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University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

**Program Announcement and Grant Application
Instructions**

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Applications that fail to meet the application due date will not be reviewed and will receive no further consideration. You are strongly encouraged to submit your application a minimum of 3-5 days prior to the application closing date. Do not wait until the last day in the event you encounter technical difficulties, either on your end or, with <http://www.grants.gov>. Grants.gov can take up to 48 hours to notify you of a successful submission.

Executive Summary:

The Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) within the Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 funds **to make five-year grants to up to 17 entities designated as University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDD)**. These grantees carry out four core functions: (1) interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education of students and fellows; (2) community services, including training, technical assistance, and/or demonstration and model activities; (3) research; and (4) dissemination of information. UCEDDs are interdisciplinary education, research and public service units of universities, or public or not-for-profit entities associated with universities that implement the four core functions addressing, directly or indirectly, one or more of the areas of emphasis (e.g., quality assurance, education and early intervention, child care, health, employment, housing, transportation, recreation and other services available or offered to individuals in a community, including formal and informal community supports, that affect their quality of life). Funds made available under this funding opportunity are used to pay for the Federal share of the cost of the administration and operation of programs designated as UCEDDs.

This program announcement contains instructions for the 17 existing UCEDDs that must submit in FY 2013 grant applications for core funding to receive continued funding and designation as a UCEDD.

I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. Statutory Authority

AIDD is the lead agency in ACL, HHS for administering the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act of 2000) (42 U.S.C. 15001, et seq.). The purpose of the DD Act of 2000 is to assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life, through culturally competent programs [Section 101(b)]. To achieve this purpose, the DD Act of 2000 authorizes the following programs:

- (1) State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (Subtitle B);
- (2) Protection and Advocacy Systems (Subtitle C);
- (3) University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDDs) (Subtitle D); and
- (4) Projects of National Significance (Subtitle E).

Each of these programs engages in systemic change, capacity building, and advocacy activities both as a collaborative network and as independent entities to improve the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and enhance participation in community life in the State.

B. Description

As defined in the DD Act of 2000, the term "developmental disabilities" means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments that are manifested before the individual attains age 22 and are likely to continue indefinitely. Developmental disabilities result in substantial limitations in three or more of the following functional areas: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living and economic self-sufficiency.

The DD Act of 2000 identifies a number of significant findings, including:

- Disability is a natural part of the human experience that does not diminish the right of individuals with developmental disabilities to enjoy the opportunity for independence, productivity, integration and inclusion into the community.
- Individuals whose disabilities occur during their developmental period frequently have severe disabilities that are likely to continue indefinitely.
- Individuals with developmental disabilities often require lifelong specialized services and assistance, provided in a coordinated and culturally competent manner by many agencies, professionals, advocates, community representatives and others to eliminate barriers and to meet the needs of such individuals and their families.

The DD Act of 2000 also promotes the best practices and policies presented below:

- Individuals with developmental disabilities, including those with the most severe developmental disabilities, are capable of achieving independence, productivity,

integration and inclusion into the community, and often require the provision of services, supports and other assistance to achieve such.

- Individuals with developmental disabilities have competencies, capabilities and personal goals that should be recognized, supported and encouraged, and any assistance to such individuals should be provided in an individualized manner, consistent with the unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities and capabilities of the individual.
- Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families are the primary decision makers regarding the services and support such individuals and their families receive, and play decision making roles in policies and programs that affect the lives of such individuals and their families.

Toward these ends, AIDD seeks to support and accomplish the following:

- Support the increasing ability of individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise greater choice and self-determination and to engage in leadership activities in their communities;
- Enhance the capabilities of families in assisting individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve their maximum potential;
- Promote systemic change activities that ensure the active and meaningful engagement and participation of individuals with developmental disabilities in community-based programs and services;
- Promote the active involvement of individuals with developmental disabilities and families in all aspects of grantee programs, activities and services;
- Ensure the protection of the legal and human rights of individuals with developmental disabilities;
- Ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and their families enjoy increased and meaningful opportunities to access and use community services, individualized supports and other forms of assistance available to other individuals with developmental disabilities and their families; and
- Promote recruitment efforts that increase the number of individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who work with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in disciplines related to pre-service training, community training, practice, administration and policymaking.

According to Section 153 (a)(1) of the DD Act of 2000, UCEDDs are funded to provide leadership in, advise Federal, State, and community policymakers about, and promote opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise self-determination, be independent, be productive, and be integrated and included in all facets of community life. UCEDDs are defined as interdisciplinary education, research, and public service units of universities or public or non-profit entities associated with universities that engage in four core functions, addressing, directly or indirectly, one or more of the areas of emphasis.

The following is a description of the four core functions:

- Provision of interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education of students and fellows, which may include the preparation and continuing education of leadership, direct service, clinical or other personnel to strengthen and increase

the capacity of States and communities to achieve the purpose of the DD Act of 2000.

- Provision of community services that provide training and/or technical assistance for individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, professionals, paraprofessionals, policy makers, students and other members of the community; and may provide services, supports and assistance for individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, professionals, paraprofessionals, policy makers, students and other members of the community through demonstration and model activities;
- Conduct of research, which may include basic or applied research, evaluation, and the analysis of public policy in areas that affect or could affect, either positively or negatively, individuals with developmental disabilities and their families; and
- Dissemination of information related to activities undertaken to address the purpose of the DD Act of 2000, especially dissemination of information that demonstrates that the national network of UCEDDs is a national and international resource that includes specific substantive areas of expertise that may be accessed and applied in diverse settings and circumstances.

According to Section 152 of the DD Act of 2000, grants must be made to each UCEDD that existed in the preceding Fiscal Year that meets the requirements of subtitle D. Funds are used to pay for the Federal share of the cost of the administration and operation of the UCEDD. The DD Act of 2000 defines a State as the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam. Currently, there are 67 grants that fund UCEDDs in every State and Territory.

C. National Network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service

The National Network of UCEDDs comprise 67 grants that establish Centers which are interdisciplinary education, research, and public service units of universities or public or not-for-profit entities associated with universities that engage in four core functions: interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education; community services (including training and/or technical assistance and/or services, supports and assistance); research; and dissemination of information and address, directly or indirectly, one or more areas of emphasis (e.g., quality assurance, education and early intervention, child care, health, employment, housing, transportation, recreation, and other services available or offered to individuals in a community, including formal and informal community supports, that affect their quality of life).

As liaisons to service delivery systems, UCEDDs serve to positively affect the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, and work toward increasing their independence, productivity, inclusion and integration into communities. UCEDD accomplishments include:

- *Directing exemplary interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education.* The provision of formal training is offered in an interdisciplinary format where faculty and trainees represent a variety of disciplines, such as pediatrics, education, psychology and nursing, thereby expanding opportunities for students to learn about the differing perspectives of various professionals who are providing

services to, and working on behalf of, individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

- *Providing community services.* Staff offer expertise and inform the field through training, technical assistance and demonstration, model activities to individuals with developmental disabilities, families, support service organizations, professionals, paraprofessionals, students, systems, volunteers and others.
- *Research.* UCEDDs contribute to the development of new knowledge through various research activities that may include the field testing of models of service delivery and evaluation of existing innovative practices.
- *Information dissemination.* UCEDDs work to bridge the gap between research and practice by developing products and resources in a variety of formats that are then disseminated to the field.

II. **AWARD INFORMATION**

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Estimated Total Funding: \$ 9,418,000

Expected Number of Awards: 17

Award Ceiling: \$ 554,000 Per Budget Period

Award Floor: \$ 554,000 Per Budget Period

Average Projected Award Amount: \$ 554,000 Per Budget Period

Length of Project Periods:

60-month project with five 12-month budget periods

Additional Information on Awards:

Awards made under this announcement are subject to the availability of Federal funds.

Please see *Section IV.5 Funding Restrictions* for any restrictions on the use of grant funds awarded under this announcement.

III. **ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

1. Eligible Applicants

Section 151(a) of the DD Act of 2000 states that appropriations authorized under section 156(a)(1) of the DD Act of 2000 states that appropriations authorized under section 156(a)(1) of the DD Act shall be used to make five-year grants to entities in each State designated as UCEDDs to carry out the four core functions of interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education, community services, research and information dissemination. Entities eligible to apply for funds under this program announcement are the 17 current AIDD grantees that are designated UCEDDs whose five-year funding will end on June 30, 2013. Application is limited to the 17 entities referenced in the Description. See the list below for eligible UCEDDs.

- 1) Children's Hospital Corporation – Massachusetts
- 2) Louisiana State University Health Sciences Centers
- 3) University of Alaska Anchorage – College of Health & Social Welfare

- 4) University of Connecticut Health Center
- 5) University of Guam
- 6) University of Hawaii
- 7) University of Illinois at Chicago
- 8) University of Iowa
- 9) University of Kentucky, Research Foundation
- 10) University of Maine, Office of Research & Sponsor Programs
- 11) University of Minnesota
- 12) University of Nevada – Reno
- 13) University of Oregon, College of Education
- 14) University of Puerto Rico
- 15) University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences
- 16) University of Vermont
- 17) Virginia Commonwealth University

Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards made under this announcement. No other entities are eligible to apply other than the above listed UCEDDs.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement: Yes

Grantees are required to meet a non-Federal share of the project cost, in accordance with **Section 154(d) of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000**

Grantees must provide at least **25%** percent of the total approved cost of the project. The total approved cost of the project is the sum of the ACF (Federal) share and the non-Federal share. The non-Federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions, although applicants are encouraged to meet their match requirements through cash contributions. For example, in order to meet the match requirements, a project requesting **\$554,000** in ACL (Federal) funds must provide a non-Federal share of the approved total project cost of at least **\$184,667**, which is **25%** percent of total approved project cost of **\$ 738,667.00**. Grantees will be held accountable for commitments of non-Federal resources even if they exceed the amount of the required match. Failure to provide the required amount will result in the disallowance of Federal funds. A lack of supporting documentation at the time of application submission will not exclude the application from competitive review.

Reduced Match

Section 154 (d)(2) of the DD Act states:

In the case of a project whose activities or products target individuals with developmental disabilities who live in an urban or rural poverty area, as determined by the Secretary, the Federal share of the cost of the project may not be more than 90 percent of the necessary costs of the project, as determined by the Secretary.

DEFINITIONS

Poverty area: Census tracts or block numbering areas (BNAs) where at least 20 percent of residents are below the poverty level.

Urban Area: Collective term referring to all areas that are urban. For Census 2000, there are two types of urban areas: urban clusters and urbanized areas.

- *Urban Cluster (UC):* A densely settled territory that has at least 2,500 persons but fewer than 50,000.
- *Urbanized Area (UA):* An area consisting of a central place(s) and adjacent territory with a general population density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile of land area that together have a minimum residential population of at least 50,000 persons. The U.S. Census Bureau uses published criteria to determine the qualification and boundaries of UAs.
- *Rural:* Territory, population and housing units not classified as urban. Rural classification cuts across other hierarchies and can be in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas. Rural can include frontier, which are places having a population density of six or fewer persons - per square mile.

TWO-TIER ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM FOR REDUCED MATCH

To meet the requirements in the DD Act, AIDD has developed a system that UCEDDs can use to request a reduced match on the core grant. Such a request is optional and not a requirement for UCEDDs.

AIDD will use a two-tiered system for determining eligibility for the reduced match:

- *Tier 1:* UCEDDs in States where the poverty rate is ***equal to or greater*** than the official national poverty rate would automatically qualify for the reduced match. For 2012, the rate was 14.2 percent.
- *Tier 2:* UCEDDs in States with a poverty rate ***not equal to or greater*** than the official national poverty rate would have to show that the UCEDD activities target individuals with developmental disabilities in urban or rural poverty areas. In doing so, the UCEDD would demonstrate that at least 25 percent of the UCEDD projects target individuals with developmental disabilities who live in urban and rural poverty areas by providing the following information to AIDD:
 - The current State poverty rate;
 - A full listing of all the UCEDD's current projects [this can be generated from the National Information Reporting System (NIRS)];
 - Identify which UCEDD activities are targeting individuals with developmental disabilities living in urban and rural poverty areas by stating whether the UCEDD activity is associated with any of the Urban and Rural Poverty Indicators listed in the announcement or is targeted for individuals with developmental disabilities in an urban and rural poverty area through some other means. A UCEDD seeking to establish eligibility for a reduced match through means other than showing an activity is associated with one or more of the Urban and Rural Poverty Indicators must include in its application other information that establishes that its activities are targeted to benefit individuals with developmental disabilities in an urban or

rural poverty area. Because there are not Federal poverty rates for Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, these jurisdictions can qualify for the reduced match by establishing that the UCEDD activity is associated with any of the Urban and Rural Poverty Indicators listed in the announcement or is targeted for individuals with developmental disabilities in an urban or rural poverty area through some other means.

- The table below shows the Urban or Rural Poverty Indicators that will be used to determine eligibility for the reduced match.

Urban and Rural Poverty Indicator	Description
Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC)	Areas designated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as communities with high rates of poverty. The UCEDD project would have to be implemented in an EZ/EC.
Food Stamps	The Food Stamp Program helps low-income people and families buy the food they need for good health. The UCEDD project would have to target individuals with DD and their families who receive food stamps.
National School Lunch Program (NSLP) - also referred to as Free and Reduced Lunch Program	NSLP is a Federally assisted meal program operating to provide low-cost or free lunches to children. The UCEDD project would have to be implemented in a school that qualifies for the NSLP.
Head Start	The Head Start program provides grants to local public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies to provide comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families. The UCEDD project would have to work with a Head Start program.
Housing Assistance	The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has a variety of housing assistance programs, such as Section 8 housing assistance programs. The UCEDD project would have to target individuals with DD and their families who are receiving Federal housing assistance.
Medicaid	Title XIX of the Social Security Act is a Federal/State entitlement program that pays for medical assistance for certain individuals and families with low incomes and resources. The UCEDD project would have to target individuals with DD and their families who are Medicaid-eligible.
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	SSI is designed to help aged, blind and disabled people, who have little or no income. It provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing and shelter. The UCEDD project would have to target individuals with DD who are SSI recipients.
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	TANF is a Federal poverty program that provides assistance and work opportunities to needy families through grants to States. The UCEDD project would have to target individuals with DD, children with DD, and their families who are TANF recipients.

Other	The UCEDD may provide other indicators of poverty not included in this list. The UCEDD would have to provide adequate information to justify use of the 'other' category. In doing so, the UCEDD will have to demonstrate the project is targeting individuals with developmental disabilities in rural and urban poverty areas. ADD will determine the adequacy of the justification for eligibility for a reduced match.
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AIDD will review all the information submitted by the UCEDD to determine eligibility for the reduced match.

SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION TO AIDD

To streamline the process, below is a suggested format for submitting the information to AIDD.

Official National Poverty Rate	14.2
State Poverty Rate	
UCEDD Project Title and Description	Indicators of Poverty
<i>Provide Name of Project and project description</i>	<i>List name of poverty program targeted by project</i>
Of the total UCEDD projects, the percent that is targeting individuals with developmental disabilities living in urban and rural poverty areas	<i>Fill in percentage</i>

STATES IN TIERS 1 AND 2

Below is a list of the States that fall into Tiers 1 and 2.

TIER 1	
Mississippi	21.3
Arizona	19.2
New Mexico	19.1
District of Columbia	18.1
Louisiana	18
Georgia	17.5
Kentucky	17.3
Texas	17.2
Arkansas	16.5
Tennessee	16.1
Alabama	16.1
North Carolina	16.1
West Virginia	15.7

Indiana	15.6
California	15.4
New York	15.3
South Carolina	14.9
Missouri	14.6
Florida	14.6
Oklahoma	14.3
Michigan	14.2
<i>United States</i>	<i>14.2</i>
TIER 2	
Ohio	14.1
Kansas	13.6
South Dakota	13.5
Nevada	13.4
Montana	13.4
Idaho	13.3
Illinois	13.2
Rhode Island	13.1
Oregon	12.7
Maine	12
Colorado	11.9
North Dakota	11.6
Hawaii	11.5
Pennsylvania	11.4
Delaware	11.3
Washington	11.2
Massachusetts	10.9
Alaska	10.8
Minnesota	10.5
Virginia	10.6
Wisconsin	10.2
Nebraska	10.2
Iowa	10.2
New Jersey	9.8
Vermont	9.7
Maryland	9.7
Wyoming	9.6
Utah	9.1
Connecticut	8.3
New Hampshire	7.1

The total approved cost of the project is the sum of the ACL share and the reduced non-Federal share. The reduced non-Federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions, although applicants are encouraged to meet their match requirements through cash contributions. For example, in order to meet the match requirements, a project with a total approved project cost of \$615,666 requesting \$554,000 in ACL funds, must provide a non-Federal share of at least \$61,555 (10 percent of total approved project cost of \$615,555). Grantees will be held accountable for commitments of non-Federal resources even if they exceed the amount of the required match. Failure to provide the required amount will result in the disallowance of Federal funds. A lack of supporting documentation at the time of application will not exclude the application from competitive review.

3. Other

Disqualification Factors

Applications with requests that exceed the ceiling on the amount of individual awards as stated in *Section II. Award Information*, will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered for funding under this announcement.

Applications that fail to satisfy the due date and time deadline requirements stated in

Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered for funding under this announcement.

See *Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times* for disqualification information specific to electronically-submitted applications:

- Electronically-submitted applications that do not receive a date/time-stamp email indicating application submission on or before 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on the due date, will be disqualified and will not be considered for competition.
- Electronically-submitted applications that fail the checks and validations at www.Grants.gov because the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) does not have a current registration at the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) at the time of application submission will be disqualified and will not be considered for competition.

Applications received from entities other than the 17 eligible applicants, cited in *Section III.1.* of this announcement, will be considered non-responsive and will not be considered for funding under this announcement. Applications disqualified for this reason will not be returned.

IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

1. Address to Request Application Package

Application materials can be obtained from <http://www.grants.gov>

Please note, ACL is requiring applications for all announcements to be submitted electronically through <http://www.grants.gov>. The Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>) registration process can take several days. If your organization is not currently registered with <http://www.grants.gov>, please begin this process immediately. **For assistance with <http://www.grants.gov>, please contact them at support@grants.gov or 1-800-518-4726 between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. Eastern Time.** At <http://www.grants.gov>, you will be able to download a copy of the application packet, complete it off-line, and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov website (<http://www.grants.gov>).

Applications submitted via <http://www.grants.gov>:

- You may access the electronic application for this program on <http://www.grants.gov>. You must search the downloadable application page by the Funding Opportunity Number HHS-2013-ACL-AIDD-DD-0041 or CFDA number 93.632
- At the <http://www.grants.gov> website, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site, including the hours of operation. ACL strongly recommends that you do not wait until the application due date to begin the application process through <http://www.grants.gov> because of the time involved to complete the registration process.
- All applicants must have a Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and register in the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). You should allow a minimum of **five days** to complete the CCR registration.
- **Note:** Failure to submit the correct suffix can lead to delays in identifying your organization and access to funding in the Payment Management System.
- Effective October 1, 2010, HHS requires all entities that plan to apply for and ultimately receive Federal grant funds from any HHS Operating/Staff Division (OPDIV/STAFFDIV) **or receive subawards directly from the recipients of those grant funds** to:
 1. Be registered in the CCR prior to submitting an application or plan;
 2. Maintain an active CCR registration with current information at all times during which it has an active award or an application or plan under consideration by an OPDIV; and
 3. Provide its DUNS number in each application or plan it submits to the OPDIV.

An award cannot be made until the applicant has complied with these requirements. At the time an award is ready to be made, if the intended recipient has not complied with these requirements, the OPDIV/STAFFDIV:

- May be determined that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award;and
- May use that determination as a basis for making an award to another applicant.

Additionally, all first-tier subaward recipients must have a DUNS number at the time the subaward is made.

- Since October 1, 2003, The Office of Management and Budget has required applicants to provide a Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying for Federal grants or cooperative agreements. It is entered on the SF 424. It is a unique, **nine-digit identification number**, which provides unique identifiers of single business entities. The DUNS number is *free and easy* to obtain.
- Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or by using this link to access a guide:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/grants/duns_num_guide.pdf.
- You must submit all documents electronically, including all information included on the SF424 and all necessary assurances and certifications.
- Prior to application submission, Microsoft Vista and Office 2007 users should review the <http://www.grants.gov> compatibility information and submission instructions provided at <http://www.grants.gov> (click on “**Vista and Microsoft Office 2007 Compatibility Information**”).
- **Your application must comply with any page limitation requirements described in this Program Announcement.**
- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement from <http://www.grants.gov> that contains <http://www.grants.gov> tracking number. The Administration on Aging will retrieve your application form from <http://www.grants.gov>.
- After the Administration on Community Living retrieves your application form from <http://www.grants.gov>, a return receipt will be emailed to the applicant contact. This will be in addition to the validation number provided by <http://www.grants.gov>.
- Each year organizations registered to apply for Federal grants through <http://www.grants.gov> will need to renew their registration with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). You can register with the CCR online and it will take about 30 minutes (<http://www.ccr.gov>).

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Federal Relay Service:

Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired callers may contact the Federal Relay Service for assistance at 1-800-877-8339 (TTY - Text Telephone or ASCII - American Standard Code for Information Interchange).

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

This section provides information on the required format, Standard Forms (SFs) and other forms, certifications, assurances, D-U-N-S requirement, project description, budget and budget justification, and methods of application submission. A checklist of required application elements is available for applicants' use in *Section VIII* of this announcement. Applicants are required to submit their applications electronically via www.grants.gov

FORMATTING ACL APPLICATIONS**Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR)**

The individual(s), named by the applicant/recipient organization, who is authorized to act for the applicant/recipient and to assume the obligations imposed by the Federal laws, regulations, requirements, and conditions that apply to grant applications or awards. Each applicant must designate an Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR). An AOR is named by the applicant, and is authorized to act for the applicant, to assume the obligations imposed by the Federal laws, regulations, requirements, and conditions that apply to the grant application or awards.

AOR Authorization is part of the registration process at www.Grants.gov where the AOR will create a short profile and obtain a username and password from the Grants.gov Credential Provider. AORs will only be authorized for the DUNS number registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR).

Point of Contact

In addition to the AOR, a point of contact on matters involving the application must also be identified. The point of contact, known as the Project Director or Principal Investigator, should not be identical to the person identified as the AOR. The point of contact must be available to answer any questions pertaining to the application.

Application Checklist

Applicants may refer to *Section VIII. Other Information* for a checklist of application requirements that may be used in developing and organizing application materials. Details concerning acknowledgment of received applications are available in *Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times* of this announcement.

Follow the instructions provided in the formatting section to ensure that your application can be printed efficiently and consistently for the competitive review.

Observe page limitations

All applicants must follow the instructions provided in this section. Be sure to print all attachments (components) on paper and count the number of pages before submission. Keep the printed copy as a hard copy of your application for your files.

FORMATTING FOR ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED VIA
www.Grants.gov:

Electronic applications will only be accepted via www.Grants.gov. ACL will not accept applications submitted via email or via facsimile.

Please read this section carefully before beginning application submission. It is mandatory to follow the instructions provided in this section to ensure that your application can be printed efficiently and consistently for review.

Copies Required

Applicants must submit one complete copy of the application package electronically. Applicants submitting electronic applications need not provide additional copies of their application package.

Signatures

Follow the AOR Authorization and E-Biz POC instructions provided at www.Grants.gov.

Required OMB-Approved and Standard Forms (SFs)

www.Grants.gov provides its own protocols for the submission of OMB-approved and Standard Forms (SFs) such as the SF-424 application and budget forms and the SF-P/PSL, Project/Performance Site Location form. See *Section IV.2. Content and Form of Application Submission- Required Forms, Assurances, and Certification* for required OMB-approved Standard Forms and required assurances and certifications.

Application Package Components

Applications must be divided into the sections listed in the table. **It is important that each component is submitted in a separate electronic file.** Page limitations apply to the Project Description document and the Appendices as the following:

- The Project Summary/Abstract is limited to one single-spaced page.
- The Project description is limited to 60 double spaced pages
- Appendix is limited to 40 single-spaced pages.

Application Package Components	Page limitations
Required Standard Forms (SFs) and/or OMB-approved Forms	No page limitations
Required Certifications and Assurances	No page limitations
Project Summary/ Abstract	One page limitation, single-spaced, 12-point font
Project description	60 double-spaced format in 12-point font pages and included items are listed later in this section. The 60 page project description <i>does not</i> include the project abstract/summary, table of contents, appendix, budget and budget narrative, or the standard forms.
Budget Justification	Submit a 5 year budget with line-item detail

	with justification narrative. No page limitations
Proof of legal Status/proof of Non-Profit Status	No page limitations
Appendices	40 single-spaced pages and included items are listed later in this section

The required content of the Project Description and any Appendices, and their page limits, are listed later in this section.

With the exception of the required Standard Forms (SFs), all application materials must be submitted formatted so that they will print out onto 8 ½" x 11" white paper with 1-inch margins. **All pages of the application component, i.e., Project Description, Budget Justification, Appendices, must be sequentially numbered.** Applicants should print all attachments on paper and count the number of pages before submission. Applicants should keep a hard copy of the submitted application package for their files. The font size on any scanned documents must be large enough so that it is readable.

All elements of the application submission, with the exception of the one-page Project Summary/Abstract, the Budget Justification, required Assurances and Certifications, and proof of legal status/non-profit status, **must be in double-spaced format in 12-point font. The Project Summary/Abstract is required to be one single-spaced page in 12-point font.** The font size on any scanned documents must be large enough so that it is readable.

Applicants must follow the instructions provided in this section:

Carefully observe the file naming conventions required by www.Grants.gov.

Limit file names to 50 characters and do not use special characters (example: &,-,*,%,/,#) including periods (.), blank spaces, and accent marks, within application form fields, and file attachment names. An underscore (_) may be used to separate a file name.

Use only file formats supported by ACL

It is critical that applicants only submit application components using the supported file formats listed here. Documents in file formats that are not supported by ACL will be removed from the application and will not be used in the competitive review. This may make the application incomplete and ACL will not make any awards based on an incomplete application.

ACL supports the following file formats:

- Adobe PDF – Portable Document Format (.pdf)
- Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx)
- Microsoft Excel (.xls or .xlsx)
- Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt)
- Image Formats (.JPG, .GIF, .TIFF, or .BMP only)

Do not encrypt or password protect the electronic application files!

If ACL cannot access submitted electronic files because they have been encrypted or are password protected, the affected file will be removed from the application and will not be

used in the competitive review. This may make the application incomplete and ACL will not make any awards based on an incomplete application.

Application Package Components:

Required Forms, Assurances, and Certifications

Applicants seeking grant awards under this announcement must submit the listed Standard Forms (SFs), assurances, and certifications with the application. All required Standard Forms, assurances, and certifications are available at www.grants.gov

<i>Forms/Assurances/Certifications</i>	<i>Submission Requirement</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>SF-424- Application for Federal Assistance</i> <i>SFP/PSL-Project Performance Site Locations(s)</i>	<i>By the application due date</i>	<i>SF-424 form can be found at the following link www.grants.gov</i> <i>Instructions for Completing Required Forms can be find in attachment B</i>
<i>Certification Regarding Lobbying</i>	<i>By the application due date</i>	<i>Lobbying activities are not permissible. Certification Regarding Lobbying Forms can be find at www.grants.gov</i>
<i>SF-424-A- Budget Information- Non-Construction Programs</i> <i>SF-424-B-Assurances- Non Construction programs</i>	<i>By the application due date</i>	<i>SF-424-A & SF 424-B can be found at www.grants.gov</i> <i>Instruction and sample forms can be find in attachment B</i>
<i>DD Act Assurances</i>	<i>By the application due date</i>	<i>The application for core funding must contain assurances that the applicant will work towards achievement of the purpose of the DD Act of 2000 through implementation of the UCEDD program requirements in the Act.</i> <i>Sample Assurances form can be find in attachment A</i> <i>The UCEDD director</i>

		<i>must sign and date this Assurance form</i>
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DD Act Assurances

The application for core funding must contain assurances that the applicant will work towards achievement of the purpose of the DD Act of 2000 through implementation of the UCEDD program requirements in the Act. The applicant can use the assurances template in the attachment A of this announcement and sign and date at the bottom of the page.

D-U-N-S Requirement

All applicants must have a D&B Data Universal Numbering System (D-U-N-S) number. A D-U-N-S number is required whether an applicant is submitting a paper application or using the Government-wide electronic portal, Grants.gov. A D-U-N-S number is required for every application for a new award or renewal/continuation of an award, including applications or plans under formula, entitlement, and block grant programs. A D-U-N-S number may be acquired at no cost online at <http://www.dnb.com>. To acquire a D-U-N-S number by phone, contact the D&B Government Customer Response Center:

U.S. and U.S Virgin Islands: 1-866-705-5711
 Alaska and Puerto Rico: 1-800-234-3867 (Select Option 2, then Option 1)
 Monday - Friday 7 AM to 8 PM C.S.T.

The process to request a D-U-N-S® Number by telephone takes between 5 and 10 minutes.

You will need to provide the following information:

- Legal Name
- Tradestyle, Doing Business As (DBA), or other name by which your organization is commonly recognized
- Physical Address, City, State and Zip Code
- Mailing Address (if separate)
- Telephone Number
- Contact Name
- SIC Code (Line of Business)
- Number of Employees at your location
- Headquarters name and address (if there is a reporting relationship to a parent corporate entity)
- Is this a home-based business

The Project Description:

Part I: The Project Description Overview:

The project description provides the majority of information by which an application is evaluated and ranked in competition with other applications for available assistance. The

project description should be concise and complete. It should address the activity for which Federal funds are being requested. Supporting documents should be included where they can present information clearly and succinctly. In preparing the project description, information that is responsive to each of the requested evaluation criteria must be provided. Awarding offices use this and other information in making their funding recommendations. It is important, therefore, that this information be included in the application in a manner that is clear and complete.

General Expectations and Instructions

ACL is particularly interested in specific project descriptions that focus on outcomes and convey strategies for achieving intended performance. Project descriptions are evaluated on the basis of substance and measurable outcomes, not length. Extensive exhibits are not required. Cross-referencing should be used rather than repetition. Supporting information concerning activities that will not be directly funded by the grant or information that does not directly pertain to an integral part of the grant-funded activity should be placed in an appendix.

Part II: General Instructions for Preparing a Full Project Description

Introduction

Applicants that are required to submit a full project description shall prepare the project description statement in accordance with the following instructions while being aware of the specified evaluation criteria. The text options give a broad overview of what the project description should include while the evaluation criteria identify the measures that will be used to evaluate applications.

Table of Contents

List the contents of the application including corresponding page numbers.

Project Summary/Abstract

Provide a summary of the application's project description. The summary must be clear, accurate, concise, and without reference to other parts of the application. The abstract must include a brief description of the proposed grant project including the needs to be addressed, the proposed services, and the population group(s) to be served.

Please place the following at the top of the abstract:

- Project Title
- Applicant Name
- Address
- Contact Phone Numbers (Voice, Fax)
- E-Mail Address
- Web Site Address, if applicable

The project abstract must be single-spaced and limited to one page in length.

Objectives and Need for Assistance

Clearly identify the physical, economic, social, financial, institutional, and/or other problem(s) requiring a solution. The need for assistance including the nature and scope of

the problem must be demonstrated, and the principal and subordinate objectives of the project must be clearly and concisely stated; supporting documentation, such as letters of support and testimonials from concerned interests other than the applicant, may be included. Any relevant data based on planning studies or needs assessments should be included or referred to in the endnotes/footnotes. Incorporate demographic data and participant/beneficiary information, as needed. In developing the project description, the applicant may volunteer or be requested to provide information on the total range of projects currently being conducted and supported (or to be initiated), some of which may be outside the scope of the program announcement.

Approach

Outline a plan of action that describes the scope and detail of how the proposed work will be accomplished. Account for all functions or activities identified in the application. Cite factors that might accelerate or decelerate the work and state your reason for taking the proposed approach rather than others. Describe any unusual features of the project such as design or technological innovations, reductions in cost or time, or extraordinary social and community involvement.

Provide quantitative monthly or quarterly projections of the accomplishments to be achieved for each function or activity in such terms as the number of people to be served and the number of activities accomplished. Data may be organized and presented as project tasks and subtasks with their corresponding timelines during the project period. For example, each project task could be assigned to a row in the first column of a grid. Then, a unit of time could be assigned to each subsequent column, beginning with the first unit (i.e., week, month, quarter) of the project and ending with the last. Shading, arrows, or other markings could be used across the applicable grid boxes or cells, representing units of time, to indicate the approximate duration and/or frequency of each task and its start and end dates within the project period.

When accomplishments cannot be quantified by activity or function, list them in chronological order to show the schedule of accomplishments and their target dates.

Provide a list of organizations, cooperating entities, consultants, or other key individuals who will work on the project, along with a short description of the nature of their effort or contribution.

Below are the instructions for responding to this announcement that follow requirements set forth in the DD Act of 2000 with regard to the UCEDD program.

A. Five-Year Plan

The application for core funding must describe a five-year plan for meeting the purpose of the DD Act of 2000. The plan must outline a projected measurable goal for one or more area(s) of emphasis (e.g., quality assurance, education and early intervention, child care, health, employment, housing, transportation, recreation, and other services available or offered to individuals in a community, including formal and informal community supports, that affect their quality of life) for each core function. The five-year plan must describe how the goals and the goal-related activities:

- Are based on data-driven strategic planning;
- Were developed in collaboration with the Consumer Advisory Committee;
- Are consistent with, and to the extent feasible, complement and further the State Developmental Disabilities Council goals contained in the State plan, the goals of the State Protection and Advocacy System, and the other UCEDD(s) in the State;
- Will be reviewed and revised annually, as necessary, to address emerging trends and needs; and
- Will be implemented in a manner consistent with the objectives of the DD Act of 2000.

The five-year plan should include a description of how the core funding is used as a resource to support program infrastructure and how it will be utilized to leverage additional public and private funds to successfully achieve the projected goals developed in the five-year plan.

The five-year plan must describe how the applicant will carry out each of the following four UCEDD core functions:

- *Interdisciplinary Pre-service Preparation and Continuing Education* includes the preparation and continuing education of students and fellows representing leadership, direct service, clinical, or other personnel to strengthen and increase the capacity of States and communities. Interdisciplinary Pre-service Preparation and Continuing Education is a formal training program that usually takes place in an academic setting or program and (a) leads to the award of an initial academic degree or certificate; (b) includes internship, practicum, fellowship, or residency activities; or (c) represents advancement in academic credentials through a course of study. UCEDDs must demonstrate in the application how they will promote recruitment efforts that increase the number of individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds working with people with developmental disabilities and their families in disciplines related to pre-service training, community training, practice, administration, and policymaking. The application should describe the role of individuals with developmental disabilities and family members in the training program (e.g., serving as lead instructors, co-instructors, curriculum developers). The application should describe how the training program offers an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning, which may include the use of a core curriculum. At the very least, the description should include an overview of the variety of disciplines represented in both the faculty and students, which may include:

- Audiology
- Community Development
- Dentistry
- Early Intervention
- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Economics
- Educational Administration
- Engineering
- General Education

- Health Administration
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Pediatrics
- Physical Therapy
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Public Policy
- Social Work
- Special Education
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Others

- *Community Services* include the provision of training, technical assistance, and/or demonstration and model activities of services, supports and assistance for individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, professionals, paraprofessionals, policy makers, students and other members of the community. Community services provide education and support activities so communities can be accessible and responsive to the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Community services also work towards creating communities that are enriched by the full and active participation and contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in community activities. Community services promote the inclusion and integration of individuals with developmental disabilities and families in all aspects of community life through the delivery of programs, projects, activities and services in community-based settings rather than academic or traditional clinical settings. The provision of community services should ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities from racial and ethnic minority backgrounds and their families enjoy increased and meaningful opportunities to access and use community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance available to other individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.
- *Research* includes basic or applied research, evaluation, and the analysis of public policy in areas that affect or could affect, either positively or negatively, individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. To the extent possible, UCEDDs should seek to include people with developmental disabilities and their families, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse groups, as active participants in the research process thereby ensuring that these individuals and their families contribute to the development, design and implementation of research activities, as well as the dissemination of research information.
- *Information Dissemination* includes the distribution of knowledge that demonstrates the UCEDD Network as a national and international resource with substantive areas of expertise that may be accessed and applied in diverse settings

and circumstances. The UCEDD should educate and disseminate information related to the purpose of the DD Act of 2000 to the legislature of the State in which the Center is located and to members of Congress from the State. UCEDDs should strive to translate research into practice in the dissemination of information. Information should be developed and disseminated using principles of universal design to ensure that resources are available in multiple accessible formats and in a culturally competent manner. UCEDDs should include people with developmental disabilities and families, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, in the development of products and resources that are disseminated.

B. Organizational Structure and Experience

As stated in Section 151(a) of the DD Act of 2000, the Secretary makes awards to entities designated as UCEDDs to carry out the activities described in Section 153. A UCEDD is an interdisciplinary education, research and public service unit of a university or a public or non-profit entity associated with a university that engages in four core functions [Section 153(a)(1)].

In order to receive funds under this program announcement, an applicant must provide evidence that the entity is an interdisciplinary education, research and public service unit of a university or public or non-profit entities associated with a university that engage in four core functions. Such evidence may be provided by including the following in the application for core funding:

- Description of the organizational structure of the UCEDD, including an organizational chart and a conceptual overview of the program framework.
 - An overview of the management of the Center.
 - A description of how the UCEDD manages implementation of the four UCEDD core functions.
 - Documentation of the establishment and independence of the UCEDD:
- For UCEDDs in Institutes of Higher Education, documentation that establishes the UCEDD as an independent entity within the Institute of Higher Education with the authority to carry out the four core functions of interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education, community services, research and information dissemination.
 - For UCEDDs affiliated with Institutes of Higher Education, documentation that establishes the UCEDD and describes an affiliation with at least one Institute of Higher Education.

The application should describe the qualifications of the faculty and staff assigned to the UCEDD grant. The UCEDD staff shall include a director with:

- Appropriate academic credentials;
- Demonstrated leadership;
- Expertise regarding developmental disabilities;
- Significant experience in managing grants and contracts; and
- The ability to leverage public and private funds (section 154 (a)(3)(G)).

The application should explain how the UCEDD will:

- Maintain the faculty and staff necessary to support the functions and purposes of the UCEDD;
- Allocate adequate staff time to carry out activities related to each of the four core functions (section 154(a)(3)(G)(ii)); and
- Take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with developmental disabilities (section 107).

The application should include the following support documentations of the organizational capacity:

- Organizational charts
- Financial statements adhering to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)
- Audit reports or statements from Certified Public Accountants/Licensed Public Accountants
- Documentation of experience in the program area
- Personnel policies
- Any other pertinent information the applicant deems relevant.

Provide a biographical sketch or resume for each key person appointed. Resumes should be no more than two pages in length. Job descriptions for each vacant key position should be included as well. As new key staffs are appointed, biographical sketches or resumes will also be required.

C. Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC)

The applicant must describe how the UCEDD will maintain a CAC that reflects the racial and ethnic diversity of the State. The description should include how the majority of members are individuals with developmental disabilities and family members of such individuals. The applicant should also describe other members of the CAC, including representatives of: the State Protection and Advocacy System; the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; other UCEDDs in the State; a self-advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities as described in Section 124(c)(4)(A)(ii)(I) of the DD Act of 2000; and organizations that may include Parent Training and Information Centers assisted under Sections 671 and 672 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, entities carrying out activities in assistive technology authorized under Sections 4 or 5 of the Assistive Technology Act of 2004, relevant State agencies, and other community groups concerned with the welfare of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The applicant should include a meeting schedule showing that the CAC will meet, at a minimum, twice during each grant year.

D. Coordinated Activities with the State Developmental Disabilities Network

The State Developmental Disabilities Network (DD Network) is comprised of the three ADD grant programs funded in each State and Territory:

- (1) State Developmental Disabilities Councils;
- (2) Protection and Advocacy System; and

(3) UCEDD(s).

It is expected that the members of the DD Network work together in a strategic manner to positively impact individuals with disabilities and their families. The respondents to this announcement should provide a narrative and related supporting documentation of how the UCEDD will undertake coordinated activities with the State Developmental Disabilities Councils, the Protection and Advocacy System in the State, and the other UCEDD(s) in the State.

E. Program Accountability

Respondents to this program announcement must describe how they will comply with the accountability requirements outlined in the DD Act of 2000. Please see *Section VI.3* for more information.

F. DD Act Assurances

The application must include a statement that the UCEDD will adhere to the requirements in the DD Act of 2000 for UCEDD programs. Please see appendix A for copy of the list of DD Act assurances.

Evaluation

Provide a narrative addressing how the conduct of the project and its results will be evaluated. In addressing the evaluation of results, state what measures will be used to determine the extent to which the project has achieved its stated objectives and the extent to which the accomplishment of objectives can be attributed to the project. Discuss the criteria to be used to evaluate results, and explain the methodology that will be used to determine if the needs identified and discussed are being met and if the project results and benefits are being achieved. With respect to the conduct of the project, define the procedures to be employed to determine whether the project is being conducted in a manner consistent with the work plan presented and discuss the impact of the project's various activities that address the project's effectiveness.

Geographic Location

Describe the precise location of the project and boundaries of the area to be served by the proposed project. Maps or other graphic aids may be attached.

Logic Model

Applicants are expected to use a model for designing and managing their project. A logic model is a tool that presents the conceptual framework for a proposed project and explains the linkages among program elements. While there are many versions of the logic model, they generally summarize the logical connections among the needs that are the focus of the project, project goals and objectives, the target population, project inputs (resources), the proposed activities/processes/outputs directed toward the target population, the expected short- and long-term outcomes the initiative is designed to achieve, and the evaluation plan for measuring the extent to which proposed processes and outcomes actually occur.

Third-Party Agreements

Provide written and signed agreements between grantees and sub-grantees, or subcontractors, or other cooperating entities. These agreements must detail the scope of work to be performed, work schedules, remuneration, and other terms and conditions that structure or define the relationship.

Letters of Support

Provide statements from community, public, and commercial leaders that support the project proposed for funding. All submissions should be included in the application package or by the application deadline.

Budget and Budget Justification

Provide a budget with line-item detail and detailed calculations for each budget object class identified on the Budget Information Form (SF-424A). Detailed calculations must include estimation methods, quantities, unit costs, and other similar quantitative detail sufficient for the calculation to be duplicated. If matching is a requirement, include a breakout by the funding sources identified in Block 18 of the SF-424.

Provide a narrative budget justification for the five years of the proposed project. The narrative budget justification should describe how the categorical costs are derived. Discuss the necessity, reasonableness, and allocation of the proposed costs.

General

Use the following guidelines for preparing the budget and budget justification. Both Federal and non-Federal resources (when required) shall be detailed and justified in the budget and budget narrative justification. "Federal resources" refers only to the ACL grant funds for which you are applying. "Non-Federal resources" are all other non-ACL Federal and non-Federal resources. It is suggested that budget amounts and computations be presented in a columnar format: first column, object class categories; second column, Federal budget; next column(s), non-Federal budget(s); and last column, total budget. The budget justification should be in a narrative form.

Personnel

Description: Costs of employee salaries and wages.

Justification: Identify the project director or principal investigator, if known at the time of application. For each staff person, provide: the title; time commitment to the project in months; time commitment to the project as a percentage or full-time equivalent; annual salary; grant salary; wage rates; etc. Do not include the costs of consultants, personnel costs of delegate agencies, or of specific project(s) and/or businesses to be financed by the applicant.

Fringe Benefits

Description: Costs of employee fringe benefits unless treated as part of an approved indirect cost rate.

Justification: Provide a breakdown of the amounts and percentages that comprise fringe benefit costs such as health insurance, Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) taxes, retirement insurance, taxes, etc.

Travel

Description: Costs of project-related travel by employees of the applicant organization. (This item does not include costs of consultant travel).

Justification: For each trip show: the total number of traveler(s); travel destination; duration of trip; per diem; mileage allowances, if privately owned vehicles will be used to travel out of town; and other transportation costs and subsistence allowances. If appropriate for this project, travel costs for key staff to attend ACF-sponsored workshops should be detailed in the budget.

Equipment

Description: "Equipment" means an article of nonexpendable, tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost that equals or exceeds the lesser of: (a) the capitalization level established by the organization for the financial statement purposes, or (b) \$5,000. (Note: Acquisition cost means the net invoice unit price of an item of equipment, including the cost of any modifications, attachments, accessories, or auxiliary apparatus necessary to make it usable for the purpose for which it is acquired. Ancillary charges, such as taxes, duty, protective in-transit insurance, freight, and installation, shall be included in or excluded from acquisition cost in accordance with the organization's regular written accounting practices.)

Justification: For each type of equipment requested provide: a description of the equipment; the cost per unit; the number of units; the total cost; and a plan for use on the project; as well as use and/or disposal of the equipment after the project ends. An applicant organization that uses its own definition for equipment should provide a copy of its policy, or section of its policy, that includes the equipment definition.

Supplies

Description: Costs of all tangible personal property other than that included under the Equipment category.

Justification: Specify general categories of supplies and their costs. Show computations and provide other information that supports the amount requested.

Contractual

Description: Costs of all contracts for services and goods except for those that belong under other categories such as equipment, supplies, construction, etc. Include third-party evaluation contracts, if applicable, and contracts with secondary recipient organizations, including delegate agencies and specific project(s) and/or businesses to be financed by the applicant.

Justification: Demonstrate that all procurement transactions will be conducted in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent practical, open and free competition. Recipients and sub-recipients, other than States that are required to use 45 CFR Part 92 procedures, must justify any anticipated procurement action that is expected to be awarded without competition and exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold fixed at 41 U.S.C. 403(11), currently set at \$100,000. Recipients may be required to make pre-award review and procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, independent cost estimates, etc. available to ACL.

Note: Whenever the applicant intends to delegate part of the project to another agency, the applicant must provide a detailed budget and budget narrative for each delegate agency, by agency title, along with the same supporting information referred to in these instructions.

Other

Description: Enter the total of all other costs. Such costs, where applicable and appropriate, may include but are not limited to: local travel; insurance; food; medical and dental costs (non-contractual); professional services costs; space and equipment rentals; printing and publication; computer use; training costs, such as tuition and stipends; staff development costs; and administrative costs.

Justification: Provide computations, a narrative description and a justification for each cost under this category.

Indirect Charges

Description: Total amount of indirect costs. This category should be used only when the applicant currently has an indirect cost rate approved by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or another cognizant Federal agency.

Justification: An applicant that will charge indirect costs to the grant must enclose a copy of the current rate agreement. If the applicant organization is in the process of initially developing or renegotiating a rate, upon notification that an award will be made, it should immediately develop a tentative indirect cost rate proposal based on its most recently completed fiscal year, in accordance with the cognizant agency's guidelines for establishing indirect cost rates, and submit it to the cognizant agency. Applicants awaiting approval of their indirect cost proposals may also request indirect costs. When an indirect cost rate is requested, those costs included in the indirect cost pool should not be charged as direct costs to the grant. Also, if the applicant is requesting a rate that is less than what is allowed under the program, the authorized representative of the applicant organization must submit a signed acknowledgement that the applicant is accepting a lower rate than allowed.

Program Income

Description: The estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from this project.

Justification: Describe the nature, source and anticipated use of program income in the budget or refer to the pages in the application that contain this information.

Commitment of Non-Federal Resources

Description: Amounts of non-Federal resources that will be used to support the project as identified in Block 18 of the SF-424.

Justification: If an applicant is relying on match from a third party, then a firm commitment of these resources (letter or other documentation) is required with the application. Detailed budget information must be provided for every funding source identified in Block 18 of the SF-424.

Paperwork Reduction Disclaimer

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub.L. 104-13, the public reporting burden for the Project Description is estimated to average 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection information. The Project Description information collection is approved under OMB control number 0970-0139, which expires 11/30/2012. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Application Submission Options

Electronic Submission via www.Grants.gov

- ACL will not accept applications via facsimile or email.
- The Funding Opportunity Announcement is found on the Grants.gov website at <http://www.grants.gov> where the electronic application can be downloaded for completion.
- To apply electronically, applicants must be registered with Grants.gov, Dun and Bradstreet, and the Central Contractor Registry (CCR).
- Electronically submitted applications must be submitted and time/date stamped by the due date and receipt time described in *Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times*, of this announcement.
- To submit an application through Grants.gov, the applicant must be an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) for their organization and must have a current registration with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR).
- **Central Contractor Registry (CCR) registration must be updated annually.** Electronically submitted applications will not pass the validation check at Grants.gov if the AOR does not have a current CCR registration and electronic signature credentials.
- Applications rejected by Grants.gov for an unregistered AOR will be disqualified and will not be considered for competition.
- Additional guidance on the submission of electronic applications can be found at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/registration_checklist.html.
- If difficulties are encountered in using Grants.gov, applicants must contact the Grants.gov Contact center at: 1-800-518-4726, or by email at support@grants.gov, to report the problem and obtain assistance.
- Applicants are advised to retain Grants.gov Contact Center service ticket number(s) as they may be needed for future reference.
- Applicants that submit their applications electronically are encouraged to retain a hard copy of their application.

- It is to an applicant's advantage to submit their applications 24 hours in advance of the closing date and time.

Contact with the Grants.gov Contact Center prior to the listed due date and time does not ensure acceptance of your application. If difficulties are encountered, the Grants Management Officer (GMO) will make a determination whether the issues are due to system errors or user error.

3. Submission Dates and Times

The deadline for the submission of applications under this Program Announcement is **March 6, 2013**. Applications must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, **March 6, 2013**. Applications received after 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on the due date will be classified as late and will not be considered in the current competition. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that applications are received well in advance of the application due date and time.

You are strongly encouraged to submit your application a minimum of 3-5 days prior to the application closing date. Do not wait until the last day in the event you encounter technical difficulties, either on your end or, with <http://www.grants.gov>. Grants.gov can take up to 48 hours to notify you of a successful submission.

Extension/Waiver of Due Date and Receipt Time

ACL may extend an application due date and receipt time when circumstances such as natural disasters occur (floods, hurricanes, etc.); when there are widespread disruptions of mail service; or in other rare cases. The determination to extend or waive due date and receipt time requirements rests with ACL's Chief Grants Management Officer.

Acknowledgement of Received Application

ACL will not provide acknowledgement of receipt of hard copy application packages submitted via mail or courier services.

Applicants who submit their application packages electronically via <http://www.Grants.gov> will receive two email acknowledgements from that website:

- I.** Your application has been submitted and provides a Time/Date Stamp. **This is considered the official submission time.**
- II.** Your application has been validated and provides a Time/Date Stamp. See the previous section on **disqualification for failing validation check because of an unregistered Authorized Organization Representative.**

An acknowledgement email from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) indicating that the application has been retrieved and received by ACL will be sent to applicants that apply via <http://www.Grants.gov>

4. Intergovernmental Review

This program is covered under Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR Part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities." Under the Executive Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs.

Applicants should go to the following URL for the official list of the jurisdictions that have elected to participate in E.O. 12372 http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_spoc/

Applicants from participating jurisdictions should contact their SPOC, as soon as possible, to alert them of their prospective applications and to receive instructions on their jurisdiction's procedures. Applicants must submit all required application materials to the SPOC and indicate the date of submission on the Standard Form (SF) 424 at item 19.

Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application due date to comment on proposed new awards.

SPOC comments may be submitted directly to ACL to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Office of Grants Management, One Massachusetts Ave., NW Washington, DC 20001.

Entities that meet the eligibility requirements of this announcement are still eligible to apply for a grant even if a State, Territory or Commonwealth, etc., does not have a SPOC or has chosen not to participate in the process. Applicants from non-participating jurisdictions need take no action with regard to E.O. 12372. Applications from Federally-recognized Indian Tribal governments are not subject to E.O. 12372.

5. Funding Restrictions

Costs of organized fund raising, including financial campaigns, endowment drives, solicitation of gifts and bequests, and similar expenses incurred solely to raise capital or obtain contributions, are considered unallowable costs under grants awarded under this announcement.

Grant awards will not allow reimbursement of pre-award costs.

Construction is not an allowable activity or expenditure under this grant award.

This grant program meets the ACL definition for training grants. Therefore, applicants must limit the indirect cost rate to eight percent of total direct costs, exclusive of equipment, tuition and stipends, rental of space, major contracts or sub-grants, and renovation and alteration, under this program announcement.

The budget narrative should clearly outline how funds awarded under this grant will support the administration or operation of the UCEDD. Funds made available through the grant will be used to supplement, and not supplant, the funds that would otherwise be made

available for activities related to interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education, community services, research, and information dissemination.

Note: A recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report number 11-43, has raised considerable concerns about grantees and contractors charging the Federal government for additional meals outside of the standard allowance for travel subsistence known as per diem expenses. Executive Orders on Promoting Efficient Spending (EO 13589) and Delivering Efficient, Effective and Accountable Government (EO 13576) have been issued and instruct Federal agencies to promote efficient spending. Therefore, if meals are to be charged in your proposal, applicants should understand such costs must meet the following criteria outlined in the Executive Orders and HHS Grants Policy Statement:

- *Meals are generally unallowable except for the following:*
 - *For subjects and patients under study (usually a research program);*
 - *Where specifically approved as part of the project or program activity, e.g., in programs providing children's services (e.g., Headstart);*
 - *When an organization customarily provides meals to employees working beyond the normal workday, as a part of a formal compensation arrangement;*
 - *As part of a per diem or subsistence allowance provided in conjunction with allowable travel; and*
 - *Under a conference grant, when meals are a necessary and integral part of a conference, provided that meal costs are not duplicated in participants' per diem or subsistence allowances. (Note: conference grant means the sole purpose of the award is to hold a conference)*

Electronic Submission

See *Section IV.2* for application requirements and for guidance when submitting applications electronically via <http://www.Grants.gov>.

For all submissions, see *Section IV.3* for information on due dates and times.

V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

1. Criteria

Applications competing for financial assistance will be reviewed and evaluated using the criteria described in this section. The corresponding point values indicate the relative importance placed on each review criterion. Points will be allocated based on the extent to which the application proposal addresses each of the criteria listed. Applicants should address these criteria in their application materials, particularly in the project description and budget justification, as they are the basis upon which competing applications will be judged during the objective review. The required

elements of the project description and budget justification may be found in *Section IV.2* of this announcement.

Applications are scored by assigning a maximum of 100 points across five criteria:

- a. OBJECTIVES AND NEED FOR ASSISTANCE- (15 points);**
- b. Approach - (40 points);**
- c. Evaluation– (15 points);**
- d. Organizational Capacity - (20 points); and**
- e. Budget - (10 points).**

Objective and Need for Assistance

Weight: 15 points

Applications will be evaluated according to the extent to which the applicant demonstrates a thorough understanding and analysis of the problem(s) being addressed in the project; documents the need for assistance, and the importance of addressing these problems in the area(s) to be addressed by the proposed project; outlines key goals and objectives of the project directly related to the four core functions (interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education, community services, research and information dissemination) in one or more selected areas of emphasis (quality assurance, education and early intervention, child care, health, employment, housing, transportation, recreation and other services available or offered to individuals in a community, including formal and informal community supports, that affect their quality of life); provides evidence that consumer members provided input into the development of the application for core funding; and provides any supporting documentation and relevant data based on research or planning studies, and maps and other graphical aids.

Using the following values for each required item in this criterion, points will be awarded according to the extent to which the application for core funding:

- Provides a portrait of the State needs and clearly identifies the need for assistance based on relevant and current data, including that collected through planning studies. **(5 points)**
- Describes how individuals with developmental disabilities, family members, advocates, the State DD Council, the State Protection and Advocacy System, the other UCEDD (s) in the State, and representatives of State agencies were consulted in the development of the application and provides evidence that feedback from such representatives was utilized in developing the project approach, including the goals and goal-related activities outlined in the five-year plan. **(5 points)**
- Shows a direct relationship between the needs identified based on research and/or planning studies and feedback from individuals with developmental disabilities, family members, advocates, the State DD Council, the State Protection and Advocacy System, the other UCEDD (s) in the State, and representatives of State agencies and the goals and goal-related activities in the five-year plan. **(5 points)**

Approach

Weight: 40 points

The applications will be evaluated according to the extent to which the applicant outlines a sound, workable and detailed plan of action pertaining to the measurable goals and objectives of the proposed project and the proposed approach; identifies activities in chronological order, with target dates for accomplishment, and clearly identifies the plan of action and delineates the roles and involvement of each of the proposed project's partners and collaborators.

Using the following values for each required item in this criterion, points will be awarded according to the extent to which the application for core funding describes a five-year plan for meeting the purpose of the DD Act that includes the following:

- Describes a five-year plan for meeting the purpose of the DD Act by outlining a projected measurable and attainable goal for one or more area(s) of emphasis (e.g., quality assurance, education and early intervention, child care, health, employment, housing, transportation, recreation, and other services available or offered to individuals in a community, including formal and informal community supports, that affect their quality of life) for each core function. Provides quantitative projections of the accomplishments to be achieved for each core function or activity in such terms as the number of people to be served and the number of activities to be accomplished. Provides chronological order of approach with target dates. **(4points)**
- Describes how the UCEDD will carry out the Interdisciplinary Pre-service Preparation and Continuing Education core function as a formal training program for students and fellows representing leadership, direct service, clinical, or other personnel, that usually takes place in an academic setting or program and (a) leads to the award of an initial academic degree or certificate; (b) includes internship, practicum, fellowship or residency activities; or, (c) represents an advancement in academic credentials through a course of study. **(3 points)**
- Describes how the Interdisciplinary Pre-service Preparation and Continuing Education formal training program utilizes an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning, including a description of the core curriculum for the training program and the variety of disciplines represented in both the faculty and students (e.g., Audiology, Dentistry, Early Intervention, Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Medicine, Nursing, Pediatrics, Psychology, Occupational Therapy). See *Section IV.2.* for a full listing of possible disciplines. **(3points)**
- Under the Community Services core function, describe how the UCEDD will provide training, technical assistance and/or demonstration, and model activities of services, supports, and assistance for individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, professionals, paraprofessionals, policymakers, students, and other members of the community so communities can be accessible to and responsive to the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, and are

enriched by full and active participation in community activities and contributions by individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. **(3 points)**

- Describes a Research program, which may include basic or applied research, evaluation, and the analysis of public policy in areas that affect or could affect, either positively or negatively, individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. **(3 points)**
- Describes an Information Dissemination plan that includes strategies for translating research into practice and for communicating that the UCEDD Network is a national and international resource with substantive areas of expertise that can be accessed and applied in diverse settings and circumstances. **(3 points)**
- Describes how the UCEDD will maintain a CAC, the majority of which shall be individuals with developmental disabilities and family members of such individuals; includes representatives of the DD Council, Protection and Advocacy System (P&A), other UCEDDs in the State (as appropriate); and a self-advocacy organization; and that reflects the racial and ethnic diversity of the State. **(3 points)**
- Describes active and meaningful roles of individuals with developmental disabilities and families in the Interdisciplinary Pre-service Preparation and Continuing Education formal training program. Such roles may include serving as course instructors and developers of curriculum. **(2points)**
- Demonstrates how the UCEDD will promote recruitment efforts that increase the number of individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds working with people with developmental disabilities and their families in disciplines related to pre-service training community training, practice, administration, and policymaking. **(2 points)**
- Describes how Community Services offer innovative designs and methods that promote the inclusion and integration of individuals with developmental disabilities and families in all aspects of community life through the delivery of programs, projects, activities, and services in community-based settings rather than academic or traditional clinical settings. **(2 points)**
- Describes Community Services strategies that will promote increased and meaningful opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities from racial and ethnic minority backgrounds and their families to access and use community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance available to other individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. **(2 points)**
- Describes how people with developmental disabilities and their families, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse groups, will be active participants in the research process thereby ensuring that these individuals and their families participate in the development, design and implementation of research activities, as well as the dissemination of research information.**(2 points)**

- Describes how information is developed and disseminated using principles of universal design to ensure that resources are available in multiple accessible formats and in a culturally competent manner. **(2 points)**
- Describes the involvement of people with developmental disabilities and families, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, in the development of products and resources that are disseminated. **(1 point)**
- Identifies and delineates the UCEDD's role and involvement in coordinated activities of DD Network partners (the State Developmental Disabilities Council, the Protection and Advocacy System, and the other UCEDD[s]). **(2 points)**
- Describes how the five-year plan for the UCEDD complements and furthers the State Developmental Disabilities Council five-year plan, the Protection and Advocacy System Statement of Goals and Priorities, and the five-year plan for the other UCEDD(s) in the State. **(1point)**
- Describes how the infrastructure and resources obtained through funds made available under the grant will be utilized to leverage additional public and private funds to successfully achieve the projected goals developed in the five-year plan. **(1 point)**
- Describes how the UCEDD will educate and disseminate information related to the purpose of the DD Act of 2000 to the legislature of the State in which the Center is located and to Members of Congress from the State. **(1 point)**

Evaluation

Weight: 15 points

The applications will be evaluated according to the extent to which the applicant provides a narrative outlining how project results will be evaluated; states methods for measuring the extent to which project goals have been achieved; discusses the criteria to be used to evaluate results; explains the methodology that will be used to determine if the needs identified and discussed are being met and if the project results and benefits are being achieved; with respect to the conduct of the project, defines the procedures to be employed to determine whether the project is being conducted in a manner consistent with the work plan presented; and discusses the impact of the project's various activities on the project's effectiveness.

Using the following values for each required item in this criterion, points will be awarded according to the extent to which the application for core funding:

- Explains the methodology that will be employed to report outcomes and results using the *UCEDD Annual Report Template*. The methodology should include use of quantitative and qualitative techniques to determine if the needs identified and discussed are being met and if the UCEDD results and benefits are being achieved. **(5 points)**
- Describes a logic model for evaluating the extent to which the goals for the UCEDD have been achieved in a manner consistent with the objectives of the DD Act of 2000. **(4 points)**

- Describes how the CAC will review and comment on the progress of the Center to determine whether the UCEDD is carrying out the five-year plan in a manner consistent with the work plan presented. **(4 points)**
- Describes how the annual review will identify emerging trends and needs. **(2 points)**

Organizational Capacity

Weight: 20 points

The applications will be evaluated according to the extent to which the applicant provides information on the applicant's organizational capacity.

Using the following values for each required item in this criterion, points will be awarded according to the extent to which the application for core funding:

- Describes a clear organizational structure that appears to be an effective approach for managing the Center and implementation of the core functions. Includes an organizational chart that clearly identifies the organizational structure of the UCEDD. **(5 points)**
- Describes how the applicant does or will employ individuals with developmental disabilities, their family members, and individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. **(3points)**
- Describes how the entity is an interdisciplinary education, research, and public service unit of a university or public or a non-profit entity associated with a university that engages in four core functions. **(2 points)**
- Provides and describes a conceptual overview of the program framework. **(2 points)**
- Identifies the UCEDD as an independent Center and provides documentation. **(2 points)**
- Describes the qualifications of the faculty and staff assigned to the UCEDD grant. **(2 points)**
- Describes the qualifications of the UCEDD director with appropriate academic credentials, demonstrated leadership, and expertise regarding developmental disabilities, significant experience in managing grants and contracts, and the ability to leverage public and private funds.**(2 points)**
- Explains how the UCEDD will maintain the faculty and staff necessary to support the functions and purposes of the UCEDD and allocate adequate staff time to carry out activities related to each of the four core functions. **(2 points)**

Budget

Weight: 10 points

The applications will be evaluated according to the extent to which the applicant provides a budget with line-item detail and detailed calculations for each budget object class identified on the Budget Information form; detailed calculations that include estimation methods, quantities, unit costs, and other similar quantitative detail sufficient for the calculation to be duplicated; a breakout by the funding sources identified in Block 18 of the SF-424; a narrative budget justification that describes how the categorical costs are derived; and a discussion of the necessity, reasonableness, and allocability of the proposed costs.

Using the following values for each required item in this criterion, points will be awarded according to the extent to which the application for core funding:

- Provides a narrative budget justification that describes how the categorical costs are derived and discusses the necessity, reasonableness, and allocability of the proposed costs in relation to the administration or operation of the UCEDD program, including implementation of the four core functions and support of the CAC. **(5 points)**
- Describes a budget that shows funds made available through the grant are being used to supplement, and not supplant, the funds that would otherwise be made available for activities related to interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education, community services, research, and information dissemination. **(3 points)**
- Provides a budget with line-item detail and detailed calculations for each budget object class identified on the Budget Information form; detailed calculations that include estimation methods, quantities, unit costs, and other similar quantitative detail sufficient for the calculation to be duplicated; a breakout by the funding sources identified in Block 18 of the SF-424. **(2 points)**

2. Review and Selection Process

No grant award will be made under this announcement on the basis of an incomplete application.

Initial ACL Screening

Each application will be screened to determine whether it was received by the closing date and time and whether the requested amount exceeds the award ceiling. Applications that are designated as late according to *Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times*, or those with requests that exceed the award ceiling, stated in *Section II. Award Information*, will be returned to the applicant with a notation that they were deemed non-responsive and will not be reviewed.

Objective Review and Results

Applications competing for financial assistance will be reviewed and evaluated by objective review panels using the criteria described in *Section V.1* of this announcement. Each panel is made up of experts with knowledge and experience in the area under review. Generally, review panels are composed of three reviewers and one chairperson.

Results of the competitive objective review are taken into consideration by ACL in the selection of projects for funding; however, objective review scores and rankings are not binding. They are one element in the decision-making process.

ACL may elect not to fund applicants with management or financial problems that would indicate an inability to successfully complete the proposed project. Applications may be funded in whole or in part. Successful applicants may be funded at an amount lower than that requested. ACL reserves the right to consider preferences to fund organizations

serving emerging, unserved, or under-served populations, including those populations located in pockets of poverty. ACL will also consider the geographic distribution of Federal funds in its award decisions.

The grant applications that pass the initial screening will undergo a rigorous review process that follows the requirements of Section 154(c) of the DD Act of 2000. This shall include the following:

- (1) *Peer Review*. All applications submitted shall undergo a technical and qualitative review by peer review groups. Each peer review group will be comprised of approximately three people and shall include individuals with disabilities and parents, guardians, or advocates of or for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- (2) *Supplemental Review*. Should the peer review group determine that further review is necessary to make a decision to recommend an application for funding, it will advise ADD of its determination. The peer review group may conduct site visits as part of the supplemental review before recommending an application for funding.
- (3) *Recommendation for Funding*. The peer review group will make a recommendation for funding an application. The recommendations for funding will be the following:
 - a) Recommended for funding;
 - b) Not recommended for funding;
 - c) Need additional information before making a recommendation for funding

ACL may approve an application only if the application has been recommended by the peer review group; unless the requirement for such review and recommendation has been waived by the Secretary [see Section 154(c)].

ACL may consider other factors or elements, other than the evaluation criteria, such as past performance, ability of the applicant to meet the purpose of the DD Act of 2000, and geographical dispersion and diversity, in reviewing and selecting applications.

Successful applicants will be judged on their ability to demonstrate the capacity or the development of the capacity to meet the purpose of the DD Act of 2000 through full implementation of the UCEDD core functions.

Please refer to *Section IV.2.* of this announcement for information on non-Federal reviewers in the review process.

Approved but Unfunded Applications

Applications that are approved but unfunded may be held over for funding consideration in a subsequent review cycle. If a future competition is planned under which the application might be funded, it may be retained for future consideration. These applications must compete for funding with all other competing applications under the review cycle.

a. Anticipated Announcement Award Date

Announcement of awards and the disposition of applications will be provided to applicants at a later date.

VI. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Award Notices

Successful applicants will be notified through the issuance of a Notice of Award (NOA) document that sets forth the amount of funds granted, the terms and conditions of the grant, the effective date of the grant, the budget period for which initial support will be given, the non-Federal share to be provided (if applicable), and the total project period for which support is contemplated. The NOA will be signed by the Grants Officer and transmitted via postal mail. Following the finalization of funding decisions, organizations whose applications will not be funded will be notified by letter, signed by the Program Office head.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Awards issued under this announcement are subject to the uniform administrative requirements and cost principles of 45 C.F.R. Part 74 (Awards And Subawards To Institutions Of Higher Education, Hospitals, Other Nonprofit Organizations, And Commercial Organizations), or 45 C.F.R. Part 92 (Grants And Cooperative Agreements To State, Local, And Tribal Governments).

An application funded with the release of Federal funds through a grant award, does not constitute, or imply, compliance with Federal regulations. Funded organizations are responsible for ensuring that their activities comply with all applicable Federal regulations.

The award is subject to DHHS Administrative Requirements, which can be found in 45CFR Part 74 and 92 and the Standard Terms and Conditions, included in the Notice of Award as well as implemented through the HHS Grants Policy Statement located at <http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/adminis/gpd/index.htm>.

Other Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Requirements for UCEDDs as stipulated in the DD Act of 2000 and the program regulations apply.

3. Reporting

Grantees under this announcement will be required to submit performance progress and financial reports periodically throughout the project period. The frequency of required reporting is listed later in this section.

Program Progress Reports: Annually
Financial Reports: Semi-Annually

According to Section 154(e) of the DD Act, entities designated as UCEDDs must submit an Annual Report that provides information for the ADD system of program accountability. This system is designed to:

- Monitor entities that received funds under the DD Act of 2000 to carry out its activities;
- Determine the extent to which the entities have been responsive to the purpose of the DD Act of 2000; and
- Determine the extent to which the entities have taken actions consistent with the policy described in Section 101(c) of the DD Act of 2000.

The AIDD system of program accountability is comprised of three parts: (1) the UCEDD reporting requirements, (2) Indicators of Progress for the National Network of UCEDDs, and (3) Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) measures.

Part 1 of the UCEDD Annual Report template requires that grantees submit information on progress made in the previous year towards achieving the projected goals for the UCEDD, including:

- The extent to which the goals were achieved;
- A description of the strategies that contributed to achieving the goals; and
- To the extent the goals were not achieved, a description of factors that impeded the achievement.

The UCEDD should provide a report on the manner in which funds paid to the UCEDD for a fiscal year were expended; information on proposed revisions to the goals; and a description of successful efforts to leverage funds, other than funds made available to support the operation and administration of the UCEDD, to pursue goals consistent with the UCEDD program.

Part 2 of the report requires grantees to provide information on Indicators of Progress for the national network of UCEDDs. Indicators of Progress describe and measure the:

- I. Satisfaction of individuals with developmental disabilities with the advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities provided by the UCEDD;
- II. Extent to which the advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities provided through the UCEDD result in improvements in the ability of individuals with developmental disabilities to:
 - a) Make choices and exert control over the type, intensity, and timing of services, supports, and assistance that the individuals have used;
 - b) Participate in the full range of community life with persons of the individuals' choice; and

- c) Access services, supports, and assistance in a manner that ensures that such an individual is free from abuse, neglect, sexual and financial exploitation, violation of legal and human rights, and the inappropriate use of restraints and seclusion.

III. Extent to which the State Developmental Disabilities Council, the Protection and Advocacy System, and UCEDD collaborate with each other to achieve the purpose of this title and the policy described in Section 101(c).

The measures serve as indicators describing progress achieved through advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities undertaken by the national network of UCEDDs. Progress achieved through the advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities must be reported by core functions and the areas of emphasis (e.g., quality assurance, education and early intervention, child care, health, employment, housing, transportation, recreation, and other services available or offered to individuals in a community, including formal and informal community supports, that affect their quality of life).

When collecting consumer satisfaction data, UCEDDs must ensure the protection of the informant's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law. Information gathering techniques for the collection of consumer satisfaction data are to be conducted without inclusion of names or other identifying information of the respondents. Respondents are to be assured that the information they provide is confidential and will be used for the stated purpose for which it was collected. In addition, respondents are to be assured that their participation evaluating satisfaction is voluntary. In keeping with ADD practices with respect to cultural competence and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), alternative formats must be made available. In conducting the evaluative activities, the UCEDDs will ensure the respondents' confidentiality in a variety of formats, including oral and written statements. If UCEDDs use written survey techniques, a standard written statement about confidentiality must be included. All statements about confidentiality will explain that responses are voluntary, confidential information will not be shared with others, and answers will be used for the purpose for which they were collected. In keeping with agency practices with respect to cultural competence issues, literacy, and visual or auditory ability, alternative formats will be made available.

Part 3 of the report requires grantees to provide data for the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) measures. These are two measures that report on activities related to the interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education core function.

AIDD uses the *UCEDD Annual Report Template* approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Control Number 0970-0289, expiration date 01/31/2015) to capture the information outlined above.

The average number of hours per response is 200 hours. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The applicant must describe how they will use the *UCEDD Annual Report Template* to evaluate program outcomes and impacts. This should include a description of a logic model for evaluating program results and the methodology for evaluating results.

A copy of the *UCEDD Annual Report Template* may be accessed through the National Information Reporting System (NIRS) at <https://www.aucd.org/nirs/db/index.cfm> or by contacting:

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4. FFATA and FSRS Reporting

The Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires data entry at the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (<http://www.FSRS.gov>) for all sub-awards and sub-contracts issued for \$25,000 or more as well as addressing executive compensation for both grantee and sub-award organizations.

For further guidance please see the following link:
http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Grants/Reporting_Requirements/index.aspx

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Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired callers may contact the Federal Relay Service for assistance at 1-800-877-8339 (TTY - Text Telephone or ASCII - American Standard Code For Information Interchange).

VIII. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Application Elements

- a. **SF 424, required** – Application for Federal Assistance (See Attachment A for Instructions).
- b. **SF 424A, required – Budget Information.** (See Attachment A for Instructions; See Attachment B for an example of a completed SF 424A).
- c. **Separate Budget Narrative/Justification, required** (See Attachment C for a Budget Narrative/Justification Sample Format with Examples and Attachment D for a Sample Template).
NOTE: Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grant projects are REQUIRED to provide a Narrative/Justification for each year of potential grant funding, as well as a combined multi-year detailed Budget Narrative/Justification.
- d. **SF 424B – Assurance, required.** Note: Be sure to complete this form according to instructions and have it signed and dated by the authorized representative (see item 18d on the SF 424).
- e. **Lobbying Certification, required**
- f. **Proof of non-profit status, if applicable**
- g. **Copy of the applicant's most recent indirect cost agreement, if requesting indirect costs. If any sub-contractors or sub-grantees are requesting indirect costs, copies of their indirect cost agreements must also be included with the application.**
- h. **Project Narrative with Work Plan, required** (See Attachment F, for Sample Work Plan Format).
- i. **Organizational Capability Statement and Vitae for Key Project Personnel.**
- j. **Letters of Commitment from Key Partners, if applicable.**

2. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-13)

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The project description and Budget Narrative/Justification is approved under OMB control number 0985-0018 which expires on 8/31/13. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed and reviewing the collection information.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A:

**Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000
Assurances**

Attachment B:

**Instructions for Completing Required Forms
(SF 424, Budget (SF 424A), Budget Narrative/Justification)**

Attachment C:

SF 424 – Sample Format

Attachment D:

Budget Narrative/Justification Format – Sample Format with Examples

Attachment E:

Budget Narrative/Justification – Sample Template

Attachment F:

Project Work Plan - Sample Template

Attachment G:

Instructions for Completing the Summary/Abstract

Attachment A: Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 Assurances

- The entity designated as the UCEDD will meet statutory and regulatory requirements that apply to Centers.
- The entity designated as the UCEDD will address the projected goals and carry out goal-related activities in a manner consistent with the objectives of the DD Act of 2000.
- The goal-related activities must be:
 - Based on data-driven strategic planning;
 - Developed in collaboration with the CAC;
 - Consistent with, and to the extent feasible, complement and further the State Developmental Disabilities Council goals contained in the State plan, the goals of the State Protection and Advocacy System, and the other University Center(s) in the State; and
 - Reviewed and revised annually, as necessary, to address emerging trends and need.

- Funds made available through the grant will be used to supplement, and not supplant, the funds that would otherwise be made available for activities related to interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education, community services, research, and information dissemination.
- The entity designated as the UCEDD will protect the legal and human rights of all individuals with developmental disabilities (especially those individuals under State guardianship) who are involved in activities carried out under programs assisted by the DD Act of 2000.
- The entity designated as the UCEDD will maintain a CAC that:
 - Includes a majority of individuals with developmental disabilities and family members of such individuals;
 - Also includes representatives of: The State Developmental Disabilities Council; State Protection and Advocacy System; and the other UCEDD(s) in the State; a self-advocacy organization described in Section 124(c)(4)(A)(ii)(I) of the DD Act of 2000; and organizations that may include Parent Training and Information Centers assisted under Sections 671 and 672 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, entities carrying out activities in assistive technology authorized under Sections 4 or 5 of the Assistive Technology Act of 2004, relevant State agencies, and other community groups concerned with the welfare of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families;
 - Reflects the racial and ethnic diversity of the State;
 - Is consulted regarding the development of the five-year plan, participates in an annual review, and comments on progress in meeting projected goals; and
 - Meets as often as necessary, but at a minimum of twice during each grant year.

- To the extent possible, the infrastructure and resources obtained through funds made available under the grant will be utilized to leverage additional public and private funds to successfully achieve the projected goals developed in the five-year plan.

- The director of the UCEDD will hold appropriate academic credentials, demonstrate leadership, have expertise regarding developmental disabilities, have significant experience in managing grants and contracts, and have the ability to leverage public and private funds; and will allocate adequate staff time to carry out activities related to each of the four core functions.
- The entity designated as the UCEDD will educate and disseminate information related to the purpose of the DD Act of 2000 to the legislature of the State in which the Center is located and to Members of Congress from the State.

Signature, UCEDD Director

Date

Attachment B: Instructions for Completing Required Forms
(SF 424, Budget (SF 424A), Budget Narrative/Justification)

This section provides step-by-step instructions for completing the four (4) standard Federal forms required as part of your grant application, including special instructions for completing Standard Budget Forms 424 and 424A. Standard Forms 424 and 424A are used for a wide variety of Federal grant programs, and Federal agencies have the discretion to require some or all of the information on these forms. ACL does not require all the information on these Standard Forms. Accordingly, please use the instructions below in lieu of the standard instructions attached to SF 424 and 424A to complete these forms.

a. Standard Form 424

1. **Type of Submission:** (REQUIRED): Select one type of submission in accordance with agency instructions.

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application – If ACL requests, check if this submission is to change or correct a previously submitted application.

2. **Type of Application:** (REQUIRED) Select one type of application in accordance with agency instructions.

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

3. **Date Received:** Leave this field blank.

4. **Applicant Identifier:** Leave this field blank

5a **Federal Entity Identifier:** Leave this field blank

5b. **Federal Award Identifier:** For new applications leave blank. For a continuation or revision to an existing award, enter the previously assigned Federal award (grant) number.

6. **Date Received by State:** Leave this field blank.

7. **State Application Identifier:** Leave this field blank.

8. **Applicant Information:** Enter the following in accordance with agency instructions:

a. Legal Name: (REQUIRED): Enter the name that the organization has registered with the Central Contractor Registry. Information on registering with CCR may be obtained by visiting the Grants.gov website (<http://www.grants.gov>).

b. Employer/Taxpayer Number (EIN/TIN): (REQUIRED): Enter the Employer or Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN or TIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, we encourage the organization to include the correct suffix used to identify your organization in order to properly align access to the Payment Management System.

c. Organizational DUNS: (REQUIRED) Enter the organization's DUNS or DUNS+4 number received from Dun and Bradstreet. Information on obtaining a DUNS number may be obtained by visiting the Grants.gov website (<http://www.grants.gov>). Your DUNS number can be verified at <http://www2.zapdata.com/CompanyLookup.do>.

d. Address: (REQUIRED) Enter the complete address including the county.

e. Organizational Unit: Enter the name of the primary organizational unit (and department or division, if applicable) that will undertake the project.

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application: Enter the name (First and last name required), organizational affiliation (if affiliated with an organization other than the applicant organization), telephone number (Required), fax number, and email address (Required) of the person to contact on matters related to this application.

9. Type of Applicant: (REQUIRED) Select the applicant organization "type" from the following drop down list.

A. State Government B. County Government C. City or Township Government D. Special District Government E. Regional Organization F. U.S. Territory or Possession G. Independent School District H. Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education I. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized) J. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized) K. Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization L. Public/Indian Housing Authority M. Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education) N. Nonprofit without 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education) O. Private Institution of Higher Education P. Individual Q. For-Profit Organization (Other than Small Business) R. Small Business S. Hispanic-serving Institution T. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) U. Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs) V. Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions W. Non-domestic (non-US) Entity X. Other (specify)

10. Name Of Federal Agency: (REQUIRED) Enter U.S. Administration for Community Living; Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

11. Catalog Of Federal Domestic Assistance Number/Title: The CFDA number can be found on page one of the Program Announcement.

12. Funding Opportunity Number/Title: (REQUIRED) The Funding Opportunity Number and title of the opportunity can be found on page one of the Program Announcement.

13. Competition Identification Number/Title: Leave this field blank.

14. Areas Affected By Project: List the largest political entity affected (cities, counties, state etc).

15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: (REQUIRED) Enter a brief descriptive title of the project (This is not a narrative description).

16. Congressional Districts Of: (REQUIRED) 16a. Enter the applicant's Congressional District, and 16b. Enter all district(s) affected by the program or project. Enter in the format: 2 characters State Abbreviation – 3 characters District Number, e.g., CA-005 for California 5th district, CA-012 for California 12th district, NC-103 for North Carolina's 103rd district. If all congressional districts in a state are affected, enter "all" for the district number, e.g., MD-all for all congressional districts in Maryland. If nationwide, i.e. all districts within all states are affected, enter US-all. See the below website to find your congressional district:

<http://www.house.gov/Welcome.shtml>

17. Proposed Project Start and End Dates: (REQUIRED) Enter the proposed start date and final end date of the project. **If you are applying for a multi-year grant, such as a 5 year grant project, the final project end date will be 5 years after the proposed start date.** In general, all start dates on the SF424 should be the 1st of the month and the end date of the last day of the month of the final year, for example 7/01/2013 to 6/30/2018. The Grants Officer can alter the start and end date at their discretion.

18. Estimated Funding: (REQUIRED) If requesting multi-year funding, enter the full amount requested from the Federal Government in line item 18.a., as a multi-year total. For example and illustrative purposes only, if year one is \$100,000, year two is \$100,000, and year three is \$100,000, then the full amount of Federal funds requested would be reflected as \$300,000. The amount of matching funds is denoted by lines b. through f. with a combined Federal and non-Federal total entered on line g. Lines b. through f. represents contributions to the project by the applicant and by your partners during the total project period, broken down by each type of contributor. The value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines, as applicable.

NOTE: Applicants should review cost sharing or matching principles contained in Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 74 or 45 CFR Part 92 before completing Item 18 and the Budget Information Sections A, B and C noted below.

All budget information entered under item 18 should cover the total project period. For sub-item 18a, enter the Federal funds being requested. Sub-items 18b-18e is considered matching funds. The dollar amounts entered in sub-items 18b-18f must total at least 1/3rd of the amount of Federal funds being requested (the amount in 18a). For a full explanation of ACL's match requirements, see the information in the box below. For sub-item 18f (program income), enter only the amount, if any, that is going to be used as part of the required match. Program Income submitted as match will become a part of the award match and recipients will be held accountable to meet their share of project expenses even if program income is not generated during the award period.

There are two types of match: 1) non-Federal cash and 2) non-Federal in-kind. In general, costs borne by the applicant and cash contributions of any and all third parties involved in the project, including sub-grantees, contractors and consultants, are considered **matching funds**. Examples of **non-Federal cash match** includes budgetary funds provided from the applicant agency's budget for costs associated with the project. Generally, most contributions from sub-contractors or sub-grantees (third parties) will be non-Federal in-kind matching funds. Volunteered time and use of third party facilities to hold meetings or conduct project activities may be considered in-kind (third party) donations.

NOTE: Indirect charges may only be requested if: (1) the applicant has a current indirect cost rate agreement approved by the Department of Health and Human Services or another Federal agency; or (2) the applicant is a state or local government agency. State governments should enter the amount of indirect costs determined in accordance with DHHS requirements. **If indirect costs are to be included in the application, a copy of the approved indirect cost agreement must be included with the application. Further, if any sub-contractors or sub-grantees are requesting indirect costs, a copy of the latest approved indirect cost agreements must also be included with the application, or reference to an approved cost allocation plan.**

19. Is Application Subject to Review by State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?
Check c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372

20. Is the Applicant Delinquent on any Federal Debt? (Required) This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. If yes, include an explanation on the continuation sheet.

21. Authorized Representative: (Required) To be signed and dated by the authorized representative of the applicant organization. Enter the name (First and last name required) title (Required), telephone number (Required), fax number, and email address (Required) of the person authorized to sign for the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as the official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)

b. Standard Form 424A

NOTE: Standard Form 424A is designed to accommodate applications for multiple grant programs; thus, for purposes of this ACL program, many of the budget item columns and rows are not applicable. You should only consider and respond to the budget items for which guidance is provided. Unless otherwise indicated, the SF 424A should reflect a multiyear budget. See Attachment B.

Section A - Budget Summary

Line 5: Leave columns (c) and (d) blank. Enter TOTAL Federal costs in column (e) and total non-Federal costs (including third party in-kind contributions and any program income to be used as part of the grantee match) in column (f). Enter the sum of columns (e) and (f) in column (g).

Section B - Budget Categories

Column 1: Enter the breakdown of how you plan to use the Federal funds being requested by object class category (see instructions for each object class category in Attachment C).

Column 2: Enter the breakdown of how you plan to use the non-Federal share by object class category.

Column 5: Enter the total funds required for the project (sum of Columns 1 and 2) by object class category.

Section C – Non Federal Resources

Column A: Enter the federal grant program.

Column B: Enter in any non-federal resources that the applicant will contribute to the project.

Column C: Enter in any non-federal resources that the state will contribute to the project.

Column D: Enter in any non-federal resources that other sources will contribute to the project.

Column E: Enter the total non-federal resources for each program listed in column A.

Section D –Forecasted Cash Needs

Line 13: Enter Federal forecasted cash needs broken down by quarter for the first year only.

Line 14: Enter Non-Federal forecasted cash needs broken down by quarter for the first year.

Line 15: Enter total forecasted cash needs broken down by quarter for the first year.

Note: This area is not meant to be one whereby an applicant merely divides the requested funding by four and inserts that amount in each quarter but an area where thought is given as to how your estimated expenses will be incurred during each quarter. For example, if you have initial start up costs in the first quarter of your award reflect that in quarter one or you do not expect to have contracts awarded and funded until quarter three, reflect those costs in that quarter.

Section E – Budget Estimates of Federal Funds Needed for Balance of the Project (i.e. subsequent years 2, 3, 4 or 5 as applicable).

Column A: Enter the federal grant program

Column B (first): Enter the requested year two funding.

Column C (second): Enter the requested year three funding.

Column D (third): Enter the requested year four funding, if applicable.

Column E (forth): Enter the requested year five funding, if applicable.

Section F – Other Budget Information

Line 21: Enter the total Indirect Charges

Line 22: Enter the total Direct charges (calculation of indirect rate and direct charges).

Line 23: Enter any pertinent remarks related to the budget.

Separate Budget Narrative/Justification Requirement

Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grant programs are REQUIRED to provide a combined multi-year Budget Narrative/Justification, as well as a detailed Budget Narrative/Justification for each year of potential grant funding. A separate Budget Narrative/Justification is also REQUIRED for each potential year of grant funding requested.

For your use in developing and presenting your Budget Narrative/Justification, a sample format with examples and a blank sample template have been included in these Attachments. In your Budget Narrative/Justification, you should include a breakdown of the budgetary costs for all of the object class categories noted in Section B, across three columns: Federal; non-Federal cash; and non-Federal in-kind. Cost breakdowns, or justifications, are required for any cost of \$1,000 or for the thresholds as established in the examples. The Budget Narratives/Justifications should fully explain and justify the costs in each of the major budget items for each of the object class categories, as described below. Non-Federal cash as well as, sub-contractor or sub-grantee (third party) in-kind contributions designated as match must be clearly identified and explained in the Budget Narrative/Justification. The full Budget Narrative/Justification should be included in the application immediately following the SF 424 forms.

- Line 6a: **Personnel:** Enter total costs of salaries and wages of applicant/grantee staff. Do not include the costs of consultants, which should be included under 6h - Other.
In the Justification: Identify the project director, if known. Specify the key staff, their titles, and time commitments in the budget justification.
- Line 6b: **Fringe Benefits:** Enter the total costs of fringe benefits unless treated as part of an approved indirect cost rate.
In the Justification: If the total fringe benefit rate exceeds 35% of Personnel costs, provide a break-down of amounts and percentages that comprise fringe benefit costs, such as health insurance, FICA, retirement, etc. A percentage of 35% or less does not require a break down but you must show the percentage charged for each full/part time employee.
- Line 6c: **Travel:** Enter total costs of all travel (local and non-local) for staff on the project. **NEW:** Local travel is considered under this cost item not under Other. Local transportation (all travel which does not require per diem is considered local travel). Do not enter costs for consultant's travel - this should be included in line 6h.
In the Justification: Include the total number of trips, number of travelers, destinations, purpose (e.g., attend conference), length of stay, subsistence allowances (per diem), and transportation costs (including mileage rates).
- Line 6d: **Equipment:** Enter the total costs of all equipment to be acquired by the project. For all grantees, "equipment" is non-expendable tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or

more per unit. If the item does not meet the \$5,000 threshold, include it in your budget under Supplies, line 6e.

In the Justification: Equipment to be purchased with federal funds must be justified as necessary for the conduct of the project. The equipment must be used for project-related functions. Further, the purchase of specific items of equipment should not be included in the submitted budget if those items of equipment, or a reasonable facsimile, are otherwise available to the applicant or its sub-grantees.

Line 6e: **Supplies:** Enter the total costs of all tangible expendable personal property (supplies) other than those included on line 6d.

In the Justification: . For any grant award that has supply costs in excess of 5% of total direct costs (Federal or Non-Federal), you must provide a detailed breakdown of the supply items (e.g., 6% of \$100,000 = \$6,000 – breakdown of supplies needed). If the 5% is applied against \$1 million total direct costs (5% x \$1,000,000 = \$50,000) a detailed breakdown of supplies is not needed. Please note: any supply costs of \$5,000 or less regardless of total direct costs does not require a detailed budget breakdown (e.g., 5% x \$100,000 = \$5,000 – no breakdown needed).

Line 6f: **Contractual:** Regardless of the dollar value of any contract, you must follow your established policies and procedures for procurements and meet the minimum standards established in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR's) mentioned below. Enter the total costs of all contracts, including (1) procurement contracts (except those which belong on other lines such as equipment, supplies, etc.). Note: The 33% provision has been removed and line item budget detail is not required as long as you meet the established procurement standards. Also include any awards to organizations for the provision of technical assistance. Do not include payments to individuals on this line. Please be advised: A subrecipient is involved in financial assistance activities by receiving a sub-award and a subcontractor is involved in procurement activities by receiving a sub-contract. Through the recipient, a subrecipient performs work to accomplish the public purpose authorized by law. Generally speaking, a sub-contractor does not seek to accomplish a public benefit and does not perform substantive work on the project. It is merely a vendor providing goods or services to directly benefit the recipient, for example procuring landscaping or janitorial services. In either case, you are encouraged to clearly describe the type of work that will be accomplished and type of relationship with the lower tiered entity whether it be labeled as a subaward or subcontract.

In the Justification: Provide the following three items – 1) Attach a list of contractors indicating the name of the organization; 2) the purpose of the contract; and 3) the estimated dollar amount. If the name of the contractor and estimated costs are not available or have not been negotiated, indicate when this information will be available. The Federal government reserves the right to request the final executed contracts at any time. If an individual contractual item is over the small purchase threshold, currently set at \$100K in the CFR, you must certify that your procurement standards are in accordance with the policies and procedures as stated in 45 CFR 74.44 for non-profits and 92.36 for states, in lieu of providing separate detailed budgets. This certification should be referenced in the justification and attached to the budget narrative.

Line 6g: **Construction:** Leave blank since construction is not an allowable costs for this program.

Line 6h: **Other:** Enter the total of all other costs. Such costs, where applicable, may include, but are not limited to: insurance, medical and dental costs (i.e. for project volunteers this is different from personnel fringe benefits), non-contractual fees and travel paid directly to *individual* consultants, postage, space and equipment rentals/lease, printing and publication, computer use, training and staff development costs (i.e. registration fees). If a cost does not clearly fit under another category, and it qualifies as an allowable cost, then rest assured this is where it belongs.

Note: A recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report number 11-43, has raised considerable concerns about grantees and contractors charging the Federal government for additional meals outside of the standard allowance for travel subsistence known as per diem expenses. If meals are to be charged towards the grant they must meet the following criteria outlined in the Grants Policy Statement:

- *Meals are generally unallowable except for the following:*
- *For subjects and patients under study (usually a research program);*
- *Where specifically approved as part of the project or program activity, e.g., in programs providing children's services (e.g., Headstart);*
- *When an organization customarily provides meals to employees working beyond the normal workday, as a part of a formal compensation arrangement;*
- *As part of a per diem or subsistence allowance provided in conjunction with allowable travel; and*
- *Under a conference grant, when meals are a necessary and integral part of a conference, provided that meal costs are not duplicated in participants' per diem or subsistence allowances (Note: the sole purpose of the grant award is to hold a conference).*

In the Justification: Provide a reasonable explanation for items in this category. For example, individual consultants explain the nature of services provided and the relation to activities in the work plan or indicate where it is described in the work plan. Describe the types of activities for staff development costs.

Line 6i: **Total Direct Charges:** Show the totals of Lines 6a through 6h.

Line 6j: **Indirect Charges:** Enter the total amount of indirect charges (costs), if any. If no indirect costs are requested, enter "none." Indirect charges may be requested if: (1) the applicant has a current indirect cost rate agreement approved by the Department of Health and Human Services or another federal agency; or (2) the applicant is a state or local government agency. **State governments should enter the amount of indirect costs determined in accordance with DHHS requirements.** An applicant that will charge indirect costs to the grant must enclose a copy of the current rate agreement. Indirect Costs can only be claimed on Federal funds, more specifically, they are to only be claimed on the Federal share of your direct costs. Any unused portion of the grantee's eligible Indirect

Cost amount that are not claimed on the Federal share of direct charges can be claimed as un-reimbursed indirect charges, and that portion can be used towards meeting the recipient match.

Line 6k: **Total:** Enter the total amounts of Lines 6i and 6j.

Line 7: **Program Income:** As appropriate, include the estimated amount of income, if any, you expect to be generated from this project that you wish to designate as match (equal to the amount shown for Item 15(f) on Form 424). **Note:** Any program income indicated at the bottom of Section B and for item 15(f) on the face sheet of Form 424 will be included as part of non-Federal match and will be subject to the rules for documenting completion of this pledge. If program income is expected, but is not needed to achieve matching funds, **do not** include that portion here or on Item 15(f) of the Form 424 face sheet. Any anticipated program income that will not be applied as grantee match should be described in the Level of Effort section of the Program Narrative.

c. Standard Form 424B – Assurances (required)

This form contains assurances required of applicants under the discretionary funds programs administered by the Administration on Aging. Please note that a duly authorized representative of the applicant organization must certify that the organization is in compliance with these assurances.

d. Certification Regarding Lobbying (required)

This form contains certifications that are required of the applicant organization regarding lobbying. Please note that a duly authorized representative of the applicant organization must attest to the applicant's compliance with these certifications.

Proof of Non-Profit Status (as applicable)

Non-profit applicants must submit proof of non-profit status. Any of the following constitutes acceptable proof of such status:

- A copy of a currently valid IRS tax exemption certificate.
- A statement from a State taxing body, State attorney general, or other appropriate State official certifying that the applicant organization has a non-profit status and that none of the net earnings accrue to any private shareholders or individuals.
- A certified copy of the organization's certificate of incorporation or similar document that clearly establishes non-profit status.

Indirect Cost Agreement

Applicants that have included indirect costs in their budgets must include a copy of the current indirect cost rate agreement approved by the Department of Health and Human Services or another Federal agency. This is optional for applicants that have not included indirect costs in their budgets.

Attachment B: Standard Form 424A – Sample Template

OMB Approval No. 0348-0044						
BUDGET INFORMATION--Non-Construction Programs						
SECTION A-BUDGET SUMMARY						
Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1. UCEDD	93.632					
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. TOTALS						
SECTION B-BUDGET CATEGORIES						
6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total (5)	
	(1) Year	(2) Year	(3) Year	(4) Year		
a. Personnel						
b. Fringe Benefits						
c. Travel						
d. Equipment						
e. Supplies						
f. Contractual						
g. Construction	0					
h. Other						
i. Total Direct Charges (sum 6a-h)						
j. Indirect Charges @						
k. TOTALS (sum 6i and j)						

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BUDGET INFORMATION--Non-Construction Programs					
7. Program Income	None				

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SECTION C-NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES					
(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other sources	(e) TOTALS	
8. UCEDD					
9.					
10.					
11.					
12. TOTALS (sum of lines 8 and 11)					
SECTION D-FORECASTED CASH NEEDS					
13. Federal	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
14. Non-Federal					
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)					
SECTION E-BUDGET ESTIMATES OF <u>FEDERAL</u> FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT					
(a) Grant Program	Future Funding Periods (Years)				
	(b) First year Continuation	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Forth	

16. UCEDD	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$
17.				
18.				
19.				
20. TOTALS (sum of lines 16-19)				
SECTION F-OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION (Attach additional Sheets if Necessary)				
21. Direct Charges:		22. Indirect Charges:		
23. Remarks				

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Attachment C: Budget Narrative/Justification – Sample Format

NOTE : Applicants requesting funding for a multi-year grant program are REQUIRED to provide a detailed Budget Narrative/Justification for EACH potential year of grant funding requested.

Object Class Category	Federal Funds	Non-Federal Cash	Non-Federal In-Kind	TOTAL	Justification
Personnel	\$47,700	\$23,554	\$0	\$71,254	<p>Federal Project Director (name) = .5 FTE @ \$95,401/yr = \$47,700</p> <p>Non-Fed Cash Officer Manager (name) = .5FTE @ \$47,108/yr = <u>\$23,554</u></p> <p>Total \$71,254</p>
Fringe Benefits	\$17,482	\$8,632	\$0	\$26,114	<p>Federal Fringe on Project Director at 36.65% = \$17,482 FICA (7.65%) Health (25%) Dental (2%) Life (1%) Unemployment (1%)</p> <p>Non-Fed Cash Fringe on Office Manager at 36.65% = \$8,632 FICA (7.65%) Health (25%) Dental (2%) Life (1%) Unemployment (1%)</p>

Object Class Category	Federal Funds	Non-Federal Cash	Non-Federal In-Kind	TOTAL	Justification
Travel	\$4,707	\$2,940	\$0	\$7,647	<p>Federal</p> <p>Local travel: 6 TA site visits for 1 person</p> <p>Mileage: 6RT @ .585 x 700 miles \$2,457</p> <p>Lodging: 15 days @ \$110/day \$1,650</p> <p>Per Diem: 15 days @ \$40/day <u>\$600</u></p> <p>Total \$4,707</p> <p>Non-Fed Cash</p> <p>Travel to National Conference in (Destination) for 3 people</p> <p>Airfare 1 RT x 3 staff @ \$500 \$1,500</p> <p>Lodging: 3 days x 3 staff @ \$120/day \$1,080</p> <p>Per Diem: 3 days x 3 staff @ \$40/day <u>\$360</u></p> <p>Total \$2,940</p>
Equipment	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	<p><i>No Equipment requested OR:</i></p> <p>Call Center Equipment</p> <p>Installation = \$5,000</p> <p>Phones = <u>\$5,000</u></p> <p>Total \$10,000</p>
Supplies	\$3,700	\$5,760	\$0	\$9,460	<p>Federal</p> <p>2 desks @ \$1,500 \$3,000</p> <p>2 chairs @ \$300 \$600</p> <p>2 cabinets @ \$200 \$400</p> <p>Non-Fed Cash</p> <p>2 Laptop computers \$3,000</p> <p>Printer cartridges @ \$50/month \$300</p> <p>Consumable supplies (pens, paper, clips etc...) @ \$180/month <u>\$2,160</u></p> <p>Total \$9,460</p>

Object Class Category	Federal Funds	Non-Federal Cash	Non-Federal In-Kind	TOTAL	Justification
Contractual	\$30,171	\$0	\$0	\$30,171	(organization name, purpose of contract and estimated dollar amount) Contract with XXX to Provide YYY: 11 care givers @ \$1,682 = \$18,502 Volunteer Coordinator = <u>\$11,669</u> Total \$30,171 <i>If contract details are unknown due to contract yet to be made provide same information listed above and:</i> A detailed evaluation plan and budget will be submitted by (date), when contract is made.
Other	\$5,600	\$0	\$5,880	\$11,480	Federal 2 consultants @ \$100/hr for 24.5 hours each = \$4,900 Printing 10,000 Brochures @ \$.05 = \$500 Local conference registration fee (name conference) = <u>\$200</u> Total \$5,600 In-Kind Volunteers 15 volunteers @ \$8/hr for 49 hours = \$5,880
Indirect Charges	\$20,934	\$0	\$0	\$20,934	21.5 % of salaries and fringe = \$20,934 IDC rate is attached.
TOTAL	\$140,294	\$40,886	\$5,880	\$187,060	

Attachment D: Budget Narrative/Justification — Sample Template

NOTE : Applicants requesting funding for a multi-year grant program are REQUIRED to provide a detailed Budget Narrative/Justification for EACH potential year of grant funding requested.

Object Class Category	Federal Funds	Non-Federal Cash	Non-Federal In-Kind	TOTAL	Justification
Personnel					
Fringe Benefits					
Travel					
Equipment					
Supplies					
Contractual					
Other					
Indirect Charges					
TOTAL					

Attachment E: Project Work Plan – Sample Template

NOTE : Applicants requesting funding for a multi-year grant program are REQUIRED to provide a Project Work Plan for EACH potential year of grant funding requested.

Goal:

Measurable Outcome(s):

* **Time Frame** (Start/End Dates by Month in Project Cycle)

Major Objectives	Key Tasks	Lead Person	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*	6*	7*	8*	9*	10*	11*	12*
1.														
2.														

Attachment E: Project Work Plan, Page 2 – Sample Template

Goal:

Measurable Outcome(s):

* **Time Frame** (Start/End Dates by Month in Project Cycle)

Major Objectives	Key Tasks	Lead Person	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*	6*	7*	8*	9*	10*	11*	12*
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Attachment E: Project Work Plan, Page 3 – Sample Template

Goal:

Measurable Outcome(s):

* **Time Frame** (Start/End Dates by Month in Project Cycle)

Major Objectives	Key Tasks	Lead Person	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*	6*	7*	8*	9*	10*	11*	12*
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NOTE: Please do not infer from this sample format that your work plan must have 6 major objectives. If you need more pages, simply repeat this format on additional pages.

Attachment F: Instructions for Completing the Project Summary/Abstract

- All applications for grant funding must include a Summary/Abstract that concisely describes the proposed project. It should be written for the general public.
- To ensure uniformity, limit the length to 265 words or less, on a single page with a font size of not less than 11, doubled-spaced.
- The abstract must include the project's goal(s), objectives, overall approach (including target population and significant partnerships), anticipated outcomes, products, and duration. The following are very simple descriptions of these terms, and a sample Compendium abstract.

Goal(s) – broad, overall purpose, usually in a mission statement, i.e. what you want to do, where you want to be.

Objective(s) – narrow, more specific, identifiable or measurable steps toward a goal. Part of the planning process or sequence (the “how”) to attain the goal(s).

Outcomes - measurable results of a project. Positive benefits or negative changes, or measurable characteristics that occur as a result of an organization's or program's activities. (Outcomes are the end-point)

Products – materials, deliverables.

- A model abstract/summary is provided below:

The Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD), in **partnership** with the Delaware Lifespan Respite Care Network (DLRCN) and key stakeholders will, in the course of this two-year project, expand and maintain a statewide coordinated lifespan respite system that builds on the infrastructure currently in place. The **goal** of this project is to improve the delivery and quality of respite services available to families across age and disability spectrums by expanding and coordinating existing respite systems in Delaware. The **objectives** are: 1) to improve lifespan respite infrastructure; 2) to improve the provision of information and awareness about respite service; 3) to streamline access to respite services through the Delaware ADRC; 4) to increase availability of respite services. Anticipated **outcomes** include: 1) families and caregivers of all ages and disabilities will have greater options for choosing a respite provider; 2) providers will demonstrate increased ability to provide specialized respite care; 3) families will have streamlined access to information and satisfaction with respite services; 4) respite care will be provided using a variety of existing funding sources and 5) a sustainability plan will be developed to support the project in the future. The expected **products** are marketing and outreach materials, caregiver training, respite worker training, a Respite Online searchable database, two new Caregiver Resource Centers (CRC), an annual Respite Summit, a respite voucher program and 24/7 telephone information and referral services.