

a budget request includes a breakdown of the budgetary costs with supporting justification that fully explains and justifies the costs for each major budget item.

Applications should be submitted electronically to the Allison Cruz at allison.cruz@acl.hhs.gov.

2. Submission Dates and Times

To receive consideration, Application packets must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on April 17, 2023. Letters of Assurance should be submitted electronically via email and have an electronic time stamp indicating the date/time submitted.

VII. Agency Contacts

1. Programmatic and Submission Issues

Direct programmatic and submission inquiries to allison.cruz@acl.hhs.gov.

Statutory Authority: The statutory authority for grants under this program announcement is through the Public Health and Social Service Emergency Fund (Pub. L. 117–2) and awards authorized under Subtitle B of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) shall be provided funding under this opportunity.

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Alison Barkoff,

Acting Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Public Comment Request; of the State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (Councils) State Plan OMB Control Number 0985–0029

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed above has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance as

required under section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This 30-day notice collects comments on the information collection requirements related to the Developmental Disabilities State Plan OMB control number 0985–0029.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by April 17, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find the information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. By mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW, Rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Newell-Perez, 202–795–7413 or Sara.Newell-Perez@acl.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, ACL has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance of the Developmental Disabilities State Plan OMB control number 0985–0029. The State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (Councils) are authorized in Subtitle B, of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act), as amended, [42 U.S.C. 15001 *et seq.*] (The DD Act). The DD Act requires Councils to submit a five-year State plan. Section 124(a) [42 U.S.C. 15024(a)], states that: *Any State desiring to receive assistance under this subtitle shall submit to the Secretary, and obtain approval of, a 5-year strategic State plan under this section.* The DD Act regulations outlines additional guiding requirements in 45 CFR part 1326.30(a), which states that: *In order to receive Federal financial assistance under this subpart, each State Developmental Disabilities Council must prepare and submit to the Secretary, and have in effect, a State plan which meets the requirements of sections 122 and 124 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 6022 and 6024) and these regulations.*

The Council is responsible for the development, and submission of the

State plan as well as implementation of the activities described in the plan. The Council updates the State plan annually during the five years. The State plan provides information on individuals with developmental disabilities in the State, and a description of the services available to them and their families. The State plan sets forth the goals and specific objectives to be achieved by the State Council in pursuing systems change and capacity building that result in empowering people with developmental disabilities to lead independent lives within the community. It describes State priorities, strategies, and actions, and the allocation of funds to meet these goals and objectives. Additionally, the data collected in the State plan and submitted to ACL is also used to comply with the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRAMA).

The State Plan is used in three ways. First, it provides a framework for citizens, State governments, and other key stakeholder to provide input and comments to help shape the goals and objectives during the development stage. Secondly, it is used by each Council as a planning document to operationalize its goals and strategies. Finally, it provides information the Department needs for monitoring and providing technical assistance to ensure the Council is compliant.

This IC also adds elements to ensure ACL is gathering necessary and relevant demographic information to assess diversity and equity in support of the Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government and the Executive Order on Advancing Equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Individuals. On this issue, AoD will follow ACL approved policy for the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data elements.

Comments in Response to the 60-Day Federal Register Notice

A notice published in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 73559) on November 30, 2022. During the 60-day notice there were four public comments submitted, each comment included a range of topics. ACL lists the commenter by topic and provides response in the included table.

Data collection form	Comment	ACL response
State Plan (Commenters 1–4)	Burden hours do not accurately reflect the work of the Council and should be increased.	Burden calculation was based on the average entry estimates shared by a sample size of Councils. While Councils range in staffing size, number of goals and activities they include in their State Plans. Past workgroups comprised of DD Council staff developed the existing State plan template after much consensus building conversations and a thorough vetting process. ACL will continue to have conversations on areas for potential streamlining as part of our continuous quality improvement efforts. Areas where the reporting platform can assist in streamlining will be taken under consideration.
State Plan (Commenter 1, 3) ..	Some of the required data points are difficult to collect and do not always correlate 1:1 to demographic data collected or reported through federal and state sources. Data collection is only utilitarian as to the extent the data is applied to correct or rectify an identified shortcoming. Asking some of these data points may result in people not attending council events or decreased data results. It is recommended to focus more on qualitative stories. ACL should give clear instructions on how the information collected relates to the plan. We collect much more information than we need to develop the plan. If the optional sections aren't needed, they should be deleted from the plan template. States feel obligated to provide the information because it's there. Also, the national data sets usually come to states after we've started our public input. That data isn't typically a driving force of plan/goal development.	ACL has conducted workgroups comprised of council staff to determine data sets and methods for collection. Training and technical assistance resources that describe what sections of the plan and data points are required versus optional will be shared again. ACL will continue to work with Councils to determine the effectiveness of data collection efforts and the results they provide.
State Plan (Commenter 1, 2) ..	While the intent of the Executive Orders to achieve equity and equality for LGBTQI individuals is vital, invasive, or highly personal demographic questions often elicit very low response rates. Survey respondents question as to why these questions are being asked at all, and if they are needed for the individual to obtain the services that they need. At times the terms and language used can be confusing for respondents. Each further question unrelated to the specific needs of the individual creates further mistrust with the interviewer or public survey process and adds an even greater time and work burden in adding new information into the State Plan.	As ACL works to implement new SOGI policies, a workgroup with DD network grantees will be developed to establish guidance on how to effectively capture these data requirements.
State Plan (Commenter 1, 3) ..	Uploading data, formatting, entering graphs, tables, web addresses and symbols is difficult in the current reporting platform. Staff spend significant time getting data to fit within existing character limits. ACL should explore automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology to reduce burden.	OIDD will explore platform capabilities as the commenters suggest (e.g., uploading, copy/pasting opportunities).
State Plan (Commenter 4)	There should not be subcategories that are added to create another indicator. Indicators should simply be the thing that is collected and reported. —Instead of 'better able to say what they need', indicator IFA 2.3 should be 'has gained new skills and feels more empowered . . .'. —IFA 2.4 and 2.5 can get confusing for reporting purposes. If there is a way to distinguish further, that would be helpful.	Performance measures were previously vetted through a workgroup comprised of Council and Federal staff. ACL will explore opportunities to enhance guidance and plain language to further explain what is being asked for.
State Plan (Commenter 4)	When collecting Council, Staff, and grantee participant data, we recommend being able to report under Male, Female, "X" (instead of "Other"), which is consistent with new legislation in our state.	We are following ACL guidance for collecting SOGI data and the instrument is updated to that effect.

Data collection form	Comment	ACL response
State Plan (Commenter 4)	In Part A(i) "Racial and Ethnic Diversity of the State Population," we would recommend adding "Middle Eastern" as a racial and ethnic group. It would be beneficial to be able to collect data racial/ethnic data on Middle Eastern population to make more visible any disparities they may experience. We would also recommend keeping "Two or more races" as one line without two additional subset lines (referring to "Two races including Some other race" and "Two races excluding Some other race, and three or more races"). Those additional 2 subset lines are very general and do not provide enough specificity to act on or respond to that data.	We are following ACL guidance for collecting race and ethnicity data and the instrument is updated to that effect.

Estimated Program Burden: ACL estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

Respondent/data collection activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total annual burden hours
State Councils on Developmental Disabilities State plan	56	1	367	20,522
Total	56	1	367	20,522

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Availability of Program Application Instructions for Disaster Recovery Assistance for the Florida Protection and Advocacy System (P&A)

Title: Disaster Assistance for the Florida Protection and Advocacy System.

Announcement Type: Initial.
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.630.

DATES: The deadline date for the submission of the Disaster Assistance for the Florida Protection and Advocacy System is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time April 17, 2023.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) announces a new funding opportunity to address the needs of people with disabilities impacted by Hurricanes Ian. People with disabilities often have unique needs during a crisis. For example, they may have a wider variety of functional limitations, sometimes requiring more supports, many of which are often in short supply during and after a crisis event. It is

critical that individuals, service providers, and communities actively engage in emergency planning and response that is inclusive of people with disabilities to ensure they continue to be supported in their communities and not in institutions. Effective emergency and disaster response and recovery promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work, and play. The disability networks funded by the ACL play essential roles in that work. As the nation's visible and trusted network of programs, these organizations provide a variety of services, including those related to assisting with emergency and disaster recovery efforts, such as offering case management support, relocating impacted individuals to safe housing in the community, and ensuring state and local services provided are accessible to people with disabilities. Understanding the resources available and the needs of people with disabilities in their areas, these networks have over 50 years of community experience and possess intimate knowledge of how to address emergencies and disasters.

Florida was directly impacted by a major category 4 hurricane which significantly affected the vital services and programs that support older adults, people with disabilities, and their family caregivers to live as independently as possible in their own communities. The Aging and Disability Network has been attempting to meet an increased need for services in impacted communities with current Older Americans Act (OAA) funding,

Rehabilitation Act funding, and Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Right Act funding. None of these authorities include direct funding for disaster related activities and programs are redirecting funds intended for other activities to address immediate needs caused by the Hurricanes. This funding is intended for the ACL Aging and Disability Network in Florida to help advance recovery and response efforts that are inclusive of people with disabilities and provide gap-filling services for older adults, people with disabilities, and their family caregivers for immediate and long-term disaster response and recovery.

Specifically, this program aims to fund the P&A to support the needs of people with disabilities who were impacted by Hurricane Ian in Florida to ensure their health, wellness, and safety. Eligible entities, Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As) under Subtitle C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act), shall be provided funding for allowable activities that are targeted for recovery and response efforts for the disability community.

Allowable costs include program and staffing costs to support response and recovery efforts; program materials and supply costs to support response and recovery efforts; general outreach and information and referral regarding disaster and recovery assistance for people with disabilities; monitoring emergency shelters and temporary dwellings for accessibility, health, wellness, and safety; coordination with