

Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC), as directed by our local Self Determination Advisory Committee, will develop and post a Request For Proposals (RFP) to support people to Jump Start to Self Determination.

The RFP will include specific deliverables and timelines related to the following focus areas:

- Orientation needs – Costs of providing orientation, including, but not limited to, modifying/printing materials, speakers/presenters expense, meeting space expenses, translation/interpreters, etc.
- Recruitment/Training of Independent Facilitators – Costs associated with increasing the number of available independent facilitators. This could include, but is not limited to, recruitment, development and/or provision of training, translation/interpreters, costs related to the provision of training, etc.
- Collaborative groups/workshops – Ongoing and/or periodic meetings for participants and families, providers, etc. to provide learning and problem-solving opportunities. Costs could include, but are not limited to, speakers/presenters' travel expenses, translation/interpreters, materials, meeting space expenses, etc. This may involve coordinating with Local Self Determination Advisory Committee and/or participants in other areas to increase the scope of the learning opportunities/information sharing.
- Joint training – Training for participants, families, regional center staff and members of local volunteer advisory committees, etc. Joint trainings should focus on shared learning opportunities that increase the collective understanding of all involved with Self Determination. Costs could include, but are not limited to, development and/or provision of training, translation/interpreters, costs related to the provision of training, etc.
- Support/coaching for Transition to Self Determination – Support for participants in transitioning to Self Determination. This could include support in areas such as deciding which financial management service model is the best fit for a participant, suggestions for recruiting/hiring employees, how to establish backup staffing plans, etc.
- Initial Spending Plan Development – Support in developing the participant's use of their individual budget through their spending plan, which may include consultation with a financial management service.
- Additional Identified Needs – Items/activities which will support the needs of participants and implementation of Self Determination as identified by the local Self Determination Advisory Committee, including:

Budget Development Support

Increasing Diversity

Support for underserved communities

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) allocated \$44,880 to RCRC for Fiscal Year 20/21 that are to be expended by March 2023. RCRC will post the RFP by 8/1/2021, review all proposals, interview applicants who meet the criteria and award the contract(s) by 10/30/2021.