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Call for Applications Notice to Prospective Proposer(s)

Date: September 22, 2017

In 2016, ABX2 1 (Chapter 3, Statutes of 2016) added Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 4519.5(h) to the WIC and allocated funds to the Department of Developmental Services (Department), to assist regional centers in the implementation of strategies to reduce disparities in the purchase of services (POS). In Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17, the Department solicited regional center proposals and approved funding for projects to reduce disparities and promote equitable access to regional center services and supports.

In 2017, trailer bill language amended WIC section 4519.5 to allow community-based organizations (CBO) to apply for and receive funding to address disparities and/or equitable access to services. The Department is accepting proposals from regional centers and CBOs for funds available in FY 2017/18.

Regional centers and CBOs are invited to respond to this call for applications for the Disparity Funds Program. Applicants that submit proposals must comply with the instructions contained in the attached [Guidelines for Applicants](#). Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. PST on November 6, 2017. The Department will review proposals and respond to each by December 21, 2017.

A list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) will be posted to the Department's webpage by September 27, 2017. Additionally, the Department will hold two conference calls to address questions regarding the Disparity Funds Program. Interested parties are encouraged to submit questions in advance of these calls to the email address listed below. The dates and times of the calls are:

- 1) Friday, October 6, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Call-in Telephone Number: (800) 553-0329
- 2) Wednesday, October 11, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Call-in Telephone Number: (800) 553-0329

If you need copies of any of the documents referenced in this packet, please contact:

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