
(Name of Commissioner)

(Title)

Rehabilitation Services Administration, OSERS
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave, SW - PCP Room 5086
Washington, DC 20202-5076

Dear Commissioner _____:

In accordance with Section 752 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act), as amended by Title IV of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (29 U.S.C. § 796k), we are applying for an Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who are Blind (IL-OIB) grant for Federal fiscal year (FFY) [XXXX], and the two subsequent FFYs on behalf of the State of _____ for such amounts as our agency may be entitled to receive.

We agree to administer the formula grant program in accordance with the Federal requirements in the enclosed signed assurances.

The name of the director, the designated state agency, and the address of the agency are:

State law allows payment directly to the designated state agency or requires payment to be made to:

The UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) number of the payee agency is _____.

(Signature of Director)

(State)

(Date)

STATE ASSURANCES

INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES FOR OLDER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BLIND

TITLE VII, CHAPTER 2 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AS AMENDED

1. _____
(Name of Agency)
has been designated by the State as the sole State agency authorized to provide vocational rehabilitation services to individuals who are blind, and, as the Designated State Agency (DSA), will be solely authorized to administer the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who are Blind (IL-OIB) program under section 752(a)(2) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act), as amended by Title IV of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). (29 U.S.C. § 796k(a)(2) and 34 C.F.R. § 367.31(e))
2. Grant funds will be expended only for the purposes described in § 752(d) of the Rehabilitation Act and 34 C.F.R. § 367.1. (29 U.S.C. § 796k(a)(2) and 34 C.F.R. § 367.31(a))
3. The State will make available, directly or through donations from public or private entities, non-Federal contributions toward the costs of the program in an amount that is not less than \$1 for each \$9 of Federal funds provided in the grant. (29 U.S.C. § 796k(f) and 34 C.F.R. § 367.31(b)).
4. At the end of each fiscal year, the DSA will prepare and submit to the Secretary a report, with respect to each project or program the DSA operates or administers under this part, whether directly or through a grant or contract, that contains, information that the Secretary determines necessary for the proper and efficient administration of this program, including—
 - (1) The number and demographics of older individuals who are blind, including older individuals who are blind from minority backgrounds, and are receiving services;
 - (2) The types of services provided and the number of older individuals who are blind and who are receiving each type of service;
 - (3) The sources and amounts of funding for the operation of each project or program;
 - (4) The amounts and percentages of resources committed to each type of service provided;
 - (5) Data on actions taken to employ and advance in employment, qualified—
 - (i) Individuals with significant disabilities;
 - (ii) Older individuals with significant disabilities who are blind;

- (6) A comparison, if appropriate, of prior year activities with the activities of the most recent year; and
 - (7) Any new methods and approaches relating to IL services for older individuals who are blind that are developed by projects funded under this program. (29 U.S.C. § 796k(h)(2)(A) and 34 C.F.R. 367.31(c))
5. The DSA will provide services that contribute to the maintenance of, or the increased independence of, older individuals who are blind; and engage in:
- (1) capacity-building activities, including collaboration with other agencies and organizations;
 - (2) activities to promote community awareness, involvement, and assistance; and
 - (3) outreach efforts. (29 U.S.C. § 796k(h)(2)(B) and 34 C.F.R. § 367.31(d))
6. The DSA will meet each of the requirements set forth in Title VII, Chapter 2 of the Rehabilitation Act and 34 C.F.R. Part 367.

NAME OF APPLICANT	
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

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