



# **Grant Cycle 46 Pre-Bidders' Conference**

California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)

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# **SCDD**

## **Staff**

## Meeting Details

- We have muted all participants to keep background noise to a minimum
- Live, closed captioning is active
- This meeting is being recorded
- Materials will be posted on the SCDD website at: [Program Development Grants | SCDD \(ca.gov\)](https://www.scdd.ca.gov/Program-Development-Grants)
- After the presentation, we will open it up for questions



# Questions?

1. Write them down
2. Ask them at the end of the presentation, and/or
3. Submit them via email (as explained in the RFP guidelines) to Kristie Allensworth by May 8, 2023



# Federal Funding Details

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# **New Online Submission Platform**

<https://cascdd.gvgrantcloud.com/>



# Remember:

- This is just an overview of the grant application process
- For more information, check out the Cycle 46 grant guidelines on the SCDD website:

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



# **Cycle 46 Grants**

SCDD grants fund new and innovative projects that address goals and objectives in the Council's 5-year strategic State Plan cycle.

These projects will develop or support promising or best practices in the field of intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.




# **Cycle 46 Grant Program Cycle**

**October 1, 2023**

**through**

**September 30, 2024**

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- Local government agencies
  - Non-government organizations
  - Tribal organizations
  - Community-based non-profits
  - Established coalitions that are classified as 501(c)(3)

**Who is  
Eligible to  
Apply**

# Available Funding

- The Council has a total of \$300,000 available to fund Cycle 45 projects in four (4) proposed areas:
  - Education
  - Employment
  - Health and Safety
  - Self-Advocacy
- The Council will consider all proposal submissions and choose one or more projects within this budgeted amount



# **Cycle 46 Targeted Focus Areas**

**Project  
Description  
Summaries**



# Education

- ➔ SCDD is seeking a grantee to work with school-based entities (e.g. schools, districts, Offices of Education, SELPA, etc.) to provide support and assistance to become Employment Networks through Social Security's Ticket to Work (TTW) program.
- ➔ Click here to view the full [Education Project Flyer](#)

# Employment

- ➔ SCDD is seeking a grantee to engage with employers, employees with disabilities and other entities through an outreach and marketing campaign to increase awareness about the benefits of competitive, integrated employment (CIE) and employing people with I/DD.
- ➔ Click here to view the full [Employment Project Flyer](#)



# Health & Safety

- ▶ SCDD is seeking a grantee to develop and/or identify promising and/or research-based best practices in end-of-life and succession care planning for people with I/DD and their parent/guardians for integration into regional center (RC) case management and the support/service planning, development and implementation process.
- ▶ Click here to view the full [Health and Safety Project Flyer](#)



# Self-Advocacy

- ➡ SCDD is seeking a grantee to create a replicable Youth Leadership outreach, training and support forum/model.
- ➡ Click here to view the full [Self-Advocacy Project Flyer](#)





# Grant Cycle Requirements

## Proposals must:

- Meet the needs and intent outlined in the 'Project Description' section of the Grant Guidelines
- Serve individuals who meet the federal definition of I/DD ([Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act](#))
- Be complete and consistent with all applicable federal, state and local government laws and regulations, and which includes all attachments



# Funding Restrictions


See 'Allowable and Non-Allowable Expenses'  
in the Grant Guidelines (p. 13-14)

If you have questions, please submit them to  
Kristie Allensworth



# **Match Requirement (Exhibit A)**

- ➔ A 25% match is required for Non-Poverty Areas**
- ➔ A 15% match is required for Poverty Areas**
- ➔ Match may be in-kind funding**
- ➔ If the area that you are targeting has a 20% or higher poverty rate, you will need a 15% match**



**Double-check to  
ensure that your  
numbers all match**

**Budget  
Report**



# Required Attachments

1. Letter of Good Standing from the CA Secretary of State
2. Organizational Chart
3. Personnel Information
4. Previous Grants/Awards



## **Required Attachments (Cont.)**

5. Three (3) letters of support, plus (if needed)
  - a) MOU or Letter of Commitment
  - b) Documentation of the proposer's Governing Board approval



# **New Online Submission Platform**

<https://casccd.gvgrantcloud.com/>



# **After Application Submission**

What to expect next . . .





# **What to Expect (1/4)**

Proposals will go through an Administrative Review to ensure that:

- Applications are complete
- All necessary documents have been uploaded
- The budget is accurate



# **What to Expect (2/4)**

**Proposals that make it through the Administrative review will go to the scoring panel**

**The scoring panel will make its recommendation to the State Plan Committee in June of 2023**



# Proposal Scoring Criteria

- Knowledge & Experience
- Project Description
- State Plan
- Target Population
- Diversity/Disparities
- Implementation Plan
- Project Activities
- Project Timeline
- Deliverable(s)/Output(s)
- Outcomes
- Impact
- Evaluation & Reporting
- Innovation & Creativity
- Budget



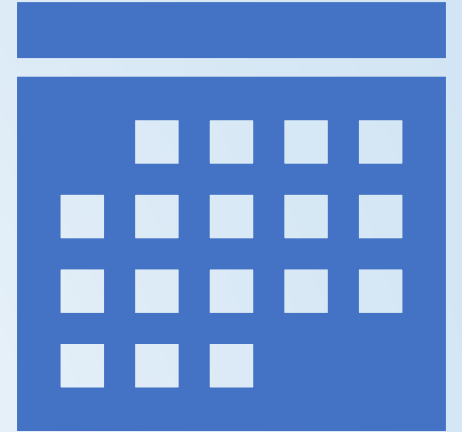
## **What to Expect (3/4)**

**The State Plan Committee will make its recommendation to the Council on July 18, 2023**

**The Public Notice will be posted on July 18, 2023; this will begin the Protest Period**

**The Protest Period ends on July 28, 2023**

## **What to Expect (4/4)**



**The Official Award  
Notification will be  
made on July 31, 2023.**

## Tips to Avoid Common Mistakes...

**Read**

**Read the ENTIRE Grant Guidelines document**

**Double-check**

**Double-check ALL of the eligibility requirements**

**Review**

**Cycle 46 Focus Area Flyers**

**Use**

**Use the Cycle 46 Application Questions document**



**Tips to  
Avoid  
Common  
Mistakes  
(2/3)**

**Be sure you are proposing one or more project(s) that are in line with a Cycle 46 focus area**

**Address each of the areas within the Scoring Criteria**

**Proofread the application for accuracy before final submission**



**Tips to  
Avoid  
Common  
Mistakes  
(3/3)**

**Submit your proposal  
early to avoid missing the  
deadline on: **May 22, 2023****





# Proposal Submission Deadline\*\*\*

- ➔ Cycle 46 GrantVantage platform will accept applications through no later than May 22, 2023 at 11:59pm PDT

**- HOWEVER -**

- ➔ We encourage all applicants to submit at least 2 hours before closing time to ensure sufficient time for the technical assistance team to respond to any technical system errors reported
- ➔ Applicants are encouraged to submit their application by 11:30pm to ensure a successful submission



# **SCDD Grants Webpage**

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

# Cycle 46 – Technical Assistance (TA)


- **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- **May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00am – 12:00pm**

Sessions are for applicants to drop in with questions about the grant process, application platform, technical issues, etc.

Staff will not provide feedback on programs or applications.



**Keep checking the Council's  
website for updated answers  
to ongoing questions  
through May 10, 2023**



# Questions?

