ARIZONA CENTER FOR DISABILITY LAW

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
Grants Renewal Application
Project Vote

a. Summary of current contract, objectives and performance measures.

Project Vote was completed in July 2012. The collaboration between the Arizona Center for Disability Law (ACDL), the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC), the Native American Disability Law Center (NADLC), and County Recorder and Elections Directors exceeded the performance measures set in the contract. In excess of 300 students were reached with voter empowerment training through the schools. In addition, a Project Vote video was produced that included collaboration with the Maricopa County Elections Office and the Secretary of State.

Certificates of completion of the training and the Project Vote video have been distributed to all of the school districts who participated in our collaborative training.

Of all of the school districts reached, our collaborative projected resonated the most with the students at Safford High School. Teachers at the High School reported that of the 10 students who were trained that were eligible to vote, 6 voted in the Presidential Preference Primary. Two other students meant to go vote but did not make it to the polls on February 28, 2012. Many of the other students who attended the presentation plan to register to vote when they turn 18 years old.

b. Budget for Year 2/Match.

See Attachment B.

c. Overall goal.

In approaching the second year of this project, ACDL will build upon the success of Project Vote in Safford and utilize our expertise in Candidate Forum planning as well as our relationship building skills with the self-advocacy community to move our collaboration into a new area of voter empowerment. In the second year, ACDL will target three areas of Arizona with a single legislative district to work collaboratively with self-advocates and other disability organizations to host a candidate forum on disability issues.

d. Objectives.

There are four objects for Project Vote – Year 2.

1. Develop voter empowerment and leadership skills of self-advocates through the direct engagement of candidates for state legislative office. *We can measure this through the*

number of self-advocates who prepare and present statements or questions to the candidates at the Forums. Goal: 3 Forums. 5 self-advocate questions per Forum.

2. Educate self-advocates about how decisions made by state legislators affect their lives. *We will prepare a plain language fact sheets and a presentation on state laws and candidates. Our success is tied to how many decide to prepare and present statements or questions about important issues to the candidates at the Forums. Goal: 3 trainings. 40 total. (20 in Lake Havasu, 10 in Safford, and 10 in Kykotsmovi.)*

3. Educate candidates running for state office about issues of importance to self-advocates. *This will be done at the Forum through their participation. They will also have access to all Forum materials in advance. Goal: 12 legislators total. 4 per event.*

4. Connect self-advocates to the DDPC for future organizing and leadership development opportunities. *This can be measured by the number of self-advocate contacts referred back to the DDPC. Goal: 3 self-advocates. One from each community.*

e. Target population/community.

It is critical that the DDPC continue its efforts to reach persons with developmental disabilities and their family members throughout Arizona. Therefore, ACDL proposes to reach into three different areas of Arizona to conduct Candidate Forums: Lake Havasu – District 5; Kykotsmovi – District 7; Safford – District 14.

Safford has no organized self-advocacy community but had success in voter empowerment training from Project Vote Year 1. Lake Havasu had an organized self-advocacy group called the Bobcats. Their advisor has recently stepped down. Kykotsmovi is hosting the 2nd Annual Hopi Disability Conference has had some very impressive self-advocacy participation under previous support from this Council through NAU/IHD and the NADLC.

f. Implementation plan. August 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012.

Task 1 – Pre-Forum Planning

a. Contact and meet with existing self-advocacy groups, students/school district, group home providers, and disability organizations.
b. Contact and work with winners from the August 28, 2012 Primary Election to attend Candidate Forums.
c. Site selections.
d. Outreach to County Recorders and Election Directors. County Records will be asked to help register voters. County Election Directors will be asked to bring accessible voting equipment so that individuals can have the opportunity to practice voting on accessible voting machines.
e. Outreach to Secretary of State. The DD Network wants to keep the Secretary of State informed of all voter outreach activity and invite him to participate.

f. Candidate engagement training with self-advocates.
Tentative end date: October 1, 2012

Task 2 – Candidate Forums.

a. Reconfirm candidates and site needs.
b. Prepare a briefing paper for all candidates and distribute it to them.
c. Translate the paper into plain language.
d. Bring the briefing paper for distribution to the Forum participants.
e. Meet with self-advocates prior to the forum to discuss the forum, their stories and their questions.
f. Set up a DD Network booth.
g. Send out a press release for each Forum.
h. Put on the Forums!

Tentative end date: October 31, 2012

Evaluation

Participants will be surveyed at the conclusion of all forums, using the assessment tool approved by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD). The tool will be expanded to inquire about the outcome of intention to vote in the November 2012 election as a result of receiving information provided at the forums.
Tentative end date: December 31, 2012

g. Anticipated barriers.

Barriers are external. Getting candidates to the Forums, supporting self-advocates at the Forums where no self-advocacy organization or advisor exists, and the short time frame.

h. Training for existing staff.

No training is required for existing staff.

i. Key staff.

Peri Jude Radecic, Executive Director, has overall project oversight, main project work and responsibility.
Annie Goldsand, Staff Advocate, will provide project support.

j. Community collaboration.

This project will work with the DDPC and will outreach to providers, schools, and other disability organizations in the three legislative districts to find participants for the Forums.

k. Monitoring.

ACDL will distribute a survey immediately after each Forum to determine if each participant will vote in the General Election.

l. Evaluation.

ACDL Executive Director, Peri Jude Radecic, will conduct the evaluation. ACDL Staff Advocate, Annie Goldsand, will tabulate the results. Information will be shared with the DDPC.

m. Forms and attachments.

Attachment A. Funds Requested Page
Attachment B. Budget Summary Page
Attachment C. Budget Narrative for Requested Dollar Amount & for Match
Attachment D. Disclosure Form of Other Funding Sources
Attachment E. Personnel Staff Overview
Attachment F. Implementation Plan
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ATTACHMENT A

Funds Requested Page

1. The Contractor must state a firm, fixed total guaranteed not-to-exceed amount of funds requested for The Developmental Disabilities Basic Support and Advocacy Grant Program.

$ $45,801 75% OR 90% of Funds Requested*

$ $18,246 25% OR 10% Matching Funds*

$ $64,047 Total Program Cost

Note 1: Contractors must follow EITHER Note 2 or Note 3. READ CAREFULLY!

Note 2: Per the requirements of the DD Act, a contractor must contribute a minimum of 25% Match towards the total program cost if your program is NOT in a designated Rural Poverty Area. The requirement is stated in the DD Act – Section 126 (a)(1) as follows, "...the Federal share of the cost of all projects in a State supported by an allotment to the State under this subtitle may not be more than 75 percent of the aggregate necessary cost of such projects, as determined by the Secretary."

Note 3: Per the requirements of the DD Act, if proposed project or activities will take place in a **Rural Poverty Area**, as described in Page 21 of this solicitation, the Contractor shall **ONLY** contribute 10% Match towards the total program cost. The requirement is stated in the DD Act – Section 126 (a)(2).

Authorized Signature: [signature]

Date: 7/31/12

Job Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR