

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SPONSORSHIP DETAIL SHEET

ISSUE: Community Interface Services

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$2,500.00

BACKGROUND:

The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities allocates \$25,000 each fiscal year to support events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education so people with developmental disabilities and their family members can increase their knowledge and skills.

Organizations can request up to \$2,500 per event. Priority is given to events that are free or low-cost for consumers and families, or that feature them as speakers or panelists.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

Community Interface Services is requesting sponsorship on behalf of the San Diego People First Self-Advocacy Conference committee for the San Diego People First Annual Self-Advocacy Conference, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17, 2026 at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley.

Community Interface Services is a nonprofit organization that provides vocational training, community living, and financial management services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The conference aims to give adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities an accessible, inclusive space to build self-advocacy skills, access information, and connect with peers and community resources through a self-advocate-led learning experience.

The conference aims to increase participants' knowledge of their rights, services, and supports, build leadership and communication skills among self-advocates, promote peer connection and reduce social isolation, and increase confidence in participating in decision-making and community life.

The event expects approximately 300 attendees based on previous years, made up of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities along with their significant others and support personnel. While held in San Diego, the conference is open to and shared with regional centers and People First

chapters across the state. The program is anticipated to feature multiple workshops that self-advocates can choose among, a keynote presentation led by self-advocates, and presentations from the SCDD Executive Director and the San Diego Regional Center Executive Director. They have confirmed nine (9) workshop presenters have been identified to date.

The SCDD sponsorship will support accessibility accommodations for attendees, including ASL interpretation and sensory support accessories.

Other sponsors and contributors include the San Diego Regional Center, Easterseals Southern California, St. Madeleine Sophie's Center, ComForCare Home Care, AllWork Platform Services, and a range of additional nonprofit and for-profit conference exhibitors.

This is Community Interface Services' first SCDD sponsorship request.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE:

Objective 1.1 – The Council will provide information and resources through 300 regional/statewide self-advocacy chats, 40 regional/statewide projects/events, and 200 trainings to strengthen 15,000 self-advocates in achieving self-governance with supports, as requested; identifying and asking for the supports and services that they need; becoming and serving as peer trainers; developing skills and opportunities to engage as strong activists for issues that are important to them and their families; and participating in cross-disability coalitions representing California's population.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:

Since the beginning of FY 2026-27 the Council has awarded \$12,667 in funds for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the sponsorship request.

PREPARED: Austin Murphy, August 3rd, 2026