

STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL)

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended, Chapter 1, Title VII

Part B - Independent Living Services

Part C - Centers for Independent Living

State: ILLINOIS

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Executive Summary

Concisely summarize the SPIL. Do not include anything that the SPIL's other sections do not include. An appropriate length for the executive summary is 1-2 pages.

For many decades individuals with disabilities have been working to remove the barriers which have precluded them from living fully integrated lives within the community. These barriers have not only been physical but also attitudinal. Illinois' State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) is a 3-year plan developed to help eliminate these barriers. This is accomplished by the delivery of independent living services and dollars to the disability community within our state.

There was an extensive effort to gather input from people with disabilities in Illinois covering all geographical areas, ethnicities, and disability types, to gain an understanding of the needs of our disability community. This information was used by the twenty-two (22) Centers for Independent Living, The Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (INCIL) -- the association for these CILs, and the Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois (SILC) to write a SPIL which contains achievable objectives that will assist individuals with disabilities to meet the Plan's goals, which will enable them to live independently, in the community, and in control of their own lives.

This document is broken into nine (9) sections. Section one (1) contains the mission of the Plan and the overarching goals that we are working to achieve. These goals are far-reaching, so we have broken each of them into objectives, that could be reached within this 3-year plan by performing the activities that are prescribed. After each objective and activity is listed the organization(s) that will take the lead of the activity. There are many other agencies that will be lending their expertise for many of these activities. Listed next, the measurable indicator shows how we will collect and measure the outcome to ensure that the Plan has achieved the desired result. The detailed process for which the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) will evaluate the progress of each objective is explained in further detail. A description of funding used to carry out independent living services within Illinois, which is broken down by source, rounds out this section.

The focus of Section two (2) is to explain what direct services are provided to persons with disabilities in Illinois, and what agency is responsible for delivering each service, along with the funding source to be utilized. Also contained within this section is how SILC plans to outreach to unserved and underserved populations to deliver these much-needed independent living services. A detailed plan for coordination between SILC, CILs, the Designated State Entity (DSE), and other agencies for delivery of these services completes this section.

Section three (3) is a detailed description of our network of Centers for Independent Living (CILs) with their names, counties they serve, population types, and funding sources for each Center. A map of the state which breaks down each CIL's service

area is also included. Completing this section is a detailed plan for the expansion of the network of CILs should additional funding become available.

The Designated State Entity (DSE) is named and a detailed explanation of its responsibilities, contract processes, and processes for oversight of independent living funds are contained in Section four (4).

Section five (5) describes the SILC. These details include the establishment and standing of the Council, our sources of funding, staffing levels, the process for appointment of Council members, process for filling unexpected vacancies, term limits, the process for appointment of officers, and how SILC will continue to be maintained throughout the SPIL 3-year cycle.

The legal basis and certifications for each part of the Illinois independent living network and the authorities and responsibilities assigned to each are listed in Section six (6). Section seven (7) contains an explanation of the role that the DSE has within the independent living network and the assurances that give safeguards to the network from state interference. Likewise, Section eight (8) lists the assurances and responsibilities that SILC has toward fulfilling its role within the network. Legal signatures of the network's approving authorities make up Section nine (9) of the SPIL.

Section 1: Goals, Objectives, and Activities

1.1 Mission:

Mission of the Independent Living Network and the SPIL.

We see an Illinois where persons with disabilities are independent, in control of their lives, and free from barriers to full participation in society. SILC of Illinois' mission is to provide the leadership, research, planning, and education required to support independent living services in Illinois.

1.2 Goals:

Goals of the IL Network for the three-year period of the plan.

Goal 1: Increase the capacity of the independent living network to serve individuals with disabilities more effectively in Illinois.

Goal 2: Increase employment options, opportunities and supports for individuals with disabilities.

Goal 3: Increase affordable, integrated, accessible, and safe housing for individuals with disabilities in the community.

Goal 4: Increase transportation options for individuals with disabilities in local communities throughout Illinois.

Goal 5: Promote systems change in Illinois that will ensure individuals with disabilities can obtain and maintain independence in their communities.

1.3 Objectives

Objectives for the three-year period of the plan – including geographic scope, desired outcomes, target dates, and indicators. Including compatibility with the purpose of Title VII, Chapter 1.

Independent Living Network Capacity Goal 1: Increase the capacity of the independent living network to serve individuals with disabilities more effectively in Illinois.

Objective 1.1: Centers for Independent Living (CILs) will measure consumer satisfaction to improve service delivery and identify training needs and trends.

Activity 1: Implement an annual, standardized consumer satisfaction survey for CILs utilizing an independent third party to administer and analyze the results.

Lead Organization: Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois (SILC)

Measurable Indicators: 80% or more of respondents will indicate that they benefit (are satisfied) from service provision.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured yearly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective 1.2: CIL management, staff and board members will have increased knowledge and awareness of issues pertaining to Independent Living.

Activity 2: Host at least one two-day Independent Living Conference to CIL management, staff, and board members.

Lead Organization: Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (INCIL), SILC

Measurable Indicator: Analysis of exit surveys will show that at least 95% of attendees felt their knowledge and awareness of issues pertaining to Independent Living were increased.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective 1.3: Illinoisans with disabilities will have access to services provided by CILs.

Activity 3: CILs will provide the five core services as requested by consumers within their service area.

- Information and referral
- IL skills training
- Peer counseling
- Individual and systems advocacy
- Transition services

Measurable Indicator: 100% of CILs in Illinois are providing the five core services as reported in the Program Performance Report (PPR).

Lead Organization: INCIL

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured yearly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective 1.4: CILs in Illinois will be prepared for local, regional, or national emergencies.

Activity 4: CILs will develop an emergency preparedness plan to address the needs of staff and consumers during an emergency.

Lead Organization: INCIL

Measurable Indicator: 100% of CILs in Illinois will have a written emergency plan by September 30, 2023.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 progress measured yearly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective 1.5: Increase SILC's resource plan.

Activity 5:

1. Provide training to SILC's board of directors and staff on developing strategies to increase funding.
2. Implement one resource development idea to raise funds.
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of the resource development plan and revise it as needed.

Measurable Indicator: At the end of the SPIL 3-year cycle, SILC's resource plan will increase by at least 5%.

Lead Organization: SILC

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured yearly

Employment Goal 2: Increase employment options, opportunities, and supports for individuals with disabilities.

Objective 2.1: Individuals with disabilities will have access to employment options.

Activity 6: At least 8 trainings will be held annually for a minimum of 80 consumers.

Lead Organization: Illinois Assistive Technology Program's Work Incentives Planning & Assistance Program (WIPA)

Measurable Indicator: Exit evaluation analysis will show 90% have increased knowledge of current incentives and programs that will assist them with entering the workforce.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured quarterly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Activity 7: Annually, 5 CILs throughout the state will provide employment preparedness in the CIL's service area.

Lead Organization: INCIL

Measurable Indicator: At least 35 people with disabilities participating in the training will become employed.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured yearly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective 2.2: Employers will gain knowledge of the advantages of hiring people with disabilities.

Activity 8: Provide training and technical assistance to at least 15 employers per year on the benefits of employing people with disabilities. One training per year. Year one: northern Illinois. Year two: Central Illinois. Year three: Southern Illinois.

Lead Organization: Great Lakes ADA Center

Measurable Indicators: Evaluation surveys will show that a minimum of 80% of employers gained knowledge from the presented topics.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured yearly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Housing Goal 3: Increase affordable, accessible, safe, and integrated housing for individuals with disabilities in the community.

Objective 3.1: Illinoisans with disabilities will have increased housing options.

Activity 9: CILs will provide assistance with determining eligibility for housing modification programs available in their service area.

Lead Organizations: INCIL

Measurable Indicator: 100% of consumers requesting information on home modification programs will be provided resources.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured quarterly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Activity 10: Host at least 2 trainings each year of the SPIL on the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, other applicable federal and state laws, reasonable accommodations, housing location resources, and the housing rights of people with disabilities.

Lead Organization: Housing Action Illinois (HAI), HOPE Fair Housing Center

Measurable Indicators: At least 40 people will receive training, with analysis on exit surveys showing that 90% of attendees gained more knowledge of housing issues topics

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured quarterly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Transportation Goal 4: Increase transportation options for individuals with disabilities in local communities throughout Illinois.

Objective 4.1: CIL staff, transportation providers, and coordinators will collaborate to improve transportation options for people with disabilities.

Activity 11: Host an annual meeting between transportation providers and/or coordinators, Rural Transit Assistance Center (RTAC), and CIL staff to exchange

information and ideas to further advance transportation services for people with disabilities.

Lead Organization: SILC, RTAC, INCIL

Measurable Indicators: At least 50% of providers, coordinators, and CILs will be represented at the annual meeting.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured yearly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective 4.2: Consumers with disabilities will be educated on transportation issues that impact them.

Activity 12: Create a training webinar/video for consumers that focuses on transportation options, ADA rights, and reasonable accommodations.

Year 1: Develop and record the webinar/video.

Year 2: Show the webinar/video with at least 30 consumers participating in the viewing with a live Q&A session which will be transcribed.

Year 3: Make the webinar/video available to all CILs and transportation providers in Illinois to show on-demand as needed.

Lead Organization: SILC, RTAC

Measurable Indicator: Analysis of evaluation surveys will show that at least 90% of viewers gained knowledge that will help them more effectively use public transportation.

Time Frame: 10/1/2020 through 9/30/2023

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Activity 13: CILs will provide at least 2 trainings throughout the state to transportation providers on topics such as transportation rights under the ADA, dispatcher and driver etiquette, and problem-solving techniques.

Lead Organizations: INCIL, SILC

Measurable Indicator: Analysis of exit surveys will show that at least 90% of attendees gain knowledge of how to serve consumers with disabilities.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured quarterly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Systems Change Goal 5: Promote systems change in Illinois that will ensure individuals with disabilities can obtain and maintain independence in their communities.

Objective 5.1: Illinoisans will understand the rights of people with disabilities to live in their own home or community setting of their choice with access to appropriate, quality community services in accordance with the Olmstead Decision.

Activity 14: Each year of the SPIL, CILs will market Community Transition Services (CTS) Program to local institutions, encouraging them to refer all residents who meet the qualifications of the program for assessment.

Lead Organization: INCIL

Measurable Indicator: 25 individuals will be transitioned from institutional settings to community living (subject to funding availability for upfront items).

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured quarterly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective 5.2: Illinoisans with disabilities will have increased leadership skills.

Activity 15: Provide grants to 4 CILs per SPIL year to provide leadership training to a minimum of 8 individuals with disabilities.

Lead Organization: INCIL, SILC

Measurable Indicator: At least 90% of graduates will indicate on their exit survey that they gained leadership skills that will help them to be a more effective advocate.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 9/30/2023 measured yearly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective 5.3: People with disabilities in Illinois will be more informed about their voting rights.

Activity 16: Provide plain language handouts on voter rights and responsibilities, voter access and the Americans with Disabilities Act to all CILs.

Lead Organizations: Equip for Equality (EFE), CILs, INCIL

Measurable Indicators: 100% of CILs will distribute handouts statewide to a minimum of 90% of their consumers prior to an election.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective 5.4: Consumers will have increased knowledge on an array of topics that may affect their independent living.

Activity 17: During each year of the SPIL a minimum of three (3) on-site trainings will be held statewide, with a minimum of 30 consumers participating. Topics may include, but are not limited to, mental health recovery, navigating the world of DD, autism spectrum disorders, chemical and environmental sensitivities, deaf culture, Deaf and hard of hearing community rights under the ADA, and cultural diversity and intersectionality.

Lead Organizations: Illinois Department of Human Services-Division of Mental Health, The ARC of Illinois, Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission

Measurable Indicator: Analysis of exit survey will show that at least 90% of attendees gained knowledge on the presented topic.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured quarterly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective 5.5: Legislators will become more educated on issues which impact the lives of all Illinoisans with disabilities.

Activity 18: In each year of the SPIL, an event will be held at the Capitol, giving consumers the opportunity to educate their Legislators on important topics that affect the disability community.

Lead Organization: INCIL, The Going Home Coalition, Gift of Voice

Measurable Indicators: Exit surveys will show that consumers had conversations with at least 25 legislators concerning important topics of Independent Living.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured yearly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Objective 5.6: CILs will be involved in the Illinois Statewide Transition Conference.

Activity 19: Submit a proposal to be presented at the annual conference on the Independent Living Philosophy and CIL services.

Lead Organization: INCIL, SILC

Measurable Indicators: Analysis of exit surveys will show that 90% of attendees gained knowledge on the presented topic.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured yearly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Activity 20: When funding is available, scholarships will be offered to CIL staff to help defray the cost of attending the Transition Conference.

Lead Organization: INCIL, SILC

Measurable Indicator: When made available, at least 10 CIL staff will be provided a scholarship to attend the conference.

Time Frame: 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2023 measured yearly

Geographic Scope: Statewide

1.4 Evaluation

Methods and processes the SILC will use to evaluate the effectiveness of the SPIL including timelines and evaluation of satisfaction of individuals with disabilities.

SILC will utilize the most efficient evaluation method based on the type of activity being conducted. These methods will be things such as written report from the CILs, yearly PPR reports, financial reports, and evaluation surveys at the end of each training which will show the trainee has increased knowledge of the presented topic, the timeline for official report and evaluation will also be specific to the activity. Some are quarterly, some yearly, and some will be at the end of the SPIL 3-year cycle. However, the SILC does have advisory groups that meet on a quarterly basis that receive the status of each activity at the time of their meeting. These reports are also given to the entire Council at their quarterly meeting.

Timeline	Goals	Objectives	Data to be collected	Data collection method	Organization primarily responsible for data collection
Throughout 3-year period. Progress measured annually.	<u>Goal 1:</u> Increase the capacity of the independent living network to serve individuals with disabilities more effectively in Illinois.	<u>Objective 1.1:</u> Centers for Independent Living (CILs) will measure consumer satisfaction to improve service delivery and identify training needs and trends.	Percentage of consumers who indicate that they benefited (were satisfied) with the services that they received from their local CIL.	Survey	IIRA
Throughout 3-year period.	Same as above	<u>Objective 1.2:</u> CIL management, staff and board members will have increased knowledge and awareness of issues pertaining to Independent Living.	Percentage of trainees who indicate that they have increased knowledge of the presented subject matter.	Survey	INCIL

Throughout 3-year period. Progress measured annually.	Same as above	<u>Objective 1.3:</u> Illinoisans with disabilities will have access to services provided by CILs.	Number of delivered core services reported yearly.	Program Performance Report (PPR)	CILs
Throughout 3-year period. Progress measured annually.	Same as above	<u>Objective 1.4:</u> CILs in Illinois will be prepared for local, regional, or national emergencies.	Percentage of CILs having a written emergency plan.	Report	INCIL
Throughout 3-year period. Progress measured annually.	Save as above	<u>Objective 1.5:</u> Increase SILC's resource plan.	Percentage of increase to funds within the resource plan.	Financial report	SILC
Throughout 3-year period. #6 measured quarterly, #7 measured annually.	<u>Goal 2:</u> Increase employment options, opportunities and supports for individuals with disabilities.	<u>Objective 2.1:</u> Individuals with disabilities will have access to employment options.	#6 Percentage of consumers reporting that they have increased knowledge of the presented topic. #7 of people gaining employment.	#6 Survey #7 Report	#6 ATP-WIPA #7 INCIL
Throughout 3-year period. Progress measured annually.	Same as above	<u>Objective 2.2:</u> Employers will gain knowledge of the advantages of hiring people with disabilities.	Percentage of employers reporting that they have increased knowledge of the presented topic.	Survey	GLADAC

Throughout 3-year period. #9 and #10 measured quarterly.	<u>Goal 3:</u> Increase affordable, accessible, safe, and integrated housing for individuals with disabilities in the community.	<u>Objective 3.1:</u> Illinoisans with disabilities will have increased housing options.	#9 Number of people requesting and receiving information. #10 Percentage of consumers reporting that they have increased knowledge of the presented topic.	#9 Report #10 Survey	#9 INCIL #10 IHDA HAI, HOPE
Throughout 3-year period. Progress measured annually.	<u>Goal 4:</u> Increase transportation options for individuals with disabilities in local communities throughout Illinois.	<u>Objective 4.1:</u> CIL staff, transportation providers, and coordinators will collaborate to improve transportation options for people with disabilities.	Percentage of CILs and transportation providers attending meeting.	Report	RTAC, SILC, INCIL
Throughout 3-year period. #12 measured annually. #13 measured quarterly.	Same as above	<u>Objective 4.2:</u> Consumers with disabilities will be educated on transportation issues that impact them.	#12 and #13 Percentage of people reporting that they have increased knowledge of how to solve transportation issues.	#12 and #13 Survey	#12 RTAC, SILC #13 INCIL, SILC
Throughout 3-year period. Progress measured quarterly.	<u>Goal 5:</u> Promote systems change in Illinois that will ensure individuals with	<u>Objective 5.1:</u> Illinoisans will understand the rights of people with disabilities to live in their	Number of individuals transitioned from institutions to community living.	Program Performance Report (PPR)	INCIL

	disabilities can obtain and maintain independence in their communities.	own home or community setting of their choice with access to appropriate, quality community services in accordance with the Olmstead Decision.			
Throughout 3-year period. Progress measured annually.	Same as above	<u>Objective 5.2:</u> Illinoisans with disabilities will have increased leadership skills.	Percentage of participants who indicate that that have gained leadership skills.	Survey	INCIL, SILC
Throughout 3-year period.	Same as above	<u>Objective 5.3:</u> People with disabilities in Illinois will be more informed about their voting rights.	Number of flyers distributed.	Report	EFE, CILs
Throughout 3-year period. Progress measured quarterly.	Same as above	<u>Objective 5.4:</u> Consumers will have increased knowledge on an array of topics that may affect their independent living.	Percentage of consumers that report increased knowledge of the presented topics.	Survey	The ARC of IL, IDMH, Deaf and HoH Commission
Throughout 3-year period. Progress measured annually.	Same as above	<u>Objective 5.5:</u> Legislators will become more educated on issues which impact the	Number of Legislators receiving education on disability issues.	Survey tally sheets	INCIL, The Going Home Coalition, Gift of Voice

		lives of all Illinoisans with disabilities.			
Throughout 3-year period. Progress measured annually.	Same as above	<u>Objective 5.6:</u> CILs will be involved in the Illinois Statewide Transition Conference.	#19 Percentage of attendees that indicate that they have increased knowledge of the presented topics. Number of stipends given for attendance. #20 number of stipends issued.	#19 Survey, #20 financial report	#19 and #20 INCIL, SILC

1.5 Financial Plan

Sources, uses of, and efforts to coordinate funding to be used to accomplish the Goals and Objectives.

Fiscal Year(s): 2021					
Sources	Projected Funding Amounts and Uses				
	SILC Resource Plan	IL Services	General CIL Operations	Other SPIL Activities	Retained by DSE for Administrative costs (applies only to Part B funding)
Title VII Funds					
Chapter 1, Part B (including state match)			\$699,453		\$0
Chapter 1, Part C			\$2,602,467		
CARES Act Funding		\$1,708,981			
Other Federal Funds					
Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)					
Social Security Reimbursement	\$60,830		\$92,373		
Other					
Non-Federal Funds					
State Funds			\$3,952,297		
Other – COLA			\$199,601		
Part B Match	\$172,893				

The Cares Act funding is a one-time distribution to be used to mitigate the effects of serving consumers during the COVID 19 pandemic. Illinois received \$2,774,525 for Centers for Independent Living for an 18-month period (January 2020 – September 30, 2021). An estimate of \$1,708,981 will be carried over into the SPIL year 2021.

During the COVID 19 pandemic CILs are working to find new ways of serving consumers while still maintaining safety. In the spirit of the CARES Act, this funding will be used to furnish CILs with equipment that is needed to continue to deliver services to their consumers per their contracts and the goals of the SPIL. This funding will also be used to support consumers needs to ensure they continue to live safely and independently within the community.

In the chart below, please note that CILs showing \$0 CARES Act funding received less than \$50,000 and it is assumed that all funds were expended before Federal fiscal year 2021. Two (2) CILs -- Progress CIL and NICIL -- were not listed because they received no CARES Act funding for any of their service area.

LEGAL NAME	COUNTIES SERVED	CARES ACT FUNDING	INTENDED USE OF CARES ACT FUNDING
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago - #1	City of Chicago	\$164,659	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago - #2	Empowerment Zones within the City of Chicago	\$0	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Advocates for Access	Fulton, Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties	\$0	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Achieving Independence and Mobility CIL	DuPage, Kane, and Kendall Counties	\$0	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Illinois-Iowa CIL	Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties	\$146,838	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Illinois Valley CIL	Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam, and Stark Counties	\$0	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
IMPACT CIL	Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, and Bond Counties	\$0	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Jacksonville Area CIL	Mason, Scott, Cass, and Morgan Counties	\$110,414	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Lake County CIL	Lake County Part C,	\$141,913	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Living Independence for Everyone	Dewitt, Ford, Livingston, and McLean Counties	\$89,935	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
LINC, Inc.	Monroe and Randolph Counties	\$87,229	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Opportunities for Access	Clay, Clinton, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Hamilton, Jasper, Jefferson, Marion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne and White Counties and unserved	\$109,209	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost

	counties of Crawford, Lawrence, and Richland		
Options CIL	Kankakee and Iroquois Counties	\$111,683	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Persons Assuming Control of their Environment	Champaign, Douglas, Edgar, Piatt, and Vermilion Counties	\$0	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Regional Access and Mobilization Project - #1	Boone, DeKalb, and Winnebago Counties	\$110,309	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Regional Access and Mobilization Project - #2	Stephenson County	\$0	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Southern Illinois CIL	Gallatin, Hardin, Franklin, Jackson, Perry, Saline and Williamson Counties and unserved counties of Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Union	\$109,029	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Soyland Access to Independent Living - #1	Coles, Clark, and Cumberland Counties	\$58,355	Equipment, Consumer Support Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Soyland Access to Independent Living - #2	Macon County	\$57,905	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Soyland Access to Independent Living - #3	Moultrie and Shelby Counties	\$34,106	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Springfield CIL	Christian, Logan, Menard, Montgomery, and Sangamon Counties	\$0	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Stone-Hayes CIL	Knox and Warren Counties	\$134,413	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
West Central IL CIL	Adams, Pike, Brown, Schuyler, Hancock, and McDonough Counties	\$101,193	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost
Will-Grundy CIL DBA Disability Resource Center	Will and Grundy Counties	\$140,791	Equipment, Consumer Support, Allowable Personnel & Operational Cost

Please note that CARES Act funds can only be used in areas covered by Part C funding as recognized by The Administration for Community Living (ACL). Illinois has service areas currently not funded by Part C dollars. Some CILs only receive Part C funding in some counties, while other counties within their service area are served only with Part B funds. There are currently two (2) CILs that receive only Part B funds for their entire service area. This means that within some areas of the state of Illinois there are many consumers left unserved with CARES Act funding during this COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

CILs in Illinois will provide services related to COVID-19 in unserved and underserved area of the state utilizing CARES Act dollars as needs arise.

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Description of financial plan narrative.

Process for grants/contracts, selection of grantees, and distribution of funds to facilitate effective operations and provision of services.

The DSE in Illinois does not use any Part B appropriations for administrative or other costs. Rather, the DSE allocates the administrative costs based on a CILs average operating costs then equalizes those costs to ensure the federal and state distribution of funds are equitable.

Part B funds and the required non-federal matching funds support the framework through which the State Plan for Independent Living objectives are realized. The Goals and Objectives and Financial Plan in the SPIL are preserved and carried out in accordance with state policies and procedures. CILs also receive state funds in excess of the required non-federal match and Social Security Reimbursement funds to support general operations. Funding is allocated through a two-party signed Uniform Grant Agreement supporting the applicable standards outlined in Uniform Guidance requirements. Additionally, a standard scope of service and performance measures and standards are mutually agreed upon between the IL partners and the DSE in order to ensure both programmatic and fiscal compliance supporting core IL services. Any unspent Part B funds will be added to the subsequent funding distribution total. In addition to the Uniform Grant Agreement for core IL services, IL partners have separate contractual vendor agreements through the Vocational Rehabilitation Program to provide both employment supports and pre-employment transition services.

Section 2: Scope, Extent, and Arrangements of Services

2.1 Services

Services to be provided to persons with disabilities that promote full access to community life including geographic scope, determination of eligibility and statewideness.

Table 2.1A: Independent living services	Provided using Part B (check to indicate yes)	Provided using other funds (check to indicate yes; do not list the other funds)	Entity that provides (specify CIL, DSE, or the other entity)
Core Independent Living Services, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information and referral - IL skills training - Peer counseling - Individual and systems advocacy - Transition services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transition from nursing homes & other institutions ▪ Diversion from institutions ▪ Transition of youth (who were eligible for an IEP) to post-secondary life 	YES	YES	CIL
Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services	NO	YES	DSE
Services related to securing housing or shelter, including services related to community group living, and supportive of the purposes of this Act and of the titles of this Act, and adaptive housing services (including appropriate accommodations to and modifications of any space used to serve, or occupied by, individuals with disabilities) Note: CILs are not allowed to own or operate housing.	YES	YES	CILS, DSE
Rehabilitation technology	YES	YES	CIL, DSE
Mobility training	YES	YES	CIL
Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services	YES	YES	CIL
Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services	YES	YES	CIL

Table 2.1A: Independent living services	Provided using Part B (check to indicate yes)	Provided using other funds (check to indicate yes; do not list the other funds)	Entity that provides (specify CIL, DSE, or the other entity)
Surveys, directories, and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation opportunities, and accessible transportation, and other support services	YES	YES	CIL
Consumer information programs on rehabilitation and IL services available under this Act, especially for minorities and other individuals with disabilities who have traditionally been unserved or underserved by programs under this Act	YES	YES	CIL, DSE
Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities	YES	YES	CIL
Supported living	YES	YES	OTHER
Transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation	YES	YES	CIL
Physical rehabilitation	NO	NO	OTHER
Therapeutic treatment	NO	NO	OTHER
Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices	YES	YES	CIL, DSE
Individual and group social and recreational services	YES	YES	CIL
Training to develop skills specifically designed for youths who are individuals with significant disabilities to promote self-awareness and esteem, develop advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options	YES	YES	CIL
Services for children	YES	YES	CIL
Services under other Federal, State, or local programs designed to provide resources, training, counseling, or other assistance, of substantial benefit in enhancing the independence, productivity, and quality of life of individuals with disabilities	YES	YES	CIL, DSE
Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with significant disabilities for similar services in the future	YES	YES	CIL, DSE
Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities	YES	YES	CIL
Such other services as may be necessary and not inconsistent with the Act	YES	YES	CIL, DSE

2.2 Outreach

Identify steps to be taken regarding statewide outreach to populations that are unserved or underserved by programs that are funded under Title VII, including minority groups and urban and rural populations.

In order to bring services to unserved and underserved populations, we must first define these terms, which on the surface may sound simple, yet it is not. Our state is remarkably diverse as far as the composition of residents. Chicago is very densely populated. Though all of the areas may eligible be served as far as a funding definition, there are many people that we suspect are not receiving services because there are a large homeless population and many undocumented people who are hard to reach or are afraid to ask for services. These people can be considered both underserved and unserved There are many organizations in the City of Chicago and Cook County that work together to serve the homeless as well as the refugee community. Both SILC and INCIL are members of a newly formed statewide taskforce working on how to bring needed IL services to the immigrant and refugee population.

For the rest of the state, it becomes a bit easier to define the terms. All other areas of the state remain mostly rural, with the exception of a handful of areas that are densely populated, but not nearly as urban as Chicago. There are nine (9) counties in southern Illinois that are not officially covered within a CIL's funded service area. These counties are unserved. In this SPIL (Section 3.2) Expansion and Adjustment of Network, there is a plan to expand into these counties should enough funding become available. In the counties of Illinois that are in a CIL coverage area, the underserved are usually the people that live in the extremely rural areas located furthest away from the actual location of the CIL. Travel to these areas is costly both in time and money. Each CIL serves these areas to the best of their ability.

Statewide, SILC of Illinois has chosen in the SPIL to focus on areas that will improve the quality of life for people with disabilities; specifically, in the areas of employment, advocacy, housing, and transportation. SILC also focused on developing the capacity of all CILs in Illinois, which will enhance their ability to serve all populations.

It is a priority of all Illinois CILs to ensure that individuals with a diversity of disabilities and individuals who are members of minority populations and urban/rural populations that are unserved or underserved have access to the services and resources offered by Centers. Locally, each CIL annually assesses its service areas and identifies these populations. Census data, along with service statistics from the PPR reports are utilized. From this analysis, each CIL develops a plan that contains objectives, activities, and measurable outcomes to address these identified populations. Each CIL also makes a concerted effort to reach out to these identified populations to serve as board members of their Centers.

SILC addresses these unserved and underserved populations by making a rigorous effort to recruit Council members from underserved and unserved areas within the state, as well as recruiting from different ethnic populations, the LBGTQIA+ community, and immigrant communities. This is accomplished by reaching out to organizations that serve within these populations for referrals for potential Council membership and attending outreach activities within these communities and populations.

SILC will utilize new 10-year census data to help further define unserved and underserved populations.

2.3 Coordination

Plans for coordination of services and cooperation among programs and organizations that support community life for persons with disabilities.

While an intentional plan for services delivery is a must, quality, collaborative relationships with all community stakeholders are critical to positively impact the disability community in Illinois. Developing social capital is necessary for effective outreach within the target communities, both geographic and cultural. Effective outreach strategies include: having staff who are members of the target populations; developing linkages and membership in related organizations and groups; making presentations to churches, organizations, civic groups, and key community members; recruiting individuals from target populations to serve on the CILs' Boards of Directors; working with county officials, disability organizations and other local contacts, and participating with local multi-cultural community events. The outcome is to increase the awareness and education of the independent living movement and local Centers and the availability of services and resources. We want Centers to be a place where all people with disabilities feel welcome.

Listed within the goals and objectives of this SPIL are lead agencies that can help the CILs deliver needed services to their consumers without service duplication. Though not specified within the plan, numerous potential partner organizations have been coordinating with SILC through the SPIL writing process and have agreed to lend assistance as needed.

Section 3: Network of Centers

3.1 Existing Centers

Current Centers for Independent Living including legal name; geographic area and counties served; and source(s) of funding. Oversight process, by source of funds (e.g., Part B, Part C, state funds, etc.) and oversight entity.

The Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living includes as its members all 22 CILs (20 Part C CILs and 2 non-Part C CILs) located throughout Illinois. Note: ACL recognizes 26 centers. Three of Illinois' CILs have multiple contracts. The CILs cover the major metropolitan area of Chicago, suburban area around Chicago, and other mid-sized cities and rural areas. The Network consists of a board of directors made up by the Executive Directors of each CIL. The Network has hired an Executive Director to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Network. CILs in the Illinois network serve all individuals with disabilities regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, and disability type.

The oversight process for the DSE includes a quarterly Periodic Performance Report and Periodic Financial Report. Pursuant to the Uniform Grant Agreement, CILs are required to comply with all reporting requirements outlined by the Department Human Services during the contract period.

The Centers for Independent Living (CILs) eligible to sign the SPIL, a minimum of 51% whom must sign prior to submission, are:

**Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago
Advocates for Access
Achieving Independence and Mobility
Illinois-Iowa Center for Independent Living
Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living
IMPACT CIL
Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living
Lake County Center for Independent Living
LIFE Center for Independent Living
LINC, Inc.
Opportunities for Access
Options Center for Independent Living
PACE, Inc.
RAMP
Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living
Soyland Access to Independent Living
Springfield Center for Independent Living
Stone-Hayes Center for Independent Living
West Central Illinois Center for Independent Living
Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living DBA Disability Resource Center**

The following is a list of the CILs in Illinois:

LEGAL NAME	COUNTIES SERVED	FUNDING SOURCE	OVERSIGHT PROCESS	OVERSIGHT ENTITY
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago - #1	City of Chicago	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago - #2	Empowerment Zones within the City of Chicago	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Achieving Independence and Mobility CIL	DuPage, Kane, and Kendall Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Advocates for Access	Fulton, Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Illinois-Iowa CIL	Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Illinois Valley CIL	Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam, and Stark Counties	GRF, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
IMPACT CIL	Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, and Bond Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VR110, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE

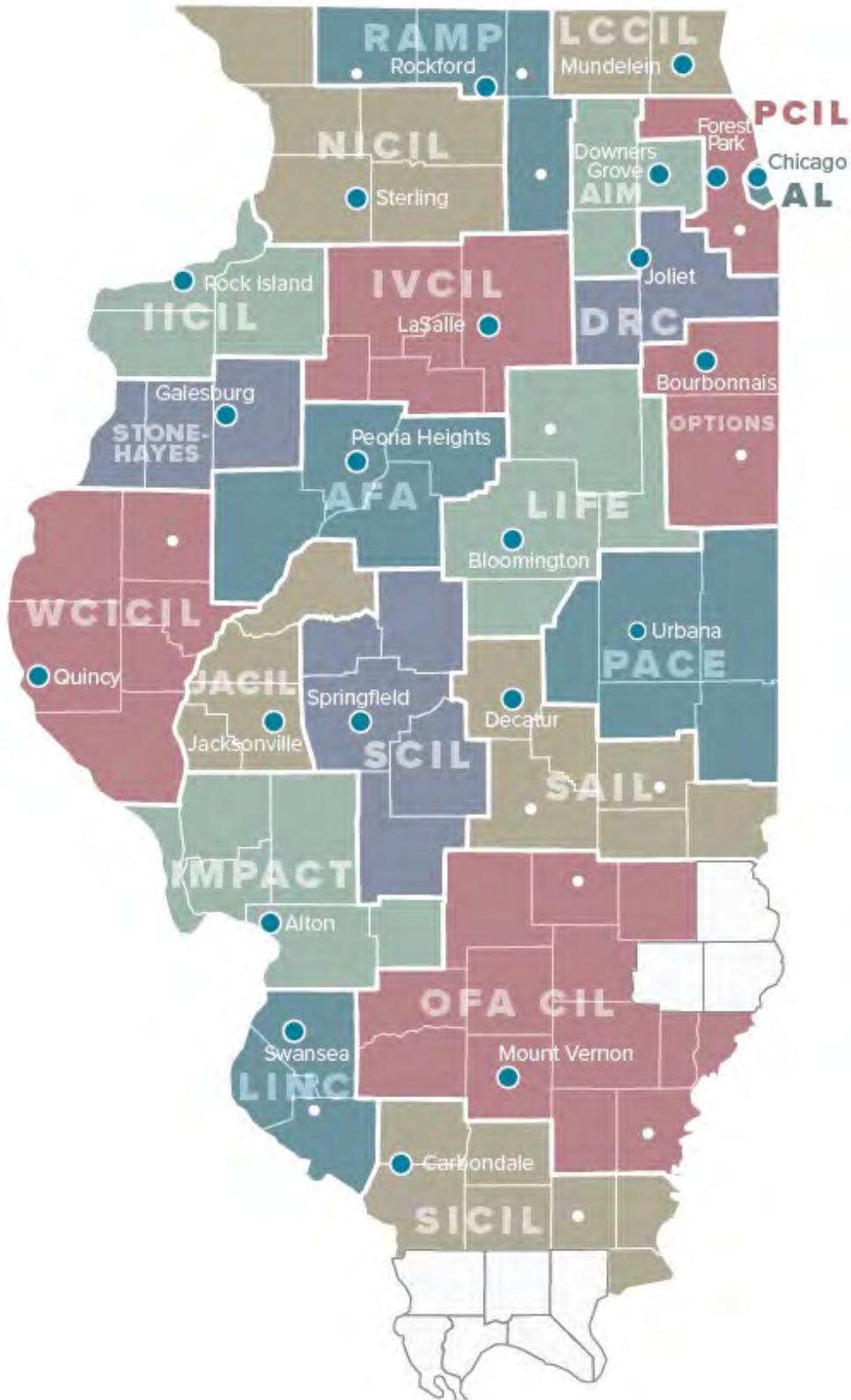
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Jacksonville Area CIL	Mason, Scott, Cass, and Morgan Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Lake County CIL	Lake County	VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Lake County CIL	Lake and McHenry County	GRF, VII-B, SSI	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Living Independence for Everyone	Dewitt, Ford, Livingston, and McLean Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
LINC, Inc.	Monroe and Randolph Counties	VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
LINC, Inc.	Monroe, Randolph, and St. Clair County	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Northwestern Illinois CIL	Carroll, Lee, Ogle, JoDaviess and Whiteside Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE

Opportunities for Access	White, Edwards, Hamilton, and Wabash Counties	VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Opportunities for Access	Clay, Clinton, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Hamilton, Jasper, Jefferson, Marion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, and White Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Options CIL	Kankakee and Iroquois Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Persons Assuming Control of their Environment	Champaign, Douglas, Edgar, Piatt, and Vermilion Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Progress CIL	Suburban Cook County	GRF, VII-B, SSI	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
Regional Access and Mobilization Project - #1	Boone, DeKalb, and Winnebago Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC

Regional Access and Mobilization Project - #2	Stephenson County	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Southern Illinois CIL	Gallatin, Hardin, and Saline, Counties	VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Southern Illinois CIL	Franklin, Jackson, Perry, Williamson Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Soyland Access to Independent Living - #1	Coles, Clark, and Cumberland Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Soyland Access to Independent Living - #2	Macon County	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Soyland Access to Independent Living - #3	Moultrie, and Shelby Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Springfield CIL	Christian, Logan, Menard, Montgomery, and Sangamon Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VR110, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC

Stone-Hayes CIL	Knox and Warren Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Stone-Hayes CIL	Henderson County	VII-B	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
West Central IL CIL	Adams, Pike, Brown, Schuyler, Hancock, and McDonough Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE
			CIL submits CIL PPR to SILC and ACL	ACL and SILC
Will-Grundy CIL DBA Disability Resource Center	Will and Grundy Counties	GRF, VII-B, SSI, VII-C, CARES Act Funding	CIL provides monthly and annual report to DSE	DSE

LOCATIONS



3.2 Expansion and Adjustment of Network

Plan and priorities for use of funds, by funding source, including subchapter B funds, subchapter C funds, State funds, and other funds, whether current, increased, or one-time funding, and methodology for distribution of funds. Use of funds to build capacity of existing Centers, establish new Centers, and/or increase statewideness of Network.

Provide a detailed description of the plans for expanding, building, and/or adjusting the statewide network of CILs based on increased funding, new funding, one-time funding, or cuts in funding, including but not limited to:

- Definition of served, unserved, and underserved.
- Minimum funding level for a Center and formula/plan for distribution of funds to ensure that each Center receives at least the minimum.
- Priorities for establishment of new CIL(s).
- Action/process for distribution of funds relinquished or removed from a Center and/or if a Center closes.
- Plan to build capacity of existing CILs and/or expand statewideness by establishing branch offices and/or satellites of existing CILs.
- Plan/formula for distribution of new funds (subchapter B, subchapter C, one-time funds, etc.)
- Plan/formula for adjusting distribution of funds when cut/reduced.
- Plan for changes to Center service areas and/or funding levels to accommodate expansion and/or adjustment of the Network. State the needed change(s) as concretely and succinctly as possible. Include:
 - o CILs included in the change
 - o New counties/areas assigned to (or removed from) involved CILs
 - o Changes in funding agreed upon or state "no funding changes needed."

Remember: The SPIL may be amended by agreement of the SILC and a majority of the CILs when needed. If details are not specific enough, there could be significant delays in the distribution of new funding.

- **Part B funds - Should new Part B funds become available they will be distributed as follows: the Illinois SILC will receive up to 25% of Part B funding annually with the annual remainder of Part B funds distributed among existing Illinois Part B and Part C CILS in an equitable manner than allows for a fair funding balance between state and federal resources. The state of Illinois does not take a percentage of Part B funds for its administrative costs.**
- **Part C funds - Illinois listed 5 areas of priority to strengthen and expand independent living services in the state. They are listed further below in this plan in order of priority. The first priority, should additional Part C funding become available, is to expand and strengthen the network by correcting funding reductions that occurred following the one-time ARRA funding in Illinois which significantly reduced the ability of affected CILs to provide core services. Therefore, the first additional Part C funding received (until**

the maximum of \$465,863.00 is reached) will be distributed to specific CILS listed under Priority using the percentages listed.

- One-time funding (beyond COLA increases) will be prioritized using the INCIL approved formula funding for PART C Funding Only.

**REDUCTION CHART 2010 CENSUS
FOR CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
ILLINOIS PART C FUNDS**

NAME OF CENTER & LOCATION	FED PART C FUNDS
ACCESS (CHICAGO)	6.0714%
AFA CIL (PEORIA HEIGHTS)	2.5000%
AIM (DOWNERS GROVE)	2.5000%
DRC (JOLIET)	6.0714%
IICIL (ROCK ISLAND)	6.0714%
IMPACT (ALTON)	2.5000%
IVCIL (LaSALLE)	2.5000%
JACIL (JACKSONVILLE)	6.0714%
LCCIL (MUNDELEIN)	6.0714%
LIFE (BLOOMINGTON)	6.0714%
LINC (SWANSEA)	6.0714%
NICIL (STERLING)	0.0000%
OFA CIL (MT VERNON)	6.0714%
OPTIONS (BOURBONNAIS)	6.0714%
PACE (URBANA)	2.5000%
PCIL (FOREST PARK)	0.0000%
RAMP (ROCKFORD)	6.0714%
SAIL (DECATUR)	6.0714%
SCIL (SPRINGFIELD)	2.5000%
SHCIL (GALESBURG)	6.0714%
SICIL (CARBONDALE)	6.0714%
WCICIL (QUINCY)	6.0714%
TOTAL CURRENT CILS	99.9996%

FORMULA FUNDING CHART 2010 CENSUS

NAME & LOCATION OF CENTER	FUNDING FOR FORMULA	CURRENT I.L. FUNDING	AMOUNT UNDER-FUNDED	% OF NEW FUNDS
ACCESS (CHICAGO)	\$2,762,762.00	\$1,000,393.00	\$1,762,369.00	7.44%
AFA CIL (PEORIA)	\$1,854,147.00	\$518,323.00	\$1,335,824.00	5.64%
AIM (DOWNERS GROVE)	\$1,813,258.00	\$600,124.00	\$1,213,134.00	5.12%
DRS (JOLIET)	\$1,508,480.00	\$484,178.00	\$1,024,302.00	4.33%
JACIL (JACKSONVILLE)	\$1,105,779.00	\$407,266.00	\$698,513.00	2.95%
IICIL (ROCK ISLAND)	\$1,261,470.00	\$493,338.00	\$768,132.00	3.24%
IMPACT (ALTON)	\$1,372,724.00	\$485,383.00	\$887,341.00	3.75%
IVCIL (LaSALLE)	\$1,079,100.00	\$374,720.00	\$704,380.00	2.98%
LCCIL (MUNDELEIN)	\$1,782,740.00	\$564,781.00	\$1,217,959.00	5.14%
LIFE (BLOOMINGTON)	\$1,501,248.00	\$533,661.00	\$967,587.00	4.09%
LINC (BELLEVILLE)	\$1,200,947.00	\$522,652.00	\$678,295.00	2.87%
NICIL (STERLING)	\$1,149,934.00	\$356,964.00	\$792,970.00	3.35%
OFA CIL (MT VERNON)	\$3,080,808.00	\$783,140.00	\$2,297,668.00	9.71%
OPTIONS (BOURBONNAIS)	\$1,299,693.00	\$435,809.00	\$863,884.00	3.65%
PACE (URBANA)	\$1,218,049.00	\$472,084.00	\$745,965.00	3.15%
PCIL (FOREST PARK)	\$2,516,292.00	\$552,485.00	\$1,963,807.00	8.30%
RAMP (ROCKFORD)	\$1,982,518.00	\$761,043.00	\$1,221,475.00	5.16%
SAIL (DECATUR)	\$1,485,760.00	\$473,065.00	\$1,012,695.00	4.28%
SCIL (SPRINGFIELD)	\$1,170,645.00	\$453,707.00	\$716,938.00	3.03%
SHCIL (GALESBURG)	\$1,041,989.00	\$352,976.00	\$689,013.00	2.91%
SICIL (CARBONDALE)	\$1,888,437.00	\$550,481.00	\$1,337,956.00	5.65%
WCICIL (QUINCY)	\$1,206,341.00	\$431,951.00	\$774,390.00	3.27%
TOTAL CURRENT CILS	\$35,283,121.00	\$11,608,524.00	\$23,674,597.00	100.00%
UNSERVED AREA 1	\$1,050,778.00	\$0.00	\$1,050,778.00	3.95%
UNSERVED AREA 2	\$837,433.00	\$0.00	\$837,433.00	3.15%
UNSERVED AREA 3	\$1,010,663.00	\$0.00	\$1,010,663.00	3.80%
TOTAL	\$38,181,995.00	\$11,608,524.00	\$26,573,471.00	

PRIORITY 1:

The first priority, should additional Part C funding become available, is to expand and strengthen the network by correcting funding reductions that occurred following the one-time ARRA funding in Illinois which significantly reduced the ability of affected CILs to provide core services. Therefore, the first Part C funding received (until the maximum of \$465,863.00 is reached) will be distributed to the following CILs using the percentages below:

Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago: 29.0512%

Distribute between Access Living's two center grants as follows:

****100% to PR/Award 1913ILILCL**

****0% to PR/Award 1917ILILCL**

Illinois-Iowa Center for Independent Living: 16.5064%.

100% to PR/Award 1912ILILCL

Lake County Center for Independent Living: 13.8086%

100% to PR/Award 1910ILILCL

Regional Access & Mobilization Project (RAMP): 8.3810%

Distribute between RAMP's two center grants as follows:

****92.21% to PR/Award 1911ILILCL**

****7.79% to PR/Award 1916ILILCL**

Soyland Access for Independent Living (SAIL): 8.8116%

Distribute among SAIL's three center grants as follows:

****0% to PR/Award 1915ILILCL**

****36% to PR/Award 1918ILILCL**

****64% to PR/Award 1902ILILCL**

Stone-Hayes Center for Independent Living: 10.2476%.

100% to PR/Award 1912ILILCL

Will-Grundy CIL DBA Disability Resource Center: 13.1936%

100% to PR/Award 1809ILILCL

PRIORITY 2:

The second priority is a step toward the goal of strengthening the current network of CILs. INCIL and the SILC have designated that the eligible areas listed below be given priority to further expand and strengthen the network after Priority 1 is accomplished. A competitive grant process will be conducted for each \$25,000 (neither more nor less) that is available, to establish up to two new Part C CILs. The following areas, each in their entirety, are eligible to participate in this competition and will have equal

priority. The eligible applicant(s) with the highest score(s) will be awarded the Part C funds as specified above.

Eligible Areas

Area 1 (must include all five counties)

JoDaviess

Carroll

Ogle

Whiteside

Lee

Area 2

Suburban Cook

PRIORITY 3:

The third priority is activated after Priority 1 has been accomplished and if there are funds remaining after the awarding of possible new CILs in Priority 2.

To further the goal of strengthening the current network of CILs, INCIL and the SILC have determined that the underserved areas listed below will be given priority for expansion of the network. A competitive grant process will be conducted for each \$1,000 (neither more nor less) that is available, after Priorities 1 and 2 (if any) are accomplished, to establish up to six new Part C CILs. The following areas, each in their entirety, are eligible to participate in this competition and will have equal priority. The eligible applicant(s) with the highest score(s) will be awarded the Part C funds as specified above.

Underserved Priorities

Area 6

McHenry

Area 7 (must include both counties)

Kane

Kendall

Area 8 (must include all nine counties)

Clay

Clinton

Effingham

Fayette

Jasper

Jefferson

Marion

Washington

Wayne

Area 9 (must include all four counties)

**Franklin
Jackson
Perry
Williamson**

**Area 10
St. Clair**

Area 11 (must include all three counties)

**DeWitt
Ford
McLean**

PRIORITY 4:

The fourth priority is activated after Priority 1 has been accomplished and if there are funds remaining after the awarding of possible new CILs in Priority 2 and 3.

INCIL and the SILC have determined that current CILs are underfunded. Therefore, remaining funds shall be distributed among CILs serving ACL-recognized Part C counties in percentages consistent with the INCIL-adopted formula in order to strengthen the network of CILs in Illinois. However, no CIL may receive an amount that results in it exceeding the INCIL-adopted formula until all CILs are fully funded according to that formula.

Note: The INCIL adopted funding formula will be provided to ACL.

PRIORITY 5:

After all previous priorities are met and, in the event, that additional Title VII Part C funds become available in an amount of \$120,000, the goal of expanding the network of CILs will be addressed. INCIL and the SILC have designated that the eligible areas listed below be given priority to expand the network of CILs. A competitive grant process will be conducted for each \$120,000 (neither more nor less) that is available, to establish up to three new Part C CILs. The following areas, each in their entirety, are eligible to participate in this competition and will have equal priority. The eligible applicant(s) with the highest score(s) will be awarded the Part C funds as specified above.

Unserved Priorities

Area 1 (must include all three counties)

**Alexander
Pulaski**

Massac

Area 2 (must include all three counties)

Union

Johnson

Pope

Area 3 (must include all three counties)

Crawford

Lawrence

Richland

Definition of served, unserved, and underserved:

It could be argued that throughout the state all areas would be defined as underserved or unserved. Depending on the service area the definition of unserved and underserved differs based on population type/demographics.

Minimum funding level for a Center and formula/plan for distribution of funds to ensure that each Center receives at least the minimum:

\$120,000 per unserved areas that are stipulated in Priority 5.

Priorities for establishment of new CIL(s).

The priority for establishment of new CILS is listed under priorities 2, 3 and 5 of the Illinois SPIL.

Action/process for distribution of funds relinquished or removed from a Center and/or if a Center closes:

If any CIL fails to maintain compliance with section 725 Standards and Assurances or program requirements as determined through a review process and the DSE terminates the contract/grant because a corrective action plan fails to address issues of non-compliance, and/or a Part C grant is relinquished or terminated through ACL, a new CIL in the grant service area will be established.

Plan/formula for adjusting distribution of funds when cut/reduced:

If Part C funds are cut/reduced before priority 1 is addressed (as stipulated) any Part C funding cuts will be distributed based on a funding chart provided by the Part C Centers. Any Part B funding reductions will be done in an equitable manner than allows for a fair funding balance between state and federal resources. Adherence to this plan will keep Centers strong across Illinois.

Plan for changes to Center service areas and/or funding levels to accommodate expansion and/or adjustment of the Network. State the needed change(s) as concretely and succinctly as possible. Include: CILs included in the change:

Included in Priority 2 SILC and the INCIL have designated that the eligible areas listed below be given priority to further expand and strengthen the network after Priority 1. Eligible areas include JoDaviess, Carrol, Ogle, Whiteside, Lee and Suburban Cook as stipulated under Priority 2.

Included in Priority 3 of the SPIL, SILC and the INCIL have determined that the underserved areas listed below will be given priority for expansion of the network. The following counties are included as stipulated in Priority 3: McHenry, Kane, Kendall, Clay, Clinton, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Jefferson, Marion, Washington Wayne, Franklin, Jackson, Perry, Williamson, St. Clair, DeWitt, Ford, and McLean.

SILC and the INCIL have determined that current CILs are underfunded. Therefore, included in Priority 4 are plans for any remaining funds after Priority 2 and 3 is accomplished for the INCIL-adopted formula to be utilized per circumstances outlined in Priority 4.

**Included in Priority 5 and only after all previous priorities are met the goal of SILC and the INCIL have designated that the following eligible areas be given the opportunity to further expand the Illinois network of CILs. This process is outlined after Priorities 1 through 4 have been addressed. Eligible counties include Alexander, Pulaski, Massac, Union, Johnson, Pope, Crawford, Lawrence, and Richland as stipulated in Priority 5.
Richland**

Section 4: Designated State Entity

Illinois Department of Human Service, Division of Rehabilitation Services will serve as the entity in **Illinois** designated to receive, administer, and account for funds made available to the state under Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Act on behalf of the State. (Sec. 704(c))

4.1 DSE Responsibilities

- (1) receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State under this chapter based on the plan;
- (2) provide administrative support services for a program under Part B, and a program under Part C in a case in which the program is administered by the State under section 723;
- (3) keep such records and afford such access to such records as the Administrator finds to be necessary with respect to the programs;
- (4) submit such additional information or provide such assurances as the Administrator may require with respect to the programs; and
- (5) retain not more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B. for the performance of the services outlined in paragraphs (1) through (4).

4.2 Grant Process & Distribution of Funds

Grant processes, policies, and procedures to be followed by the DSE in the awarding of grants of Part B funds.

The DSE receives, accounts for, and disburses Title VII Part B funds received by the State in accordance with the goals, objectives, and financial plan outlined in the SPIL. Funding is allocated through a two-party signed Uniform Grant Agreement supporting the applicable standards outlined in Uniform Guidance requirements. Additionally, a standard scope of service and performance measures and standards are mutually agreed upon between the IL partners and the DSE in order to ensure both programmatic and fiscal compliance supporting core IL services. The DSE does not require a solicitation or formal application process. Rather the program deliverables contained in the Uniform Grant Agreement are done in a collaborative manner between the DSE and CILs. Evaluation and both financial and program performance are measured in a myriad of ways, including but not limited to required monthly and quarterly reporting and on-site visits. Most notable us the DSE's use of the quarterly period performance report and periodic financial report.

The DSE's Compliance with Section 7.8 will be done in accordance with the provisions outlined in the DSE's Administrative Rules and operational policies.

4.3 Oversight Process for Part B Funds

The oversight process to be followed by the DSE

The DSE:

Through contract monitoring, technical assistance, and the on-site compliance review process, keeps such records and affords such access to such records as the Secretary finds to be necessary with respect to the programs; and submits additional information or provides such assurances as the Secretary may require with respect to the programs. Part C funds are received directly to the CILs from ACL. The DSE bears no oversight over Part C funding. The process for Part C funding is set forth by OILP.

4.4 Administration and Staffing

Administrative and staffing support provided by the DSE.

Explain how the DSE will demonstrate that not more than 5% of the Part B appropriation (including state match) will be used on administrative costs.

The DSE in Illinois does not use any Part B appropriations for administrative or other costs. Rather, the DSE allocates the administrative costs based on a CILs average operating costs then equalizes those costs to ensure the federal and state distribution of funds are equitable.

When DSE employees serve as staff to the SILC, describe how the SILC will hire, fire, and supervise such staff.

The SILC of Illinois does not hire, fire, or supervise DSE staff. The SILC has a collaborative relationship with the DSE. Should the SILC have a concern about DSE staff responsible for this collaboration, the SILC would address those concerns and seek remediation from the Director of the DSE.

Describe how the DSE will assure that such staff will not be assigned to other projects/activities that would create a conflict of interest with their SILC responsibilities.

The DSE has an established unit dedicated to Independent Living Services. The state approved job descriptions and organizational structure support the unit does not allow for work unrelated to independent living to be completed. As part of its responsibilities, the DSE monitors each contract monthly to ensure that funds are being used properly in accordance with provisions stated in the contract. The DSE provides technical assistance in such areas as reasonable accommodations and accessibility, and interpretation of federal and state regulations to service providers. The DSE completes on-site reviews of service provider's financial, administrative, personnel and service provision to assure requirements of the contract are being met. Furthermore, the DSE follows all reporting requirements mandated by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services/Administration

for Community Living, Uniform Guidance, and the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.

Describe how the DSE will assure that such staff will not be assigned to other projects/activities that would create a conflict of interest with their SILC responsibilities.

SILC of Illinois is a non-profit who hires their own staff, therefore, the DSE does not create a conflict of interest.

4.5 State Imposed Requirements

State-imposed requirements contained in the provisions of this SPIL including: (45 CFR 1329.17(g))

- State law, regulation, rule, or policy relating to the DSE’s administration or operation of IL programs
- Rule or policy implementing any Federal law, regulation, or guideline that is beyond what would be required to comply with 45 CFR 1329
- That limits, expands, or alters requirements for the SPIL

Describe any requirements imposed by the State that is in addition to the Act and the IL regulations. Requirements may be with regard to:

- Establishment and operations of the SILC
- Provision of and uses of State funding for Independent Living services and/or the SILC
- Any other requirements having a direct impact on the SILC, CILs, IL services, and/or processing of funding

Describe how the DSE will ensure compliance with state-imposed requirements without restricting the autonomy of the SILC in fulfilling its duties, authorities, and responsibilities.

Illinois established the SILC with legislation. The SILC authorizing legislation in Illinois code is as follows: Title 89: Social Services, Chapter IV: Department of Human Services Subchapter a: General Program Provisions Part 515 Advisory Councils Section 515.400 Statewide Independent Living Council.

“The Governor shall appoint a Statewide Independent Living Council, comprised of 18 members, which shall be established as an entity separate and distinct from the Department [20 ILCS 2405/12a(d)].”

The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)

<http://ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=3559&ChapterID=7>

Legislation is designed to increase accountability and transparency in the use of grant funds while reducing the administrative burden on both State agencies and Grantees through adoption of the federal grant guidance and regulations codified at 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Requirements). The DSE awards grants to CILs based

on pre-awards requirements. Grantees must complete these requirements prior to receiving a grant award from the State of Illinois. The Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (GATU) was established in the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. GATU is charged with implementation of the Act in coordination with State grant-making agencies and Grantees. The purpose of GATA is to provide for the development of a coordinated, non-redundant process for the provision of effective and efficient oversight of the selection and monitoring of grant recipients, ensure quality programs, limiting fraud, waste and abuse and defining the purpose, scope, applicability, and responsibilities in the life cycle of a grant. The Illinois Grants Funds Recovery Act also establishes requirements for the disbursement and recovery of grant funds. DRS administers grants to Grantees based on these requirements.

4.6 722 vs. 723 State

Check one:

722 (if checked, will move to Section 5) **Illinois is a 722 state.**

723 (if checked, will move to Section 4.7)

4.7 723 States

Order of priorities for allocating funds amounts to Centers, agreed upon by the SILC and Centers, and any differences from 45 CFR 1329.21 & 1329.22.

How state policies, practices, and procedures governing the awarding of grants to Centers and oversight of the Centers are consistent with 45 CFR 1329.5, 1329.6, & 1329.22.

Section 5: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

5.1 Establishment of SILC

How the SILC is established, and SILC autonomy is assured.

The SILC is established as a not for profit 501(c)(3) corporation and maintains an independent office in Springfield, the capital city of Illinois. The SILC authorizing legislation in Illinois code is as follows: Title 89: Social Services, Chapter IV: Department of Human Services Subchapter a: General Program Provisions Part 515 Advisory Councils Section 515.400 Statewide Independent Living Council. Funds are allocated for furnishing and maintaining a fully functioning office; holding quarterly SILC meetings; providing interpreter and CART services for Council Members; maintaining the agency website and other Committee, Subcommittee and planning activities as required by the SPIL. Funds are allocated for a full fiscal and program evaluation, and for public awareness about the SILC, CILs, and the independent living philosophy.

Pursuant to 46 CFR 1329.15 (c) (4), The DSE may not include any conditions or requirements in the SILCs Resource Plan that may compromise the independence of the SILC.

5.2 SILC Resource Plan

Resources (including necessary and sufficient funding, staff/administrative support, and in-kind), by funding source and amount, for SILC to fulfill all duties and authorities.ⁱ

Provide a detailed description of all types of resources to be included in the SILC Resource Plan including:

- Sources and amounts of funding
- Staff/administrative support
- In-kind

Resources must be necessary and sufficient to ensure the capacity of the SILC to fulfill all the duties and selected authorities (section 705 (c) of the Act) A detailed SILC budget is not required with this SPIL.

The SILC receives Title VII, Part B and Social Security Reimbursement funds in the amount of \$236,528 in the form of a vendor agreement from the DSE for the organization's operations. SILC has hired an Executive Director who is responsible for the overall administration, coordination, and management as directed by the SILC and the SPIL. The Executive Director monitors the Financial Manager.

The SILC maintains an independent office in Springfield, the capital city of Illinois. Funds are allocated for furnishing and maintaining a fully functioning office; holding quarterly SILC board meetings; providing interpreter and CART services for Council Members; maintaining the agency website, and other Committee, Advisory Groups, and planning activities as required by the SPIL. Funds are allocated for a full fiscal and program audit and public awareness about the SILC, the CILs, and the independent living philosophy.

Funds are also allocated for extensive planning activities by the SILC to be done in collaboration with the INCIL, CILs, lead organizations identified in the SPIL and organizations which provide services or influence service provision affecting persons with disabilities. The Executive Director monitors the work of Advisory Groups and lead organizations as they implement the SPIL objectives and activities.

Process used to develop the Resource Plan.

Describe the process used by the SILC, CILs (if Part B funds are included), and DSE to determine the amounts and sources of resources to be included in the plan.

SILC receives notification from the State of Illinois which indicates the amount of funding to be received for the upcoming fiscal year. An internal budget is prepared and submitted to the Council for approval. The contract with the State of Illinois is signed and returned with supporting documents. See Section 1.5 Financial Plan.

Process for disbursement of funds to facilitate effective operations of SILC.

Describe what process(es) will be used to disburse funds for the SILC Resource Plan including how such process(es) will ensure timeliness and efficiency, prevent undue hardship on the SILC, and ensure continual (uninterrupted) operations and effectiveness of the SILC.

SILC of Illinois uses a state-approved monthly expenditure reimbursement form (MER) which is submitted to the DSE (Independent Living Unit) by the 15th of the month to be reimbursed for expenses from the month prior. Supporting documentation is included which consists of a list of the check numbers with amounts. To prevent undue hardship, the SILC is reimbursed for monthly expenses via direct deposit within 30 days of submitting the MER to ensure an efficient and uninterrupted operations of the SILC.

Justification if more than 30% of the Part B appropriation is to be used for the SILC Resource Plan.

SILC of Illinois does not receive more than 30% of Part B appropriations.

5.3 Maintenance of SILC

How State will maintain SILC over the course of the SPIL.[1]

SILC of Illinois is a 501(c)3 and is autonomous from the DSE.

SILC of Illinois uses a state-approved monthly expenditure reimbursement form (MER) which is submitted to the DSE (Independent Living Unit) by the 15th of the month to be reimbursed for expenses from the month prior.

Process for SILC appointments:

SILC recruits' potential candidates through current members of SILC, CIL Directors, CIL staff, and other agencies providing services to people with disabilities. Upon receiving a referral, the Executive Director contacts the potential candidate to secure a resume, the resume is reviewed by the Executive Director and a questionnaire is sent to the candidate to be completed and returned to the Executive Director. The questionnaire is then reviewed by the Executive Director and an interview is scheduled in person or via telephone. After the interview is completed, qualified candidates are then referred to the Outreach Committee to review and approve the candidates to be placed in our current pool of potential members. As vacancies arise, the Outreach Committee then decides on the most appropriate candidate based on geography, disability, ethnicity, and strengths to ensure diversity of Council members. At this time, the candidate's name is forwarded to the Governor's Office of Board and Commissions for appointment. The SILC maintains regular communication no less than one time a year with the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions as the appointing authority to ensure efficiency and timeliness of the appointment process.

SILC Board term limits:

All SILC Board Members, both voting and ex-officio, shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. No Board Member, either voting or ex-officio, shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive full terms.

Filling of vacancies:

In the event of a vacancy on the SILC Board due to the resignation, removal, death, or disqualification of a Board Member before the expiration of his or her term, The Outreach Committee, with approval of the Board, shall recommend a successor to the Governor to serve for the remainder of said Board Members term.

Appointment of SILC board officers:

There shall be four (4) officers of the SILC, namely, a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Only voting Board Members of the SILC will be eligible to serve as its officers. The Chair of the SILC must always be a person with a disability but must not be the appointed representative for the CILs. The officers of the SILC are elected annually by the Board at its last meeting of each fiscal year.

Annually the Outreach Committee will prepare a slate of officers to present to the full Board for consideration. A nomination by any Board Member must be submitted to the Outreach Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the election. The Outreach Committee will send a list of all nominations along with the proposed slate of officers for election to all Board Members at least thirty (30) days prior to the election. if there is competition for any position, a secret ballot will be utilized to carry out the election. All officers will take office on July 1 following their election and shall hold office for one (1) year or until the officer's successor has been elected, unless earlier displaced from office because of death, resignation, removal, or disqualification. Any officer of the SILC may resign at any time upon written notice to the Board Chair, or, in the case of resignation of the Board Chair, by written notice to the Vice-Chair. Any officer of the SILC may be removed from office, either with or without cause, at any time, at any regular or special meeting of the Board by a simple majority of all voting Board Members. In the event of a vacancy in any SILC office due to the resignation, removal, death, or disqualification of an officer before the expiration of his or her term, the vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of the Board Members at the next regular or special meeting of the Board with the successor to serve for the remainder of said officer's term.

How SILC staffing requirements are addressed:

SILC has an annual contract with the State of Illinois to ensure the SILC has the capacity to fulfill its statutory duties and authorities.

Section 6: Legal Basis and Certifications

6.1 Designated State Entity (DSE)

The state entity/agency designated to receive and distribute funding, as directed by the SPIL, under Title VII, Part B of the Act is **Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services.**

Authorized representative of the DSE is **Rahnee Patrick, Director**

6.2 Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) that meets the requirements of section 705 of the Act and is authorized to perform the functions outlined in section 705(c) of the Act in the State is **Dawn M. Richardson, Executive Director.**

6.3 Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

The Centers for Independent Living (CILs) eligible to sign the SPIL, a minimum of 51% whom must sign prior to submission, are:

Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago

Advocates for Access

Achieving Independence and Mobility

Illinois-Iowa Center for Independent Living

Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living

IMPACT CIL

Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living

Lake County Center for Independent Living

LIFE Center for Independent Living

LINC, Inc.

Opportunities for Access

Options Center for Independent Living

PACE, Inc.

RAMP

Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living

Soyland Access to Independent Living

Springfield Center for Independent Living

Stone-Hayes Center for Independent Living

West Central Illinois Center for Independent Living

Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living DBA Disability

Resource Center

6.4 Authorizations

6.4.a. The SILC is authorized to submit the SPIL to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living. (**Yes/No**)

6.4.b. The SILC and CILs may legally carryout each provision of the SPIL. (**Yes/No**)

6.4.c. State/DSE operation and administration of the program is authorized by the SPIL. (**Yes/No**)

Section 7: DSE Assurances

Rahnee Patrick acting on behalf of the DSE **Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services** located at **100 South Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois** *45 CFR 1329.11* assures that:

- 7.1. The DSE acknowledges its role on behalf of the State, as the fiscal intermediary to receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State to support Independent Living Services in the State based on the plan;
- 7.2. The DSE will assure that the agency keeps appropriate records, in accordance with federal and state law, and provides access to records by the federal funding agency upon request;
- 7.3. The DSE will not retain more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B for administrative expenses;¹
- 7.4. The DSE assures that the SILC is established as an autonomous entity within the State as required in *45 CFR 1329.14*;
- 7.5. The DSE will not interfere with the business or operations of the SILC that include but are not limited to:
 1. Expenditure of federal funds
 2. Meeting schedules and agendas
 3. SILC board business
 4. Voting actions of the SILC board
 5. Personnel actions
 6. Allowable travel
 7. Trainings
- 7.6. The DSE will abide by SILC determination of whether the SILC wants to utilize DSE staff:
 1. If the SILC informs the DSE that the SILC wants to utilize DSE staff, the DSE assures that management of such staff with regard to activities and functions performed for the SILC is the sole responsibility of the SILC in accordance with Sec. 705(e)(3) of the Act (Sec. 705(e)(3), 29 U.S.C.796d(e)(3)).
- 7.7. The DSE will fully cooperate with the SILC in the nomination and appointment process for the SILC in the State;
- 7.8. The DSE shall make timely and prompt payments to Part B funded SILCs and CILs:
 1. When the reimbursement method is used, the DSE must make a payment within 30 calendar days after receipt of the billing, unless the agency or pass-through entity reasonably believes the request to be improper;

2. When necessary, the DSE will advance payments to Part B funded SILCs and CILs to cover its estimated disbursement needs for an initial period generally geared to the mutually agreed upon disbursing cycle; and
3. The DSE will accept requests for advance payments and reimbursements at least monthly when electronic fund transfers are not used, and as often as necessary when electronic fund transfers are used, in accordance with the provisions of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693-1693r).

The signature below indicates this entity/agency's agreement to: serve as the DSE and fulfill all the responsibilities in Sec. 704(c) of the Act; affirm the State will comply with the aforementioned assurances during the three-year period of this SPIL; and develop, with the SILC, and ensure that the SILC resource plan is necessary and sufficient (in compliance with section 8, indicator (6) below) for the SILC to fulfill its statutory duties and authorities under Sec. 705(c) of the Act, consistent with the approved SPIL.¹



Rahnee Patrick, Director
IDHS, Division of Rehabilitation Services

December 7, 2020

Date

Electronic signature may be used for the purposes of submission, but hard copy of signature must be kept on file by the SILC.

Section 8: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Assurances and Indicators of Minimum Compliance

8.1 Assurances

Jae Jin Pak acting on behalf of the **Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois** located at **One West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 716, Springfield, Illinois** **jaejin.pak@gmail.com** 45 CFR 1329.14 assures that:

- (1) The SILC regularly (not less than annually) provides the appointing authority recommendations for eligible appointments;
- (2) The SILC is composed of the requisite members set forth in the Act;¹
- (3) The SILC terms of appointment adhere to the Act;¹
- (4) The SILC is not established as an entity within a State agency in accordance with 45 CFR Sec. 1329.14(b);
- (5) The SILC will make the determination of whether it wants to utilize DSE staff to carry out the functions of the SILC;
 - a. The SILC must inform the DSE if it chooses to utilize DSE staff;
 - b. The SILC assumes management and responsibility of such staff with regard to activities and functions performed for the SILC in accordance with the Act.¹
- (6) The SILC shall ensure all program activities are accessible to people with disabilities;
- (7) The State Plan shall provide assurances that the designated State entity, any other agency, office, or entity of the State will not interfere with operations of the SILC, except as provided by law and regulation and;
- (8) The SILC actively consults with unserved and underserved populations in urban and rural areas that include, indigenous populations as appropriate for State Plan development as described in Sec. 713(b)(7) the Act regarding Authorized Uses of Funds.¹

Section 8.2 Indicators of Minimum Compliance

Indicators of minimum compliance for Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILC) as required by the Rehabilitation Act (Section 706(b), 29 U.S.C. Sec 796d-1(b)), as amended and supported by 45 CFR 1329.14-1329.16; and Assurances for Designated State Entities (DSE) as permitted by Section 704(c)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. Sec. 796c(c)(4)), as amended.

(a) STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL INDICATORS. –

(1) SILC written policies and procedures must include:

- a. A method for recruiting members, reviewing applications, and regularly providing recommendations for eligible appointments to the appointing authority;
 - b. A method for identifying and resolving actual or potential disputes and conflicts of interest that are in compliance with State and federal law;
 - c. A process to hold public meetings and meet regularly as prescribed in 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(3);
 - d. A process and timelines for advance notice to the public of SILC meetings in compliance with State and federal law and 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(3);
 - e. A process and timeline for advance notice to the public for SILC “Executive Session” meetings, that are closed to the public, that follow applicable federal and State laws;
 - i. “Executive Session” meetings should be rare and only take place to discuss confidential SILC issues such as but not limited to staffing.
 - ii. Agendas for “Executive Session” meetings must be made available to the public, although personal identifiable information regarding SILC staff shall not be included;
 - f. A process and timelines for the public to request reasonable accommodations to participate during a public Council meeting;
 - g. A method for developing, seeking, and incorporating public input into, monitoring, reviewing, and evaluating implementation of the State Plan as required in 45 CFR 1329.17; and
 - h. A process to verify centers for independent living are eligible to sign the State Plan in compliance with 45 CFR 1329.17(d)(2)(iii).
- (2) The SILC maintains regular communication with the appointing authority to ensure efficiency and timeliness of the appointment process.
- (3) The SILC maintains individual training plans for members that adhere to the SILC Training and Technical Assistance Center’s SILC training curriculum.
- (4) The SILC receives public input into the development of the State Plan for Independent Living in accordance with 45 CFR 1329.17(f) ensuring:

- a. Adequate documentation of the State Plan development process, including but not limited to, a written process setting forth how input will be gathered from the state's centers for independent living and individuals with disabilities throughout the state, and the process for how the information collected is considered.
 - b. All meetings regarding State Plan development and review are open to the public and provides advance notice of such meetings in accordance with existing State and federal laws and 45 CFR 1329.17(f)(2)(i)-(ii);
 - c. Meetings seeking public input regarding the State Plan provides advance notice of such meetings in accordance with existing State and federal laws, and 45 CFR 1329.17(f)(2)(i);
 - d. Public meeting locations, where public input is being taken, are accessible to all people with disabilities, including, but not limited to:
 - i. proximity to public transportation,
 - ii. physical accessibility, and
 - iii. effective communication and accommodations that include auxiliary aids and services, necessary to make the meeting accessible to all people with disabilities.
 - e. Materials available electronically must be 508 compliant and, upon request, available in alternative and accessible format including other commonly spoken languages.
- (5) The SILC monitors, reviews and evaluates the State Plan in accordance with 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(2) ensuring:
- a. Timely identification of revisions needed due to any material change in State law, state organization, policy or agency operations that affect the administration of the State Plan approved by the Administration for Community Living.
- (6) The SILC State Plan resource plan includes:
- a. Sufficient funds received from:
 - i. Title VII, Part B funds;
 - 1. If the resource plan includes Title VII, Part B funds, the State Plan provides justification of the percentage of Part B funds to be used if the percentage exceeds 30 percent of Title VII, Part B funds received by the State;
 - ii. Funds for innovation and expansion activities under Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 721(a)(18), as applicable;
 - iii. Other public and private sources.
 - b. The funds needed to support:
 - i. Staff/personnel;
 - ii. Operating expenses;

- iii. Council compensation and expenses;
- iv. Meeting expenses including meeting space, alternate formats, interpreters, and other accommodations;
- v. Resources to attend and/or secure training and conferences for staff and council members and;
- vi. Other costs as appropriate.

The signature below indicates the SILC's agreement to comply with the aforementioned assurances and indicators:



Jae Jih Pak, SILC Chairperson



Date

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