

## UPDATED Potential Cycle 47 Grant Ideas

- 1. Background:** The California Department of Health Care Services is in the process of implementing California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM), with the goal of improving the Medi-Cal system and improve coordination across social services. SCDD is seeking to understand if and how our community is benefiting from CalAIM, and what challenges or obstacles individuals or families are facing.

**Idea:** The Council is interested in funding a research and analysis project that will clarify the DD system's access and barriers associated with CalAIM.

- 2. Background:** As a result of SCDD's outreach efforts to Tribal communities, staff has reported that there is insufficient information provided to Native American families about developmental milestones, disabilities, early diagnosis/intervention, and developmental, educational, and/or health-related supports and services.

**Idea:** The Council is interested in seeking a grantee to actively engage with Tribal health organizations and provide culturally appropriate outreach and training efforts to effectively close these gaps.

- 3. Background:** Anecdotal data, SCDD staff reports, and general observation shows that commonly available public information is not consistently provided in plain language or in accessible formats for culturally, linguistically, or cognitively diverse populations of PwI/DD and other disabilities and/or their families/support persons.

**Idea:** The Council is seeking a grantee to develop a comprehensive, accessible, culturally relevant training project that would teach PwI/DD and family advocates how to convert hard-copy and/or web-based information, documents, curricula, resources, etc. into accessible, plain language formats. The training project should feature an employment/micro-business preparation component, so that trained PwI/DD and family advocates have the tools and methodology to market skills in providing auditing and editing for accessibility and plain language content.

- 4. Background:** Due in part to a lack of culturally appropriate information, outreach and/or training, there has been some reluctance on the part of families of PwI/DD and other disabilities to encourage and/or support the pursuit of CIE opportunities by their loved ones with I/DD.

**Idea:** Using existing resources (e.g. curricula, PowerPoint presentations, roadmaps, etc.), the Council is interested in seeking a grantee to build a sustainable mentorship network for families that can provide training, support and mentoring opportunities to promote CIE for PwI/DD and other disabilities.