

Hawaii's Community Living Program

The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) has applied for funding through the AoA in collaboration with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs -Veterans Health Administration to develop and implement Hawaii's Community Living Program: Supporting Independence and Choice in the Community.

QUICK FACTS

Issuance of Notice of Grant Award: Prior to September 30, 2009

Grant period: September 30, 2009 through September 29, 2011 (24 months)

Geographic range: Kauai, Maui and Hawaii counties

Key stakeholders:

- Department of Human Services
- Disabilities Communication Access Board (DCAB)
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Veterans Administration Pacific Islands Healthcare System
- Service providers and consumers

Overall goal:

- Assist individuals who are not Medicaid eligible, but at imminent risk of nursing home placement, to remain in the community, avoiding institutionalization and spend-down to Medicaid.

Approach:

- Identify at-risk individuals through ADRC and link them to home and community-based services (HCBS) to retain them in community living, offering options of consumer-directed services or traditional agency-directed services.

Project objectives:

1. Coordinate ADRC's intake & assessment protocol with Medicaid level-of-care and eligibility tools,
2. Identify those at risk of nursing home placement and not Medicaid eligible by adding CLP data elements to ADRC assessment protocols,
3. Use existing state and federal funds to help these individuals remain living in the community,
4. Contract for Financial Management Services to activate the option for consumer direction.
5. Provide at least 90 individuals at risk of nursing home placements and spend down to Medicaid with quality consumer-directed or traditional agency-directed HCBS.

Outcomes:

- At least 80 individuals will avoid institutionalization
- At least 80 individuals will avoid spend down to Medicaid
- ADRC sites will use a common intake form to assess individuals for service needs
- Individuals who need supports to remain living in the community have the option to elect consumer-directed services.

Project Timeline Highlights

- Secure a Systems Change Developer, a CLP Project Coordinator, and a CLP Evaluator
- Convene meetings of key stakeholders to deploy CLP development work groups
- Coordinate ADRC's intake & assessment protocol with Medicaid level-of-care and eligibility tools
- Identify those at risk of nursing home placement and not Medicaid eligible by adding CLP data elements to ADRC assessment protocols
- Contract for Financial Management Services to activate the option for consumer direction
- Secure Support Brokerage Services
- Use grant funds plus existing state and federal funds provide direct HCB services to help CLP eligible participants remain living in the community

Method and Amount of Subcontract to AAA

If EOA is awarded the full amount requested, we plan to subcontract to each participating AAA the following for the 2-year project:

- \$53,000 intended to support the AAA's CLP project coordinator and related functions
- An additional amount to cover travel for one representative of the AAA to attend the annual CLP grantee national meeting for 2 years
- In the 2nd year, an amount of additional direct service funds to be used to deliver consumer-directed HCBS to CLP participants.
 - A total of \$200,000 will be available among the 3 AAAs that agreed to participate in CLP.
 - The amount per AAA will be determined based on each AAA's readiness by the 12th month of the project to deliver consumer-directed services under the model developed by EOA and all partners, and to contract a match amount of existing state and federal HCBS direct service funds.

EOA will be directly providing these services under the grant that accrue cost savings to the AAAs:

- Set up costs of the system for consumer-direction, including Financial Management System (consumer's fiscal/employer agent) and Support Brokerage Services
- Annual licensing fees for AAA's existing Harmony (SAMS) products and enhancements needed for the CLP project
- Webcams and 2 years of webinar licensing for multiple sites including AAAs (for training and communication)

- Collaboration and technical assistance services of EOA's Systems Change Developer, CLP Project Manger and Grants Managers

Contact Information

This grant will be housed in the Grants Management section of EOA. Project Director is Noemi Pendleton. AAAs will work with their respective EOA grants managers as well as the ADRC Project Coordinator and the Systems Change Developer.