the SILC chairperson is Kevin L. Miller, Executive Director.

Section 2: SPIL Development

2.1 The plan shall be reviewed and revised not less than once every three years, to ensure the existence of appropriate planning, financial support and coordination, and other assistance to appropriately address, on a statewide and comprehensive basis, the needs in the State for:

- The provision of State independent living services;
- The development and support of a statewide network of centers for independent living;
- Working relationships between programs providing independent living services and independent living centers, the vocational rehabilitation program established under title I, and other programs providing services for individuals with disabilities.

Yes

2.2 The DSU and SILC conduct public meetings to provide all segments of the public, including interested groups, organizations and individuals, an opportunity to comment on the State plan prior to its submission to the Commissioner and on any revisions to the approved State plan. Yes

2.3 The DSU and SILC establish and maintain a written description of procedures for conducting public meetings in accordance with the following requirements. The DSU and SILC shall provide:

- appropriate and sufficient notice of the public meetings;
- reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities who rely on alternative modes of communication in the conduct of the public meetings, including providing sign language interpreters and audio-loops; and
- public meeting notices, written material provided prior to or at the public meetings, and the approved State plan in accessible formats for individuals who rely on alternative modes of communication.

Yes

2.4 At the public meetings to develop the State plan, the DSU and SILC identify those provisions in the SPIL that are State-imposed requirements beyond what would be required to comply with the regulations in 34 CFR parts 364, 365, 366, and 367. Yes

2.5 The DSU will seek to incorporate into, and describe in, the State plan any new methods or approaches for the provision of IL services to older individuals who are blind that are developed under a project funded under chapter 2 of title VII of the Act and that the DSU determines to be effective. Yes

2.6 The DSU and SILC actively consult, as appropriate, in the development of the State plan with the director of the Client Assistance Program (CAP) authorized under section 112 of the Act. Yes

Section 3: Independent Living Services

3.1 The State, directly or through grants or contracts, will provide IL services with Federal, State, or other funds. Yes

3.2 Independent living services shall be provided to individuals with significant disabilities in accordance with an independent living plan mutually agreed upon by an appropriate staff member of the service provider and the individual, unless the individual signs a waiver stating that such a plan is unnecessary. Yes

3.3 All service providers will use formats that are accessible to notify individuals seeking or receiving IL services under chapter 1 of title VII about:

- the availability of the CAP authorized by section 112 of the Act;
- the purposes of the services provided under the CAP; and
- how to contact the CAP.

Yes

3.4 Participating service providers meet all applicable State licensure or certification requirements. Yes

Section 4: Eligibility

4.1 Any individual with a significant disability, as defined in 34 CFR 364.4(b), is eligible for IL services under the SILS and CIL programs authorized under chapter 1 of title VII of the Act. Any individual may seek information about IL services under these programs and request referral to other services and programs for individuals with significant disabilities, as appropriate. The determination of an individual's eligibility for IL services under the SILS and CIL programs meets the requirements of 34 CFR 364.51. Yes

4.2 Service providers apply eligibility requirements without regard to age, color, creed, gender, national origin, race, religion or type of significant disability of the individual applying for IL services. Yes

4.3 Service providers do not impose any State or local residence requirement that excludes any individual who is present in the State and who is otherwise eligible for IL services from receiving IL services. Yes

Section 5: Staffing Requirements

5.1 Service provider staff includes personnel who are specialists in the development and provision of IL services and in the development and support of centers. Yes

5.2 To the maximum extent feasible, a service provider makes available personnel able to communicate:

- with individuals with significant disabilities who rely on alternative modes of communication, such as manual communication, nonverbal communication, nonverbal communication devices, Braille or audio tapes, and who apply for or receive IL services under title VII of the Act; and
- in the native languages of individuals with significant disabilities whose English proficiency is limited and who apply for or receive IL services under title VII of the Act.

Yes

5.3 Service providers establish and maintain a program of staff development for all classes of positions involved in providing IL services and, if appropriate, in administering the CIL program. The staff development programs emphasize improving the skills of staff directly responsible for the provision of IL services, including knowledge of and practice in the IL philosophy. Yes

5.4 All recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with

significant disabilities on the same terms and conditions required with respect to the employment of individuals with disabilities under section 503 of the Act. Yes

Section 6: Fiscal Control and Fund Accounting

6.1 All recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will comply with applicable EDGAR fiscal and accounting requirements and will adopt those fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure the proper disbursement of and accounting for those funds. Yes

Section 7: Recordkeeping, Access and Reporting

7.1 In addition to complying with applicable EDGAR recordkeeping requirements, all recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will maintain records that fully disclose and document:

- the amount and disposition by the recipient of that financial assistance;
- The total cost of the project or undertaking in connection with which the financial assistance is given or used;
- the amount of that portion of the cost of the project or undertaking supplied by other sources;
- compliance with the requirements of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act and Part 364 of the regulations; and
- other information that the Commissioner determines to be appropriate to facilitate an effective audit.

Yes

7.2 With respect to the records that are required by 34 CFR 364.35, all recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will submit reports that the Commissioner determines to be appropriate. Yes

7.3 All recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will provide access to the Commissioner and the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, to the records listed in 34 CFR 364.37 for the purpose of conducting audits, examinations, and compliance reviews. Yes

Section 8: Protection, Use and Release of Personal Information

8.1 Each service provider will adopt and implement policies and procedures to safeguard the confidentiality of all personal information, including photographs and lists of names in accordance with the requirements of 34 CFR 364.56(a)(1-6). Yes

Section 9: Signatures

As the authorized signatories, we will sign, date and retain in the files of the state agency(ies) and the Statewide Independent Living Council the Part I: Assurances, 1-8, and the separate Certification of Lobbying forms ED-80-0013 (available in [MS Word](#) and [PDF](#) formats) for the state independent living program (Part B) and the centers for independent living program (Part C).

The effective date of this SPIL is October 1, 2019.

Section 9: Signature for SILC Chairperson

Name

Title

Signed: No

Date signed

Section 9: Signature for DSU Director

Name Kevin L. Miller

Title Executive Director

Signed: No

Date signed

Section 9: Signature for Separate State Agency for Individuals Who Are Blind

Is there a Separate State Agency for Individuals Who Are Blind?No

Name

Title

Signed: No

Date signed

Part II: Narrative: Section 1 - Goals, Objectives and Activities

Section 1: Goals, Objectives and Activities

1.1 Goals and Mission

Describe the overall goals and mission of the State's IL programs and services. The SPIL must address the goals and mission of both the SILS and the CIL programs, including those of the State agency for individuals who are blind as they relate to the parts of the SPIL administered by that agency.

Mission: People with disabilities in Ohio live independently and participate fully in their community.

Goal Name: System Advocacy

Goal Description: Ohio IL Network will promote the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society.

Goal Name: Increase Independent Living & Community Integration

Goal Description:

Persons with disabilities will live independently in the community of their choice through utilization of services and supports-consumer choice

Goal Name: Increase Community Access and Outreach

Goal Description:

Ohio Citizens, both those with disabilities and those without, will gain deeper understanding and appreciation of disability related issues and services through outreach and public education.

Goal Name: Increase Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Satisfactions of IL Services

Goal Description:

IL Network will become more effective in the measure of performance outcomes and satisfaction of IL Services.

1.2 Objectives

1.2A. Specify the objectives to be achieved and the time frame for achieving them.

Goal(s) from Section 1.1	Objective to be achieved	Time frame start date	Time frame end date
System Advocacy	<p>Objective 1 (Housing): Ohio IL Network will participate in activities at the local, state, and/or federal level to increase affordable, accessible housing for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Measure/indicator: During FFY 2015, using information from the 704 reports, the IL network provided 921.75 of advocacy activities related to accessible and affordable housing at the local, state, and federal levels. During the 3 year period of the SPIL, these hours will increase by 2% each year.</p>	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
System Advocacy	<p>Objective 2 (Community Supports/ Health Care): Ohio IL Network will advocate for and educate on expanded options and access to health care and community supports for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Measure/indicator: During FFY 2015, using information from the 704 reports, the IL network provided 1,598.375 hours in advocacy activities related to community and supports/health care for persons with disabilities through participation in committees and coalitions at the local, state and federal levels. (Example, MyCare Ohio, Single Entry Point). During the 3 year period of the SPIL, these hours will increase by 2% each year.</p>	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
System Advocacy	<p>Objective 3: Ohio IL Network will establish an internal advocacy taskforce to share best practices and ideas to reduce and/ or remove barriers to community-based living.</p> <p>Measure/indicator: An Advocacy Taskforce will be formed in the first quarter of 2017, and will meet, most likely by teleconference, at least two times per year throughout the life of the SPIL. Annually, the Taskforce will issue its recommendations on best practices to reduce and/or remove barriers to community-based living. These recommendations will be shared with the relevant state parties.</p>	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
System Advocacy	<p>Objective 4 (Transportation): Ohio IL Network</p>	10/01/2016	09/30/2019

	<p>will participate in activities at the local, state, and/or federal level that increase accessible and affordable transportation options for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Measure/indicator: During FFY 2015, using data from the 704 reports, the IL network provided 1002.25 hours participating in advocacy related to access to transportation for persons with disabilities through participation in committees and coalitions at the local, state, and federal levels. During the 3-year period of the SPIL, these hours will increase by 2% each year.</p>		
System Advocacy	<p>Objective 5 (Systemic Barriers): Ohio IL Network will participate in activities at the local, state, and/or federal level to assess current barriers to housing, transportation, and health care.</p> <p>Measure/indicator: The Ohio IL Network will create a policy priority report that addresses specific barriers to the integration and full inclusion of people with disabilities with priorities for future advocacy being identified.</p> <p>Action Steps: The Ohio IL Network will gather and review statewide data from stakeholders and individuals to review current systemic issues.</p> <p>A workgroup will be created for each issue areas being addressed. Upon completion of the review, a report will be created that identifies priorities.</p>	10/01/2019	09/30/2020
Increase Independent Living & Community Integration	<p>Objective 1 (Peer Support): Persons with disabilities will provide Peer Support to other persons with disabilities in order to assist in the achievement of IL goals.</p> <p>Measure/Indicator: During the 2015 FFY, from data collected in the 704 reports, 461 individuals requested Peer Support services and 349 of them received those services. In year one of the SPIL, CILs will incorporate a question into existing satisfaction surveys that tracks whether greater self-direction and independence is achieved through peer support so that by years 2 and 3 of the SPIL, increases of at least 2% can be achieved.</p>	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Increase Independent Living & Community	<p>Objective 2 (Independent Living Skills Training): Persons with disabilities will achieve the Independent Living goals they set for themselves.</p>	10/01/2016	09/30/2019

Integration	Measure/Indicator: In year one of the SPIL CILs will consistently track the number of consumers who receive IL skills training through the NET/CIL data collection/retrieval system. By year two monitoring can begin as baseline numbers are established. By year 3 of the SPIL increases of at least 2% should be accomplished.		
Increase Independent Living & Community Integration	Objective 3 (Community Living): Persons with disabilities will live in the community setting of their choice. Measure/Indicator: Transition: For FFY 2015 CILs transitioned more than 225 consumers from Nursing Homes or other restrictive environments into the community. CILs will continue to work toward increasing this number during each year of the SPIL. Diversion: These numbers are reflective of another new prong within the new 5th Core Service, unduplicated people who remain in the community as a result of diversion services has not yet been measured. Data will be tracked through the following Community-Based Living goals achieved, as well as individuals receiving home modifications, ramps, DME, peer support, ILST, LTCSS benefits navigation, access to technology, access to HOME Choice services, access to affordable/accessible housing, access to personal assistance services, and/or access to accessible transportation.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Increase Independent Living & Community Integration	Objective 4 (Youth Transition): Out of school youth with disabilities who are under the age of 26 will be supported in the transition to adult life through the delivery of IL services. Measure/Indicator: The number of individuals under the age of 26 who meet their IL goals will be tracked. This is a prong of the newly added 5th Core service and because it is new, a baseline has not been established. Data will be collected beginning in the first year of the SPIL and monitoring will become more effective and measurable by years 2 and 3 of the SPIL.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Increase Independent Living & Community Integration	Objective 5 (Self-Advocacy): Persons with disabilities will be provided the tools to become self-advocates. Measure/Indicator: The CILs will incorporate a question into their existing satisfaction survey	10/01/2016	09/30/2019

	during year one of the Plan that speaks specifically to the ability to become better self-advocates and if that skill has been provided by the CILs. Those comments can be measured and evaluated during year two with the objective of increasing the numbers by year three.		
Increase Independent Living & Community Integration	Objective 6 (Employment): Persons with disabilities will gain the IL skills and knowledge necessary to become more employable. Measure/Indicator: The number of consumers who successfully meet their vocational goals within their IL plan. Because of the IL philosophy of consumer control, employment may not be an objective outcome for consumers.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Increase Independent Living & Community Integration	Objective 7 (Consumer Outcomes) People with disabilities will be given the opportunity to achieve their identified goals in maximizing and increasing their independence in the community. Measure/indicator: The IL Network will measure the number of individuals that develop goals on an independent living plans, the number of individual goals set, and the number of goals completed. Action Steps: Quarterly a statewide review will be done reviewing these measures and distributed to the network. Ratios of percentages of goals completed will be created to build baselines of objectives.	10/01/2019	09/30/2020
Increase Independent Living & Community Integration	Objective 8 (IL Services) Individuals with disabilities will gain the IL Skills and knowledge to become more independent. Measure/indicator: The IL Network will provide IL Services to individuals in the community to increase their independence. Action Steps: Quarterly, a report will be created showing the number of individuals served, both consumers and other individuals, with the amount of services provided across the network.	10/01/2019	09/30/2020
Increase Community	Objective 1: Ohio IL Network will engage in activities and information programs to enhance	10/01/2016	09/30/2019

Access and Outreach	<p>community awareness of disabilities and disability issues.</p> <p>Measure/Indicator: During FFY 2015, based on data from the 704 reports, the IL network invested 2,417.55 hours on Community Education in Community Activities. During the 3-year period of the SPIL, this number will increase by 2% each year.(May include participation in educational events related to Housing, Health Care, Assistive Technology, and Transportation).</p>		
Increase Community Access and Outreach	<p>Objective 2: Ohio IL Network will increase awareness of IL services to unserved and underserved populations within their service areas.</p> <p>Measure/Indicator: During FFY 2015 using data from the 704 reports, the IL Network reported 4,315 hours spent on outreach. The IL Network plans to increase those activities by 2% for each year of the SPIL.</p>	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Increase Community Access and Outreach	<p>Objective 3: Ohio IL Network will build/participate in coalitions or collaborative partnerships to expand the participation of persons with disabilities in services, programs, activities, resources, and facilities.</p> <p>Measure/Indicator: During FFY 2015 using data from the 704 reports, the IL Network spent 2,735.85 hours on Collaboration/Networking in Community Activities. The IL Network expects to increase these activities and the hours spent on them by 2% each year of the SPIL.</p>	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Increase Community Access and Outreach	<p>Objective 4: Ohio IL Network will provide technical assistance to the community on making services, programs, activities, resources, and facilities in society accessible to persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Measure/Indicator: During FFY 2015, the IL network spent 3,149.2 hours on Technical Assistance in Community Activities. During the period of the SPIL, this number will increase by 2% each year.</p>	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Increase Community Access and Outreach	<p>Objective 5: The IL Network will create opportunities for individuals to better understand the needs and barriers of individuals with disabilities.</p>	10/01/2019	09/30/2020

	<p>Measure/indicator: The IL Network will track all activities in the community that provide community education, outreach, collaboration, and technical assistance in efforts to promote the full inclusion of individuals with disabilities.</p> <p>Action Steps: The IL Network will report all activities in the community. Statewide the total amount of time will be tracked and reported.</p>		
Increase Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Satisfaction of IL Services	<p>Objective 1: The Ohio IL Network will develop a model consumer satisfaction survey and process to measure quality of service delivery resulting in and increase CILs ability to determine effectiveness of services.</p> <p>Measure/Indicator: The survey will be developed by February 28, 2017, then distributed to CILs for review and comment with distribution to consumers to begin effective October 1, 2017. Survey results will be posted on the OSILC and CIL websites by the end of the second and third year of the SPIL.</p>	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Increase Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Satisfaction of IL Services	<p>Objective 2: The Ohio IL Network will work toward consistent data collection/standardized services documentation and measuring outcomes.</p> <p>Measure/Indicator: The IL Network will develop a draft CIL data collection manual by March 31, 2017. The draft manual will be disseminated to the CILs for review and comment by June 30, 2017. The IL Network will conduct a training on the new manual by September 15, 2017. In year two of the SPIL a competency certification process will be developed and implemented to ensure consistent data collection.</p>	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Increase Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Satisfaction of IL Services	<p>Objective 3: Increased funding through resource development will enable CILs to better meet the needs of consumers.</p> <p>Measure/Indicator: The Ohio IL Network, will identify potential funding opportunities (example: State agencies) and facilitate at least 1 annual meeting between potential funders and CILs.</p> <p>Annually, all CILs will be able to describe at least 1 resource development activity to expand funding.</p>	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Increase Efficiency,	Objective 4: The IL Network will implement the framework developed in 2017-2019 to consistently	10/01/2019	09/30/2020

Effectiveness, and Satisfaction of IL Services	<p>measure outcomes and better show the impacts to Independent Living Services.</p> <p>Measure/indicator: By 9/30/2020 all elements of the framework will be implemented and reporting on the outcomes will begin.</p> <p>Action Steps: The IL Network will work collaboratively to ensure accurate implementation and measure of the outcomes.</p>		
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1.2 Objectives

1.2B Describe the steps planned regarding outreach to populations in the State that are unserved or underserved by programs under title VII, including minority groups and urban and rural populations.

- Identify the populations to be designated for targeted outreach efforts

Unserved and underserved includes individuals from racial and ethnic minority backgrounds, including those with limited English proficiency. It also includes specific groups of individuals within the population of individuals with disabilities, including individuals who have hearing loss, vision loss or other disabilities that require assistive technology in order to participate in community life. CILs continue to target people in long term care facilities wishing to relocate into the community, those individuals with disabilities at risk of becoming institutionalized, as well as transition age youth throughout the State.

- Identify the geographic areas (i.e., communities) in which the targeted populations reside

In urban areas, Somali and Hispanic/Latino communities are rapidly emerging populations. In rural areas, the unserved and underserved populations include the Amish, Mennonites, and people who reside in Appalachian areas. Each CIL will develop outreach strategies to address those populations which they identify in their service areas. Based on the Comprehensive Needs Assessment the ILOB program has been targeting the following counties to increase referrals to the program: Adams, Morgan, Noble, Greene, Madison, Harrison, Logan, Union, Delaware, Knox, Ashland, Lorain, Lake, Paulding, Henry, Wood and Sandusky Counties.

- Describe how the needs of individuals with significant disabilities from minority group backgrounds will be addressed

The IL Network will develop their own outreach strategies to address the needs of minority groups, based on their particular service areas.

1.3 Financial Plan

Describe in sections 1.3A and 1.3B, below, the financial plan for the use of Federal and non-Federal funds to meet the SPIL objectives.

1.3A Financial Plan Tables

Complete the financial plan tables covering years 1, 2 and 3 of this SPIL. For each funding source, provide estimated dollar amounts anticipated for the applicable uses. The financial plan table should include only those funding sources and amounts that are intended to support one or more of the objectives identified in section 1.2 of the SPIL. To the extent possible, the tables and narratives must reflect the applicable financial information from centers for independent living. Refer to the SPIL Instructions for additional information about completing the financial tables and narratives.

Year 1 - 2017 Approximate funding amounts and uses

Sources	SILC resource plan	IL services	General CIL operations	Other SPIL activities
Title VII Funds				
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B			626851	
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C				
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)				
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	250000			
Other Federal funds - other		2752396		
Non-Federal funds - State funds		28000		
Non-Federal funds - Other				
State GRF to Match I&E	67662			
Balance of GRF	118570			
State GRF to Match Part B			65768	
SSR for CCD program		772000		
Total	436232	3552396	692619	0

Year 2 - 2018 Approximate funding amounts and uses

Sources	SILC resource plan	IL services	General CIL operations	Other SPIL activities
Title VII Funds				
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B			519915	
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C				
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)				
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	250000			
Other Federal funds - other		2752396		
Non-Federal funds - State funds		28000		
Non-Federal funds - Other				
State GRF to Match I&E	67662			
Balance of GRF	118570			
State GRF to Match Part B			65768	
SSR for CCD program		772000		
Total	436232	3552396	585683	0

Year 3 - 2019 Approximate funding amounts and uses

Sources	SILC resource plan	IL services	General CIL operations	Other SPIL activities
Title VII Funds				
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B			519915	
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C				
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)				
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	250000			
Other Federal funds - other		3032396		
Non-Federal funds - State funds		28000		
Non-Federal funds - Other				
State GRF to Match I&E	67662			
Balance of GRF	118570			
State GRF to Match Part B			65768	
SSR for CCD program		772000		
Total	436232	3832396	585683	0

Year 4 – 2020 Approximate Funding Amounts and Uses

Sources	SILC resource plan	IL services	General CIL operations	Other SPIL activities
Title VII Funds				
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B			632,411	
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C				
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)				
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	250000			
Other Federal funds - other		3032396		
Non-Federal funds - State funds		28000		
Non-Federal funds - Other				
State GRF to Match I&E	67662			
Balance of GRF	118570			
State GRF to Match Part B			65768	
SSR for CCD program		772000		
Total	436232	3832396	585683	0

1.3B Financial Plan Narratives

1.3B(1) Specify how the part B, part C and chapter 2 (Older Blind) funds, if applicable, will further the SPIL objectives.

In Ohio, the Centers receiving Subchapter C awards for CIL Operations will commit to working towards the SPIL Goals and Objectives. The Subchapter B funds in Ohio are all used for CIL operations and each CIL will also work towards the achievement of the goals and objectives in

the SPIL. The Ohio Independent Living Older Blind program is operated outside the Independent Living Program.

1.3B(2) Describe efforts to coordinate Federal and State funding for centers and IL services, including the amounts, sources and purposes of the funding to be coordinated.

If additional state funding were to become available to the IL Program, the Centers have agreed to a distribution plan that takes into account the federal awards of Subchapter C funds. By utilizing these amounts, state funds can be supplemental to creating equity in funding and establishing expansion in Ohio.

DSE services include PCA, CCD, Newline and supplementing the ILOB program, and Braille Literacy, Deaf Literacy, BlindSquare/ Wayfinding Initiative, and Interpreter Standards.

The DSE uses SSR funds plus a GRF allotment of \$28,000 of GRF to support the Community Centers for the Deaf for a total of \$800,000 per year. SSR funds are also used to support the ILOB program, the Personal Care Assistance program and to fund the telephone and mobile device access to news, job postings and public service announcements for disabled and visually impaired consumers.

State funds are used to match I&E funds for SILC operations which are granted by the DSE to the SILC.

1.3B(3) Describe any in-kind resources including plant, equipment or services to be provided in support of the SILC resource plan, IL services, general CIL operations and/or other SPIL objectives.

N/A

1.3B(4) Provide any additional information about the financial plan, as appropriate.

N/A

1.4 Compatibility with Chapter 1 of Title VII and the CIL Work Plans

1.4A Describe how the SPIL objectives are consistent with and further the purpose of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act as stated in section 701 of the Act and 34 CFR 364.2.

Goals 1,2, and 3 all directly relate to Section 701 of the Act: The purpose of this chapter is to promote a philosophy of independent living, including a philosophy of consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy, in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society

Goal 4 is an effort to better achieve Section 704 (n): Evaluation - The plan shall establish a method for the periodic evaluation of the effectiveness of the plan in meeting the objectives established in subsection (d), including evaluation of satisfaction by individuals with disabilities.

1.4B Describe how, in developing the SPIL objectives, the DSU and the SILC considered and incorporated, where appropriate, the priorities and objectives established by centers for independent living under section 725(c)(4) of the Act.

The IL Network was encouraged to provide input at all times in the development of the Plan. CIL Directors were an integral part of the SPIL development team and CIL Directors provided input for goals and objectives at several specific junctures as the SPIL was created. There was a

working session at the OSILC annual meeting devoted to SPIL goals and objectives and CILs provided written priorities for content of the SPIL.

1.5 Cooperation, Coordination, and Working Relationships Among Various Entities

Describe the steps that will be taken to maximize the cooperation, coordination and working relationships among the SILS program, the SILC, and centers; the DSU, other State agencies represented on the SILC and other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues; and other public and private entities determined to be appropriate by the SILC.

The description must identify the entities with which the DSU and the SILC will cooperate and coordinate.

The OSILC seeks to maximize resources as well as cooperation with the CILs in a number of ways. OSILC provides technical assistance for specific things such as NET/CIL installation, equipment upgrades and ongoing training, funding assistance for reasonable accommodations for consumers and staff of CILs to attend disability-related meetings and conferences, supports the CIL association, OAN, with contributions such as printing updated letterhead, envelopes and providing funds to update websites, and technical assistance as requested for training such as Quick Books tutorials.

OSILC coordinates with the CILs, OAN and other public and private agencies to facilitate the goal of increasing affordable, accessible housing, transportation options, emergency preparation, advocacy, voter education, and financial planning options.

Agencies and groups with whom the OSILC coordinates and cooperates its efforts in support of SPIL goals and objectives include:

- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)
- Disability Rights Ohio (DRO)
- The Ohio Olmstead Taskforce (OOTF)
- Central Ohio Deaf Blind Association (CODBA)
- Universal Healthcare Action Network of Ohio (UHCAN)
- Integrated Care Delivery System (ICDS) stakeholder regional workgroups member
- Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)
- Ohio Brain Injury Advisory Council
- Ohio Dept. of Medicaid (ODM)
- Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)
- HOME Choice Housing Committee workgroup
- Front Door Stakeholder Committee workgroup
- Ohio Dept. of Aging (ODA)
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Aging and Disability Resource Network (ADRN)
- Unified Long Term Care Services and Supports workgroup

- Governor's Council on People with Disabilities (GCPD)
- Delaware Creative Housing/ Creative Living Systems (DCH/CLS)
- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD)
- Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)
- Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA)
- Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage (OCHC)
- Ohio Disability Health Programs (ODHP)
- Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG) workgroup
- State Health Assessment/State Health Improvement Plan Advisory Committee (SHA/SHIP)
- Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 10
- Ohio Disability Employment Alliance (ODEA)
- Columbus Advisory Council on Disability Issues (CACDI)
- The ARC of Ohio
- Assistive Technology of Ohio (AT-OHIO)
- Ohio Dept. of Health (ODH)
- Ohio Dept. of Transportation (ODOT)
- Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO)
- Goodwill Industries
- Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Visitability Strategy Group (VSG) Steering committee
- Community Center for the Deaf (CCD)
- Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA)

As a direct result of participation with the groups and agencies shown above, OSILC is able to maximize working relationships and further accomplish goals and objectives of the SPIL. CILs and CCDs maintain working relationships with groups of agencies and organizations within their service areas and regions that address the needs of specific disability populations and will continue collaborative efforts with the ultimate missions of helping people with disabilities in Ohio live independently and participate fully in their community. CILs and CCD's share materials and referrals in their service areas.

1.6 Coordination of Services

Describe how IL services funded under chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will be coordinated with and complement other services to avoid unnecessary duplication with other Federal, State, and local programs, including the OIB program authorized by chapter 2 of title VII of the Act, that provide IL- or VR-related services.

The DSE and OSILC have been in collaboration with various entities throughout the state i.e. the CILs and the Area Agencies on Aging to discuss referral process, services each agency offers, and how to ensure all consumers needs are being met. There should also be a concerted collaboration between OSILC, CILs and the DSE to further the goals of youth transition. The CILs will partner with the DSE Youth Leadership Forum.

1.7 Independent Living Services for Individuals who are Older Blind

Describe how the DSU seeks to incorporate into, and describe in, the State plan any new methods or approaches for the provision of IL services to older individuals who are blind that are developed under the Older Individuals who are Blind program and that the DSU determines to be effective.

The Ohio Independent Living Older Blind program is operated outside the Independent Living Program. However, like the IL program, the ILOB program is also administered by the DSE Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired. Individuals served and staff are encouraged to use CILs as an additional resource for services in their communities. DSE encourages collaboration between the ILOB and IL programs. One of the CILs works with the DSE to provide direct services to eligible consumers of the BSVI program through a fee for service program. BSVI staff cross present on their various programs including IL and ILOB at staff meetings to encourage collaboration among programs.

During fiscal year 2015 DSE served 1,221 consumers through Ohio's Independent Living Older Blind Program. Individuals served are 55 and over whose severe visual impairment makes competitive employment extremely difficult to obtain, but for whom IL goals are feasible.

Part II: Narrative: Section 2 - Scope, Extent, and Arrangements of Services

2.1 Scope and Extent

2.1A Check the appropriate boxes in the SPIL Instrument table indicating the types of IL services to be provided to meet the objectives identified in section 1.2 of this SPIL, and whether the services will be provided by the CILs or by the DSU (directly and/or through contract or grant).

Table 2.1A: Independent living services	Provided by the DSU (directly)	Provided by the DSU (through contract and/or grant)	Provided by the CILs (Not through DSU contracts/grants)
Core Independent Living Services - Information and referral	No	Yes	Yes
Core Independent Living Services - IL skills training	No	Yes	Yes
Core Independent Living Services - Peer counseling	No	Yes	Yes
Core Independent Living Services - Individual and systems advocacy	No	Yes	Yes
Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services	No	No	No
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 significant disabilities)	No	Yes	Yes
Rehabilitation technology	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mobility training	No	Yes	Yes
Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services	No	Yes	Yes
Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services	No	Yes	Yes
Surveys, directories and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation, accessible transportation and other support services	No	Yes	Yes
Consumer information programs on rehabilitation and IL services available under this Act, especially for minorities and other individuals with disabilities who have traditionally been unserved or underserved by programs under this Act	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community	No	Yes	Yes

activities			
Supported living	No	No	No
Transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation	No	Yes	Yes
Physical rehabilitation	No	No	No
Therapeutic treatment	No	No	No
Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices	No	No	Yes
Individual and group social and recreational services	No	Yes	Yes
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	Yes	Yes	Yes
Services for children with significant disabilities	No	Yes	Yes
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 significant disabilities	No	Yes	Yes
Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with significant disabilities for similar services in the future	No	Yes	Yes
Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities	No	Yes	Yes
Other necessary services not inconsistent with the Act	No	Yes	Yes

2.1B Describe any service provision priorities, including types of services or populations, established for meeting the SPIL objectives identified in section 1.2.

Specific priorities are established by community-based, consumer controlled CILs. However, each CIL is required to develop an annual work plan that connects the appropriate goals and objectives of the SPIL, to their local consumer-run services.

2.1C If the State allows service providers to charge consumers for the cost of services or to consider the ability of individual consumers to pay for the cost of IL services, specify the types of IL services for which costs may be charged and for which a financial need test may be applied, and describe how the State will ensure that:

- Any consideration of financial need is applied uniformly so that all individuals who are eligible for IL services are treated equally; and
- Written policies and consumer documentation required by 34 CFR 364.59(d) will be kept by the service provider.

Indicate N/A if not applicable.

N/A

2.2 Arrangements for State-Provided Services

2.2A If the DSU will provide any of the IL services identified in section 2.1A through grants or contractual arrangements with third parties, describe such arrangements.

The DSE provides SSR funded Personal Care Assistance (PCA) and Community Centers for the Deaf (CCD) programs into the Independent Living program. The services are provided under Sec 713 Authorized Uses of Funds but are not subject to Sec 725 certifications.

The Community Centers for the Deaf (CCD) are Ohio's centralized resource for services to deaf, hard of hearing, and Deafblind individuals. These services are available in every county in Ohio. Each Center receives funding from OOD to provide community support and language services for Deaf Ohioans, their families, and their communities.

The CCDs provide IL services, including Information and Referral, Independent Living Skills Training, Peer Counseling, transition, and Individual and Systems Advocacy to a targeted population. Additionally, all CCDs provide Interpreting and Communication services.

The Personal Care Assistance Program provides funds to pay for personal assistance services to enable eligible persons with severe physical disabilities to work and/or to live independently.

Eligible individuals require assistance in ADLs so that they may work, look for work, or attend training that will lead to work. DSE's PCA Program provides partial reimbursement to eligible individuals so that they may hire an attendant/aide.

2.2B If the State contracts with or awards a grant to a center for the general operation of the center, describe how the State will ensure that the determination of an individual's eligibility for services from that center shall be delegated to the center.

The DSE incorporates language into grant issues to CILs regarding the determination of an individual's eligibility based on federal regulations. The DSE ensures this specialization is met through DSE conducted Part B audits/monitoring or audits conducted by other entities contracted with the DSE.

Part II: Narrative: Section 3 - Design for the Statewide Network of Centers

3.1 Existing Network

Provide an overview of the existing network of centers, including non-Part C-funded centers that comply with the standards and assurances in section 725 (b) and (c) of the Act, and the geographic areas and populations currently served by the centers.

The State of Ohio is home to over 1.6 million individuals with disabilities, according to census data. Within the population of individuals with disabilities is great diversity in race and types of disabilities. Each Center for Independent Living works to be inclusive of all types of significant disabilities and to reach the underserved and unserved population groups in their regions.

Currently, there are 12 Centers for Independent Living in Ohio. The list below shows Centers for Independent Living required to comply with the standards and assurances in section 725 (b) and (c) of the Act listed by the types of Title VII funding utilized.

Subchapter C funded Centers for Independent Living

1. Center for Independent Living Options (CILO)
2. Access Center for Independent Living (ACIL)
3. Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio (ILCNCO)

4. Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment (MOBILE)

Subchapter C and Subchapter B funded Centers for Independent Living

1. Ability Center of Greater Toledo (ACT)
2. Tri-County Independent Living Center (TCILC)
3. Services for Independent Living (SIL)
4. Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP)
5. Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living (SOCIL)
6. Society for Equal Access (SEA)

Subchapter B funded Centers for Independent Living

1. Wester Reserve Independent Living Center (WRILC)
2. Center for Disability Empowerment (CDE)

The above Centers for Independent Living are listed below, in alphabetical order, with additional information.

Ability Center of Greater Toledo (SPIL Signatory)

5605 Monroe Street
Sylvania, Ohio 43560
www.abilitycenter.org/
(419)885-5722

Counties Served: **Lucas, Ottawa, Wood**, Henry, Williams, Defiance, Fulton, Sandusky, Seneca, Erie, Huron, Paulding, Putnam, Hancock, Wyandot, Crawford, Van Wert, Allen, Hardin, Marion, Mercer, Auglaize, Logan, Union

Access Center for Independent Living (SPIL Signatory)

907 W. 5th Street
Suite 100
Dayton, Ohio 45402
(937) 341-5202
www.acils.com

Counties Served: **Montgomery, Greene, Clark, Preble**

Center for Disability Empowerment (SPIL Signatory)

510 E. North Broadway
4th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43214
(614) 575-8055
www.disabilityempowerment.net
Counties Served: Franklin, Delaware

Center for Independent Living Options (SPIL Signatory)

2031 Auburn Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
(513) 241-2600

www.cilo.net

Counties Served: **Hamilton Butler, Warren, Brown, Clermont, Highland, Adams, Clinton, Preble, Darke, Shelby, Miami, Champaign, Clark, Madison, Greene, Montgomery, Fayette, Ross, Pike, Scioto, Vinton, Jackson, Lawrence, Gallia**

Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio (SPIL Signatory)

2230 Village Mall Drive
Suites 1 & 2
Mansfield, Ohio 44906
(419) 526-6770

www.ilcnco.org

Counties Served: **Richland, Ashland, Huron, Crawford, Morrow, Knox**

Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (SPIL Signatory)

2545 Lorain Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44113
(216) 696-2716

www.leapinfo.org

Counties Served: **Lorain, Erie, Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Medina, Ashland, Huron, Richland**

Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment (SPIL Signatory)

690 South High St
Columbus, Ohio 43206
(614) 443-5936

www.mobileonline.org

Counties Served: **Franklin**

Services for Independent Living (SPIL Signatory)

26250 Euclid Ave
Suite 801
Euclid, Ohio 44117
(216) 731-1529

www.sil-oh.org

Counties Served: **Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula, Wayne, Summit, Portage, Trumbull, Stark, Mahoning, Columbiana**

Society for Equal Access (SPIL Signatory)

1458 5th St., NW
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663
(330) 343-9292

www.seailc.org

Counties Served: **Tuscarawas, Carroll, Jefferson, Harrison, Belmont, Guernsey, Coshocton, Holmes, Muskingum, Perry, Licking, Noble, Monroe, Morgan, Fairfield, Hocking, Washington, Athens, Vinton, Meigs, Jackson, Gallia**

Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living (SPIL Signatory)

418 S. Broad St.
Lancaster, Ohio 43130
(740) 689-1494

www.socil.org

Counties Served: **Fairfield, Hocking**

Tri-County Independent Living Center (SPIL Signatory)

520 S. Main St.
Suite 2501
Akron, Ohio 44311

www.tcilc.org

Counties Served: **Summit, Start, Portage, Wayne, Medina**

Western Reserve Independent Living Center (SPIL Signatory)

4076 Youngstown Road SE
Suite 203
Warren, Ohio 44484

(330) 372-3325

www.wriloc.org

Counties Served: Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, Ashtabula

Counties Served in **bold** are Subchapter C funded counties as indicated on the Center’s original Subchapter C funding agreement.

3.2 Expansion of Network

Describe the design for the further expansion of the network, including identification of the unserved and underserved areas in the State and the order of priority for serving these areas as additional funding becomes available (beyond the required cost-of-living increase).

The Independent Living Network of Ohio has created a plan that would achieve statewide coverage if funds were to become available. As part of the plan, a formula has been agreed on that will distribute any new funds made available to Ohio.

Funding Increases

Priority 1 – Establishment of Base Funds and Increasing Network Capacity

Each Center for Independent Living has been assigned a base funding amount as follows:

Population of people with disabilities	Base Funding Amount
1 to 75,000 individuals	\$250,000
75,001 to 150,000 individuals	\$300,000
150,001 and higher	\$350,000

Center	Base
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(Population Estimate)	
Ability Center of Greater Toledo (105,444)	\$300,000
Access Center for Independent Living (128,676)	\$300,000
Center for Disability Empowerment (154,771)	\$350,000
Center for Independent Living Options (210,087)	\$350,000
Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio (53,998)	\$250,000
Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (258,580)	\$350,000
Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment (140,814)	\$300,000
Services for Independent Living (221,472)	\$350,000
Society for Equal Access (58,551)	\$250,000
Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living (24,688)	\$250,000
Tri-County Independent Living Center (149,954)	\$300,000
Western Reserve Independent Living Center (96,491)	\$300,000

Service area populations were developed using data from the American Community Survey based on the IL Service contracts of each Center. The current Network of Centers with federal IL Funds alone do not have the resources to achieve this base without reallocation of Subchapter C funds.

Any new federal funds will be distributed based on the amounts needed to achieve the base funding for each Center. After each Center achieves base funding, the funds will be distributed by formula as agreed upon by the IL Network in Ohio.

Until the minimum allotment of funds established in this plan are made available to the existing network of CILs, new Centers or expansion of areas will not be recognized in any funding distributions.

Funding distribution charts and formulas will be updated annually based upon the Subchapter C funding allocations as well as the Subchapter B allocations to Ohio. This formula represents the process that will be utilized to distribute funds to the Center for Independent Living. Due to the nature of funding changes annually, as long as the formula is utilized, revisions to the plan will not be needed.

All new funds, in excess of funds needed for base funds or COLA, will be distributed based on the funding division formula. This formula factors rural populations, service levels needed, and economic factors of the region. Once all CILs are able to achieve their base funds, the current network of CILs will distribute funds in the following percentages:

Center	Percentage
Ability Center of Greater Toledo	13%
Access Center for Independent Living	8%
Center for Disability Empowerment	4%
Center for Independent Living Options	14%
Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio	11%
Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential	7%
Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment	3%
Services for Independent Living	16%
Society for Equal Access	6%
Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living	4%
Tri-County Independent Living Center	6%
Western Reserve Independent Living Center	8%

Priority 2 – Establishment of New Centers/IL Services

After the minimum allotment of funds are achieved and longevity of such funds secured, the IL Network will conduct initial outreach to unserved regions of Ohio and determine feasibility of sustaining a new Center in these areas. If a new Center is deemed unfeasible based on limited funds, existing Centers will determine areas they are able to expand with increased funds.

As new service areas are developed, the formula will be updated. For example, if a new Center is established, the base amount will be determined based on the current base population calculation. Those counties will be added for the additional funding distributions. If a Center adds new counties to their service area, those additional counties will be added to their formula and base calculations.

Unless in a situation that the formula outlined in this plan is to not be followed, revisions to the plan for funding changes will not be needed.

New Subchapter C Grant for State of Ohio

In the case of a new Subchapter C grant being made available, the priority of this grant will be to fund one of the Subchapter B only funded Centers in Ohio to increase the overall network sustainability in Ohio.

Funding Decreases

Subchapter C decreases will be decreased in the manner that Administration on Community Living has determined.

Subchapter B and other funds in this plan will be decreased first by ensuring as many Centers can remain at base as possible. From there, additional decreases will be reduced in amounts to retain the overall funding percentages remain the same.

Center closure/forfeiture of funds

In the event a Title VII, Subchapter B or C funded Center should close or forfeit/lose funding, The Ohio IL Network will make a formal request to the Administration on Community Living on the most beneficial use of funds for the Network of Centers for Independent Living in Ohio. These options may include:

1. Reissuing a new grant competition for the same territory,
2. Issuing a new competition for a new grant in a similar region with possible additions or reductions of counties based on the award amount,
3. A redistribution of funds to existing Centers that follows the distribution as established by this Plan.

The Ohio IL Network believes the opportunity to provide the Administration on Community Living input in this decision increases consumer control and upholds the Independent Living Philosophy and the intent of this Plan.

Eligibility to be considered in funding formula

In order for a Center to be eligible to receive funding in this funding formula, they must be in good standing with the Administration on Community Living, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, the Ohio Association of Centers for Independent Living, and the Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council. If a Center is not in good standing, their portion of any allocations that are impacted by this plan will be distributed by the formula as established. The Centers must also be actively working towards the goals and objectives of the Plan, participating with the Network, and producing outcome consistent to the agreed upon framework by the CILs.

Underserved Areas of Ohio

Due to Centers for Independent Living not being able to reach a base funding amount that supports the operations of Centers for Independent Living in Ohio, the current counties that are receiving Title VII Funds are deemed underserved.

Clark County	Brown County	Lorain County	Cuyahoga County
Greene County	Butler County	Medina County	Fairfield County
Montgomery County	Clermont County	Franklin County	Hocking County
Preble County	Hamilton County	Belmont County	Portage County
Defiance County	Highland County	Carroll County	Stark County
Fulton County	Warren County	Coshocton County	Summit County
Henry County	Ashland County	Guernsey County	Wayne County
Lucas County	Crawford County	Harrison County	Ashtabula County
Ottawa County	Huron County	Holmes County	Columbiana County
Williams County	Knox County	Jefferson County	Mahoning County
Wood County	Morrow County	Tuscarawas County	Trumbull County
Delaware County	Richland County	Lake County	
Adams County	Erie County	Geauga County	

Unserved

Due to the lack of funds to support the Independent Living Program in Ohio, the following counties are unable to access Core Services. For this reason, we have determined all of the following counties to be unserved.

Allen County	Jackson County	Morgan County	Scioto County
Athens County	Lawrence County	Muskingum County	Seneca County
Auglaize County	Licking County	Noble County	Shelby County
Champaign County	Logan County	Paulding County	Union County
Clinton County	Madison County	Perry County	Van Wert County
Darke County	Marion County	Pickaway County	Vinton County
Fayette County	Meigs County	Pike County	Washington County
Gallia County	Mercer County	Putnam County	Wyandot County
Hancock County	Miami County	Ross County	
Hardin County	Monroe County	Sandusky County	

In these unserved counties, the IL Network have determined the following counties to be priority in determining the feasibility and sustainability of a new Center for Independent Living: Athens County, Allen County, Morgan County, and Ross County.

3.3 Section 723 States Only

3.3A If the State follows an order of priorities for allocating funds among centers within a State that is different from what is outlined in 34 CFR 366.22, describe the alternate order of priority that the DSU director and the SILC chair have agreed upon. Indicate N/A if not applicable.

N/A

3.3B Describe how the State policies, practices and procedures governing the awarding of grants to centers and the oversight of these centers are consistent with 34 CFR 366.37 and 366.38.

N/A

Part II: Narrative: Section 4 - Designated State Unit (DSU)

4.1 Administrative Support Services

4.1A Describe the administrative support services to be provided by the DSU for the SILS (Part B) program and, if the State is a Section 723 State, for the CIL (Part C) program.

Refer to the SPIL Instructions for additional information about administrative support services.

Designated State Unit Designation:

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) is the Ohio Designated State Unit. OOD will provide services to receive, account for, and disburse state and federal funds allocated for the Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council budget and resource plan, general Center's for Independent Living operations, and/or State Plan for Independent Living objectives, in

accordance with the approved State Plan for Independent Living and with applicable state and federal law, as per Title VII requirements of the Designated State Entity. This includes the administration of the Personal Care Assistance and Community Center for the Deaf programs.

OOD may also provide administrative support services for a program under Part B, as requested.

Contract Monitoring:

Contracts with Centers for Independent Living and the Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council will be monitored in accordance with state and federal rules and regulations governing the use and administration of state and federal funds.

Contract monitoring is the systematic review of a service provider's records, business processes, deliverables, and activities to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract. The goal of contract monitoring is to protect the health and safety of clients that receive services, ensure delivery of quality goods and services, and protect the financial interest of the state. Monitoring includes planned, ongoing, periodic, or unscheduled activities that cover financial, programmatic, and administrative components.

4.1B Describe other DSU arrangements for the administration of the IL program, if any.

N/A

Part II: Narrative: Section 5 - Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

5.1 Resource plan

5.1A Describe the resource plan prepared by the SILC in conjunction with the DSU for the provision of resources, including staff and personnel, made available under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII, section 101(a)(18) of the Act, and from other public and private sources that may be necessary to carry out the functions of the SILC identified in section 705(c). The description must address the three years of this SPIL.

- Refer to the SPIL Instructions for more information about completing this section.

The resource plan was prepared by the SILC in conjunction with the DSE. Annually, the DSE awards the SILC a contract that includes at a minimum \$371,662 which includes at least \$250,000 of Title I Innovation & Expansion (I&E) funds and \$67,662 Ohio General Revenue Funds (GRF). The DSE will guarantee the minimum contract to the SILC for all years outlined in this Plan.

At present, there is a line item in the state budget of \$252,000 for Independent Living. The line item is used to match the I&E funds for the SILC, as well as to match the Title VII Subchapter B award that is fully distributed to the CILs.

If a situation occurs that CILs do not expend all the awarded Subchapter B funds, the decision on the used of those funds in the next fiscal year is made by the SILC. If retained by SILC, it will be used toward activities to benefit the IL Network.

The resource plan supports all management and operation of the SILC including, but not limited to, staffing, office administration cost, operational costs, contractual services, board training and

development, staff training and development, travel both in and out of state for staff and board, assisting the IL Network, any reasonable accommodations for board, staff, or the public.

The resource plan will ensure the SILC's ability to perform the duties and authorities of SILC:

(1) Duties. – The Council shall

(A) develop the State plan as provided in section 704(a)(2);

(B) monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the State plan;

(C) meet regularly, and ensure that such meetings of the Council are open to the public and sufficient advance notice of such meetings is provided;

(D) submit to the Administrator such periodic reports as the Administrator may reasonably request, and keep such records, and afford such access to such records, as the Administrator finds necessary to verify the information in such reports; and

(E) as appropriate, coordinate activities with other entities in the State that provide services similar to or complimentary to independent living services, such as entities that facilitate the provision of or provide long-term community-based services and supports.

(2) Authorities. – The Council may, consistent with the State plan described in section 704, unless prohibited by State law –

(A) in order to improve services provided to individuals with disabilities, work with Centers for Independent Living to coordinate services with public and private entities as part of the IL Network and toward the goals and objectives including the IL Network;

(B) conduct resource development activities to support the activities described in this subsection or to collaborate and support the provision of Independent Living services by Centers for Independent Living; SILC will participate in the goals and objectives outlined in the Plan to support the SILC and the Centers for Independent Living.

(C) perform such other functions, consistent with the purpose of this chapter and comparable to other functions described in this subsection, as the Council determines to be appropriate.

(3) Limitation. – The Council shall not provide independent living services directly to individuals with significant disabilities or manage such services.

5.1B Describe how the following SILC resource plan requirements will be addressed.

- The SILC's responsibility for the proper expenditure of funds and use of resources that it receives under the resource plan.

The SILC has implemented comprehensive fiscal policies and procedures to ensure proper internal controls and fiscal accountability. While still maintain autonomy, the SILC sends the DSE an I&E budget that is based on the approved operating budget. The DSE reviews the SILC budget for any issues in allowability or compliance with state and federal laws. Any issues that arise are discussed between the SILC and the DSE. If these situations occur, it is not the intent of the DSE to interfere with the autonomy of SILC, but to provide fiscal oversight to the funds that they extend in a contract to the SILC.

The SILC members all receive a proposed budget developed by the SILC Treasurer and SILC Staff. After review and amendment, the SILC will vote on the approval of the budget. At all

SILC meetings the full Council receives monthly financial statements, as well as a review of budget to actual expenditures.

Several processes are in place to ensure proper internal controls including the Treasurer reviewing each month's bank statements, check signing limits, and monthly detailed invoices with documentation submitted to the DSE supporting the proper expenditure of federal funding.

The Ohio SILC maintains autonomy and control of its budget, the DSE provides fiscal oversight and monitoring. Annually the SILC submits a budget for the I&E Expenditures to the DSE for approval to ensure fiscal oversight and accountability. Any input or suggestions from the DSE are only to assist in SILC's compliance with state and federal laws.

- Non-inclusion of conditions or requirements in the SILC resource plan that may compromise the independence of the SILC.

There are no conditions or requirements that are imposed by the DSE or any other entity that may compromise the independence of the SILC. The SILC and the DSE work hard to maintain the independence of the SILC by not having language in grant award agreements that may inadvertently compromise the SILC's autonomy. They have worked cooperatively at the state level to educate legislators and key staff in OBM that Ohio SILC is an independent program.

- Reliance, to the maximum extent possible, on the use of resources in existence during the period of implementation of the State plan.

All funds included in the plan are based upon prior years of financial information and commitment from the DSE, subject to state appropriation amounts. Should changes in appropriations occur, the SILC in consultation with the DSE, will develop a plan to address the changes in the SILC resource plan.

5.2 Establishment and Placement

Describe how the establishment and placement of the SILC ensures its independence with respect to the DSU and all other State agencies. Refer to the SPIL Instructions for more information about completing this section.

The SILC is an independent state agency in Ohio, classified as a quasi-state entity. The SILC is not within any other state agency, including the DSE. The SILC currently has an Executive Order from the Governor of Ohio that establishes and authorized its continuances pursuant to state and federal laws.

5.3 Appointment and Composition

Describe the process used by the State to appoint members to the SILC who meet the composition requirements in section 705(b). Refer to the SPIL Instructions for more information about completing this section.

Members of the SILC are appointed by the Governor of the State of Ohio. When vacancies arise, the SILC recruits potential members considering factors of significant disability, disability type, geographic representation, ethnicity, and background knowledge of Independent Living. When individuals apply, the SILC reviews the applications submitted and will send a letter to the

Governor with either a recommendation to appoint or a recommendation to not appoint for a given reason.

5.4 Staffing

Describe how the following SILC staffing requirements will be met.

- SILC supervision and evaluation, consistent with State law, of its staff and other personnel as may be necessary to carry out its functions.

The SILC Executive Director, consistent with state law, is managed, supervised, and evaluated by the appointed SILC Members. The other staff of SILC is managed, evaluated, and supervised by the Executive Director in accordance with the approved SILC personnel policies. Personnel policies of SILC are approved and reviewed periodically by the SILC.

- Non-assignment of duties to SILC staff and other personnel made available by the DSU, or any other State agency or office, that would create a conflict of interest while assisting the SILC in carrying out its duties

There is no staff made available by the DSE or any other State Agency that would create a conflict of interest.

Part II: Narrative: Section 6 - Service Provider Requirements

Describe how the following service provider requirements will be met:

6.1 Staffing

- Inclusion of personnel who are specialists in the development and provision of IL services and in the development and support of centers.

The CILs affirm by signatures on grant award agreements that providers will follow all the requirements in Section 6.1 through 6.7, plus the standards and assurances of Section 725 and the directives of the State.

The OSILC, CILs and the DSE have developed collaborations that allow for the sharing of information regarding specialists. OSILC employs an individual with a disability who works with groups and CILs to promote understanding of the regulatory requirements for a group to become a CIL, and provides technical assistance to those groups and existing CILs as needed to ensure that there is proper adherence to Title VII of the Act and regulations.

- Availability, to the maximum extent feasible, of personnel able to communicate (1) with individuals with significant disabilities who rely on alternative modes of communication, such as manual communication, nonverbal communication devices, Braille, or audio tapes and (2) in the native languages of individuals with significant disabilities whose English proficiency is limited and who apply for or receive IL services under title VII of the Act.

The individual CILs employ staff with the skills needed to meet the particular needs of the people with disabilities within their service areas. In addition, CILs may have contracts with or utilize individual agencies such as Vision Centers, Deaf Services Centers, online interpreter services, assistive technology providers, or personal interpreters. All written policies, materials, and IL services are provided in alternative formats as requested. Employees and the public are

made aware through written policies and disclosures on printed materials that alternative formats are available upon request.

- Establishment and maintenance of a program of staff development for all classes of positions involved in providing IL services and, where appropriate, in administering the CIL program, improving the skills of staff directly responsible for the provision of IL services, including knowledge of and practice in the IL philosophy.

Staff are trained on cross disability community issues and provide IL core services and other independent living services to individuals with significant disabilities in an inclusive manner that is neither targeted nor limited to a particular type of significant disability. Individual satisfaction surveys and group forums are some ways in which CILs identify future agency goals and future staff development needs. Staff development programs insure that under represented groups continue to receive access to services in a culturally competent manner. Budgets dictate the level of Professional Association memberships and disability-related conferences staff attend to acquire new knowledge. Advanced technology allows CILs to participate in cost effective and diverse webinar-style training within their own CIL locations.

- Affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with significant disabilities on the same terms and conditions required with respect to the employment of individuals with disabilities under section 503 of the Act.

CILs, CCDs and OSILC are equal opportunity employers. As grantees they agree not to discriminate by reason of race, creed, color, religion, sex, age, gender identity, disability, national origin, or ancestry. Reasonable accommodations are made for qualified individuals with disabilities. CILs comply with the Rehabilitation Act and maintain a staff compliment of at least 51% individuals with disabilities. The Annual 704 report reflects the number of persons employed with disabilities as well as a 51% minimum of people with disabilities. At least 51% of the OSILC staff are people with disabilities.

6.2 Fiscal Control and Fund Accounting

- Adoption of those fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure the proper disbursement of and accounting for funds made available through parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act, in addition to complying with applicable EDGAR fiscal and accounting requirements.

The DSE disperses Part B funding through grant award agreements with the CILs on a yearly basis. The grant award agreements contain the relevant assurances listed on the first page of the SPIL, as well as 6.1 through 6.7. The DSE monitors the use of funds yearly by audits as well as sign-off approval of the monthly invoice listing by the DSE. The sign-off is required before reimbursements may be issued by the DSE. The grant award agreements also contain the state provisions required by the Office of the Governor. The OSILC, DSE and CILs affirm these requirements and expect them to be followed by any contracted service provider.

DSE receives SSR funds and plans to continue to utilize up to \$3.56M annually to support the PCA (\$2.7M) and CCD (\$772K) programs plus the contract for telephone/mobile device delivery of job leads, news, information and public service information. This is administered through contracts.

6.3 Recordkeeping, Access and Reporting

- Maintenance of records that fully disclose and document the information listed in 34 CFR 364.35.

Maintenance of records comply with applicable Federal record-keeping requirements. They include a proper system of accounting and other records to account for all expenditures of all project-program costs including approved budgets, invoice copies and receipts, and audit reports. All costs are validated by a payroll record, invoice, cancelled check or any other generally accepted accounting documentation. Records are retained per retention schedules for specified time periods and are available for review and audit.

- Submission of annual performance and financial reports, and any other reports that the Secretary determines to be appropriate

Annually the RSA 704 Performance Report Part I is submitted by the OSILC and the DSE if required by federal regulations. Likewise, annually the RSA 704 Performance Report Part II is submitted by the CILs. CILs provide copies of the annual 704 report to the OSILC and the DSE if required by federal regulations. Initial 524 budget expenditures and narratives are submitted to ACL based on individual grant awards.

- Access to the Commissioner and the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of conducting audits, examinations, and compliance reviews, to the information listed in 34 CFR 364.37.

The confidential individual case records, files and consumer service records of individuals served including records of evaluations are maintained and made available to duly authorized representatives. Financial records that fully disclose and document use of financial resources are also maintained and made available. Records and reports are retained for a period of not less than three years following contract end date or until questions arising from the audit have been resolved, whichever is later.

6.4 Eligibility

- Eligibility of any individual with a significant disability, as defined in 34 CFR 364.4(b), for IL services under the SILS and CIL programs.

Consumer Service Records show evidence of services rendered to various individuals or groups of individuals. Staff is instructed that participants are selected without regard to race, creed, color, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin or ancestry.

- Ability of any individual to seek information about IL services under these programs and to request referral to other services and programs for individuals with significant disabilities.

Any individual may seek information about IL services under these programs and request referral to other services and programs for individuals with significant disabilities. OSILC and CILs maintain a map of the Ohio CIL service areas and CIL contact information so they can connect callers with the closest CIL or with one that may offer the particular program or service requested by the caller. Individual CILs maintain databases of information and referral sources such as electronic files, paper files, CDs, DVDs, and books to assist people with disabilities effectively with service needs.

OSILC, CCDs, CILs and the DSE will work collaboratively to leverage resources and strengthen the information and referral services provided between these programs. DSE has moved CCDs to

a common vernacular and reclassified the core services they provide so that they are in alignment with the 5 core IL services.

- Determination of an individual's eligibility for IL services under the SILS and CIL programs in a manner that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 364.51.

Any individual may seek information about IL services under these programs and request referral to other services and programs for individuals with significant disabilities. OSILC and CILs maintain a map of the Ohio CIL service areas and CIL contact information so they can connect callers with the closest CIL or with one that may offer the particular program or service requested by the caller. Individual CILs maintain databases of information and referral sources such as electronic files, paper files, CDs, DVDs, and books to assist people with disabilities effectively with service needs.

OSILC will actively engage CCDs, CILs, and DSE to leverage resources where possible to strengthen the information and referral services provided between these programs. DSE will engage CCDs about moving to a common vernacular and classification of the core services they provide. While CCD services are well aligned with the 5 core IL services, a unified naming convention will better enable the tracking of services utilized and their outcomes.

- Application of eligibility requirements without regard to age, color, creed, gender, national origin, race, religion, or type of significant disability of the individual applying for IL services.

Before or at the same time as an applicant for IL services may begin receiving funded IL services, the CIL confirms the individual has met the definition of a person with a significant disability (364.4b). This documentation is dated and signed by the appropriate staff member and maintained in the applicant's file.

- Non-exclusion from receiving IL services of any individual who is present in the State and who is otherwise eligible for IL services, based on the imposition of any State or local residence requirement.

Staff are instructed that consumers are selected without regard to age, color, creed, gender, national origin, ancestry, race, religion, gender identification or type of significant disability. Consumer records show evidence of services to diverse representations of individuals or groups of individuals.

6.5 Independent Living Plans

- Provision of IL services in accordance with an IL plan complying with Sec. 364.52 and mutually agreed upon by the individuals with significant disabilities and the appropriate service provider staff unless the individual signs a waiver stating that an IL plan is unnecessary.

CILs maintain a record of the individual either signing a waiver that an IL plan is not necessary or signing the actual IL plan. The IL plan indicates goals or objectives established, the services to be provided, and the anticipated duration of the service program and each component service. An accessible copy of the IL plan is provided to the individual. The IL plan is reviewed at least annually to determine whether services should be continued, modified, or discontinued, or if the individual should be referred to other services.

6.6 Client Assistance Program (CAP) Information

- Use of accessible formats to notify individuals seeking or receiving IL services under chapter 1 of title VII about the availability of the CAP program, the purposes of the services provided under the CAP, and how to contact the CAP.

CILs provide a detailed explanation of the availability and purposes of CAP including information on how to contact the program. This information is provided in accessible format as requested. Documentation of this notification to individuals is maintained in their file.

6.7 Protection, Use and Release of Personal Information

- Adoption and implementation of policies and procedures meeting the requirements of 34 CFR 364.56(a), to safeguard the confidentiality of all personal information, including photographs and lists of names.

Staff are trained on the established policies to safeguard the confidentiality of all personal information, including photographs and lists of names. Unauthorized release of confidential information shall result in disciplinary action. The recipient of services must sign a release of information if they are requesting individual information to be released to them, legally authorized representatives or another agency. The signed releases are maintained in the individual's confidential file.

Part II: Narrative: Section 7 - Evaluation

Describe the method that will be used to periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the plan in meeting the objectives established in Section 1. The description must include the State's evaluation of satisfaction by individuals with significant disabilities who have participated in the program.

Section 7: Evaluation

Goal(s) and the related Objective(s) from Section 1	Method that will be used to evaluate
System Advocacy Increase Independent Living & Community Integration Increase Community Access and Outreach Increase Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Satisfaction of IL Services	OSILC in conjunction with the CILs will develop a system to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the plan in meeting the objectives established in Section 1. OSILC will use information from the NET/CIL data collection and retrieval system, the annual 704 reports, and work plans to monitor and evaluate the SPIL. Furthermore, OSILC will comply with Federal reporting requirements.

Part II: Narrative: Section 8 - State-Imposed Requirements

8 State-Imposed Requirements

Identify any State-imposed requirements contained in the provisions of this SPIL.

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