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**PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (PDG) CYCLE 45  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**DUE: JULY 27, 2022**

The Council has a total of \$260,000 available to fund Cycle 45 projects in four (4) proposed areas: Education, Employment, Health and Safety, and Housing. The Council will consider all proposal submissions and choose one (1) or more that will not exceed the full \$260,000 budgeted amount. The Council understands that the final list of approved projects may not address all four (4) of the targeted topic areas.

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**Health and Safety**

(Systems Change/Capacity-Building/Advocacy)

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The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is invested in ensuring that all California families and individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) engage safely and effectively with health and/or safety-related personnel within home, licensed, institutional and/or community-based environments. SCDD is seeking a grantee to reduce service barriers and ensure the health and/or safety of people with I/DD by facilitating improvements in communication and interactions between families/people with I/DD and first responders, healthcare professionals, mental health providers and/or correctional personnel.

**SCDD is interested in funding a project that will:**

- 1) Provide I/DD-related curriculum, resources, information, in-class training and technical assistance/support for public health/safety/emergency response professionals (to include - but not be limited to - law enforcement officers/correctional personnel, emergency/911 dispatchers, fire personnel, EMS/EMT/paramedic/transport responders, emergency room/medical professionals, mental health providers, etc.); and/or,

- 2) Provide culturally competent health and/or safety-related plain language curriculum, resources, training, referrals, technical assistance and support to individuals/families with I/DD to identify needs, communicate concerns, and effectively and safely respond to and ask/answer appropriate questions when interacting with emergency responders, correctional personnel and/or healthcare/mental health providers; and,

**Additionally, the grantee will:**

- 1) Produce a report that identifies real/potential barriers, innovative/promising/best practices, and effective strategies to assist individuals/families with I/DD in effective interactions with first responders, healthcare professionals, mental health providers and/or correctional personnel; and/or,
- 2) Produce a report that identifies real/potential barriers, innovative/promising/best practices, and effective strategies for health/safety personnel who are more culturally competent in identifying health/safety-related needs and interacting effectively with individuals/families with I/DD

The project will serve as a replicable model by developing and identifying innovative, promising and/or best practices.

**The project grantee will:**

- ✓ Have demonstrated subject matter expertise in one or more of the following fields: healthcare, mental health, law enforcement, public safety/emergency response and/or and related fields
- ✓ Have demonstrated cultural competence in the field of intellectual/developmental disabilities
- ✓ Have demonstrated cultural competence in working effectively with linguistically, culturally, economically and ethnically diverse communities/people.

Priority will be given to projects that engage underserved populations (e.g., Black/African American, Asian, LatinX, [etc.], low-income, inner city and deeply rural populations, bilingual or non-English-speaking, homeless or in licensed/foster care, and/or those from Native/Tribal communities) throughout the state.

For more information and to download all forms for Cycle 45, please visit our website

<https://scdd.ca.gov/grantinformation/>

Please email all grant-related questions to Kristie Allensworth:

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