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Operations and Purchase of Service

Operations expense account descriptions

IT Contracts and Software. Expenses for Contract subscription or one-time payments for the use of software, maintenance of hardware, maintenance and use of the telephone system, or maintenance of cybersecurity.

Grant Activity descriptions

ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Federal legislation that enabled DDS to allocate funds for grants as described below.

Family Wellness, Transition Liaison (ARPA) – Grants were received from DDS in Fiscal Years for a Family Wellness pilot (group counseling and support), and for developing relationships with school districts and other agencies to assist in the transition (Transition Liaison) from Early Start to pre-school or kindergarten. Funds are allocated in a given fiscal year, but may be spent in later fiscal years depending on the terms set by DDS.

Language Access and Cultural Competency or LACC. Grants received for the Regional Center to hire staff, conduct surveys, and host listening sessions to better understand the needs of its diverse community and improve language access for limited or non-English speaking individuals. Funds are allocated in a given fiscal year, but may be spent in later fiscal years depending on the terms set by DDS.

Social Recreation (ARPA). This grant was received from DDS for regional centers to provide community integration assistance for children and adolescents.

Tribal Early Start. – Grant funds were awarded by DDS to conduct outreach to tribal communities to improve awareness of early intervention program, including Early Start. The Regional Center is paying the entire grant direct to the California Families Tribal Coalition.

Tribal Service Access and Equity (SAE). DDS awarded this grant in Fiscal 2022-23 and funds must be spent by January 31, 2025. The grant funds the cost of staff members who will work with tribal communities to provide improved access to regional center services.

Purchase of Service program and expense account descriptions

Community Placement Plan (CPP) - This program funds expenses for clients who are relocating to the community from developmental centers, plus start up costs to develop housing and programs for those clients.

Residential Care – Expenses for clients living in Community Care Licensed, Specialized Residential, Geriatric, Foster Family, and Community Crisis Homes.

Supported Living - Expenses that support clients living in a household setting by themselves or with roommates.

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Respite – Expenses for agency workers who provide in home or out of home respite for families.

Community Integrated Training and Employment - Expenses for behavioral, medical, employment, or general day programs that are community based. DDS guidelines will require many of these programs to be eventually be classified in other expense categories because of the ongoing HMA-Burns Rate study.

Personal Care – Expenses for personal assistance staff and supplies such as diapers.

Child Development – Expenses for Infant Development programs and Specialized Therapeutic Services such as Speech, Feeding, and Occupational Therapy.

Day programs – Expenses for traditional site based Activity Center, Adult Development Center, Behavior Management Day, and Social Recreation programs and additional day program staff support.

Independent Living – Expenses made to teach or maintain skills needed for a client to live in a home setting. Also includes the Supported Living service code Community Living Supports.

Transportation – Expenses for transportation to day programs, work, or medical appointments. Also includes public transit passes, mobility training, and vehicle inspections.

Behavior Services – Expenses for assessments, behavior consultants, counseling, socialization training, and crisis intervention services.

Other services – Includes Individual/Family Training expenses. Also includes expenses for Self-Determination Fiscal Management Service fees and Participant-Directed services, Money Management, Attorneys, and Purchase Reimbursements to vendors or families.

Employment – Includes traditional Supported Employment and Work Activity programs as well as Self-Determination Employment Supports.

Health and Wellness – Includes expenses for contracts with community health agencies, emergency monitoring, acute care hospital admissions, pharmaceutical supplies, telemedicine, over the counter medications, and specialized therapeutic services for older clients.

Adaptive equipment/improvements - includes expenses for home and vehicle modifications, lifts, and other durable medical equipment.

Reimbursements

ICF/SPA (Intermediate Care Facility/State Plan Amendment) reimbursements - The Regional Center bills Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF's) for their client day program and transportation expenses as required by DDS. Expenses billed to the ICF's are offset against Purchase of Service expenses. The Regional Center also collects a small administrative fee to perform this task and offsets it against Operations expenses.