

State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) for New Mexico for 2017-2019

General Information

Designated Agency Identification

State: New Mexico

Agency: New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Plan for: 2017-2019

Submitted in fiscal year: 2016

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Part I: Assurances

Section 1: Legal Basis and Certifications

1.1 The designated State unit (DSU) eligible to submit the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL or the plan) and authorized under State law to perform the functions of the State under the State Independent Living Services (SILS) and Centers for Independent Living (CIL) programs.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Education

1.2 The separate State agency eligible to submit the plan and authorized under State law to provide vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to individuals who are blind.

The New Mexico Commission for the Blind (Commission)

1.3 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.

New Mexico Statewide Independent Living Council

1.4 The DSU and, if applicable, the separate State agency authorized to provide VR services to individuals who are blind, and the SILC are authorized to jointly develop, sign and submit this SPIL on behalf of the State, and have adopted or otherwise formally approved the SPIL. Yes

1.5 The DSU, and, if applicable, the separate State agency authorized to provide VR services to individuals who are blind, may legally carry out each provision of the plan and will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the three-year period it receives funding under the SPIL. Yes

1.6 The SPIL is the basis for State operation and administration of the program. All provisions of the SPIL are consistent with State law. Yes

1.7 The representative of the DSU and, if applicable, of the separate State agency authorized to provide VR services to individuals who are blind, who has the authority under State law to receive, hold, and disburse Federal funds made available under the SPIL and to submit the SPIL jointly with the SILC chairperson is Joseph Cordova, NM Director, DVR and Greg Trapp, NM Director, Commission for the Blind .

Section 2: SPIL Development

2.1 The plan shall be reviewed and revised not less than once every three years, to ensure the existence of appropriate planning, financial support and coordination, and other assistance to appropriately address, on a statewide and comprehensive basis, the needs in the State for:

- The provision of State independent living services;

- The development and support of a statewide network of centers for independent living;
- Working relationships between programs providing independent living services and independent living centers, the vocational rehabilitation program established under title I, and other programs providing services for individuals with disabilities.

Yes

2.2 The DSU and SILC conduct public meetings to provide all segments of the public, including interested groups, organizations and individuals, an opportunity to comment on the State plan prior to its submission to the Commissioner and on any revisions to the approved State plan. Yes

2.3 The DSU and SILC establish and maintain a written description of procedures for conducting public meetings in accordance with the following requirements. The DSU and SILC shall provide:

- appropriate and sufficient notice of the public meetings;
- reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities who rely on alternative modes of communication in the conduct of the public meetings, including providing sign language interpreters and audio-loops; and
- public meeting notices, written material provided prior to or at the public meetings, and the approved State plan in accessible formats for individuals who rely on alternative modes of communication.

Yes

2.4 At the public meetings to develop the State plan, the DSU and SILC identify those provisions in the SPIL that are State-imposed requirements beyond what would be required to comply with the regulations in 34 CFR parts 364, 365, 366, and 367. Yes

2.5 The DSU will seek to incorporate into, and describe in, the State plan any new methods or approaches for the provision of IL services to older individuals who are blind that are developed under a project funded under chapter 2 of title VII of the Act and that the DSU determines to be effective. Yes

2.6 The DSU and SILC actively consult, as appropriate, in the development of the State plan with the director of the Client Assistance Program (CAP) authorized under section 112 of the Act. Yes

Section 3: Independent Living Services

3.1 The State, directly or through grants or contracts, will provide IL services with Federal, State, or other funds. Yes

3.2 Independent living services shall be provided to individuals with significant disabilities in accordance with an independent living plan mutually agreed upon by an appropriate staff

member of the service provider and the individual, unless the individual signs a waiver stating that such a plan is unnecessary. Yes

3.3 All service providers will use formats that are accessible to notify individuals seeking or receiving IL services under chapter 1 of title VII about:

- the availability of the CAP authorized by section 112 of the Act;
- the purposes of the services provided under the CAP; and
- how to contact the CAP.

Yes

3.4 Participating service providers meet all applicable State licensure or certification requirements. Yes

Section 4: Eligibility

4.1 Any individual with a significant disability, as defined in 34 CFR 364.4(b), is eligible for IL services under the SILS and CIL programs authorized under chapter 1 of title VII of the Act. Any individual may seek information about IL services under these programs and request referral to other services and programs for individuals with significant disabilities, as appropriate. The determination of an individual's eligibility for IL services under the SILS and CIL programs meets the requirements of 34 CFR 364.51. Yes

4.2 Service providers apply eligibility requirements without regard to age, color, creed, gender, national origin, race, religion or type of significant disability of the individual applying for IL services. Yes

4.3 Service providers do not impose any State or local residence requirement that excludes any individual who is present in the State and who is otherwise eligible for IL services from receiving IL services. Yes

Section 5: Staffing Requirements

5.1 Service provider staff includes personnel who are specialists in the development and provision of IL services and in the development and support of centers. Yes

5.2 To the maximum extent feasible, a service provider makes available personnel able to communicate:

- with individuals with significant disabilities who rely on alternative modes of communication, such as manual communication, nonverbal communication, nonverbal communication devices, Braille or audio tapes, and who apply for or receive IL services under title VII of the Act; and
- in the native languages of individuals with significant disabilities whose English proficiency is limited and who apply for or receive IL services under title VII of the Act.

Yes

5.3 Service providers establish and maintain a program of staff development for all classes of positions involved in providing IL services and, if appropriate, in administering the CIL program. The staff development programs emphasize improving the skills of staff directly responsible for the provision of IL services, including knowledge of and practice in the IL philosophy. Yes

5.4 All recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with significant disabilities on the same terms and conditions required with respect to the employment of individuals with disabilities under section 503 of the Act. Yes

Section 6: Fiscal Control and Fund Accounting

6.1 All recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will comply with applicable EDGAR fiscal and accounting requirements and will adopt those fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure the proper disbursement of and accounting for those funds. Yes

Section 7: Recordkeeping, Access and Reporting

7.1 In addition to complying with applicable EDGAR recordkeeping requirements, all recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will maintain records that fully disclose and document:

- the amount and disposition by the recipient of that financial assistance;
- The total cost of the project or undertaking in connection with which the financial assistance is given or used;
- the amount of that portion of the cost of the project or undertaking supplied by other sources;
- compliance with the requirements of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act and Part 364 of the regulations; and
- other information that the Commissioner determines to be appropriate to facilitate an effective audit.

Yes

7.2 With respect to the records that are required by 34 CFR 364.35, all recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will submit reports that the Commissioner determines to be appropriate. Yes

7.3 All recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will provide access to the Commissioner and the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, to the records listed in 34 CFR 364.37 for the purpose of conducting audits, examinations, and compliance reviews. Yes

Section 8: Protection, Use and Release of Personal Information

8.1 Each service provider will adopt and implement policies and procedures to safeguard the confidentiality of all personal information, including photographs and lists of names in accordance with the requirements of 34 CFR 364.56(a)(1-6). Yes

Section 9: Signatures

As the authorized signatories, we will sign, date and retain in the files of the state agency(ies) and the Statewide Independent Living Council the Part I: Assurances, 1-8, and the separate Certification of Lobbying forms ED-80-0013 (available in [MS Word](#) and [PDF](#) formats) for the state independent living program (Part B) and the centers for independent living program (Part C).

The effective date of this SPIL is October 1, 2016.

Section 9: Signature for SILC Chairperson

Name Larry Rodriguez

Title NM SILC Chairperson

Signed? Yes

Date signed 07/21/2017

Section 9: Signature for DSU Director

Name Joseph Cordova

Title NM Director, DVR

Signed? Yes

Date signed 07/21/2017

Section 9: Signature for Separate State Agency for Individuals Who Are Blind

Is there a Separate State Agency for Individuals Who Are Blind? Yes

Name Greg Trapp

Title NM Director, Commission for the Blind

Signed? Yes

Date signed 07/21/2017

Part II: Narrative: Section 1 - Goals, Objectives and Activities

Section 1: Goals, Objectives and Activities

1.1 Goals and Mission

Describe the overall goals and mission of the State's IL programs and services. The SPIL must address the goals and mission of both the SILS and the CIL programs, including those of the State agency for individuals who are blind as they relate to the parts of the SPIL administered by that agency.

Goal Name:Goal 1

Goal Description:

Enhance the lives of New Mexicans with disabilities through cooperation among the Network of CILs, the SILC, DSE and other disability related service organizations.

Goal Name:Goal 2

Goal Description:

Promote the provision of the new fifth core service of Transition among the Network of Centers for Independent Living to establish parity of quality with the other four core services already being provided.

Goal Name:Goal 3

Goal Description:

Enhance the ability of the Network of Centers for Independent Living to deliver quality independent living services in their service areas.

Goal Name:Goal 4

Goal Description:

In accordance with Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act (WIOA), a DSE will be selected through collaboration between the Network of Centers for Independent Living and the SILC Chairperson, acting on behalf of the SILC.

Goal Name:Goal 5

Goal Description:

Provide independent living services to a rapidly growing population of persons who are blind or visually impaired. The independent living services are intended to enable persons who are blind or visually impaired to live more independently and productively in their homes or communities, to return to work or to remain employed, or to avoid or delay placement in a nursing home.

Goal Name:

Goal Description:

1.2 Objectives

1.2A. Specify the objectives to be achieved and the time frame for achieving them.

Goal(s) from Section 1.1	Objective to be achieved	Time frame start date	Time frame end date
Goal 1	Establish a dynamic network of a minimum of five Community partners promoting and enhancing New Mexicans with disabilities? right to live independently.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Goal 1	The SILC will work with the Network of Centers for Independent Living to provide at least six outreach activities to unserved and underserved populations in New Mexico.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Goal 2	Promote the provision of Youth Transition services as measured by CIL reports.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Goal 2	Promote the provision of comprehensive community reintegration services as measured by CIL reports.	10/01/2016	09/30/2016
Goal 3	The SILC will communicate its support of base funding increases at least once a year for the Network of Centers for Independent Living to all appropriate funding entities.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Goal 3	Provide updates at least once a year regarding the success of each Center for Independent Living via the SILC website to promote transparency and awareness of IL services in New Mexico.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Goal 4	Identify potential candidates for selection as the DSE by December 31, 2017.	10/01/2016	12/31/2017
Goal 4	Develop and support legislation that creates an Independent Living Division, which administers the Network of Independent Living Centers.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019

Goal 5	Provide and strengthen independent living services and public outreach, so individuals who are blind or visually impaired can live and function more independently in their homes and communities, thereby avoiding inappropriate institutionalization as measured by identified data collection mechanisms.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Goal 5	Provide services to consumers through the development of a coordinated Independent Living Plan (ILP) (unless a waiver is signed stating that such a plan is unnecessary) and maintain records documenting efforts to serve each individual consumer who is blind as measured by identified data collection mechanisms.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Goal 5	Continue to provide training to consumers, peer support groups, consumer organizations, service providers and the general public on the philosophy and purpose of independent living and attitudes of blindness as measured by identified data collection mechanisms.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Goal 5	Continue to reach out to unserved, underserved and minority populations as measured by identified data collection mechanisms.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Goal 5	Maximize cooperation, coordination and positive relationships with the Network of Centers for Independent Living, SILC, public and private agencies addressing the needs of individuals who are blind, and specific disability groups as measured by identified data collection mechanisms.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019
Goal 5	Maximize consumer satisfaction as measured by identified data collection mechanisms.	10/01/2016	09/30/2019

1.2 Objectives

1.2B Describe the steps planned regarding outreach to populations in the State that are unserved or underserved by programs under title VII, including minority groups and urban and rural populations.

- Identify the populations to be designated for targeted outreach efforts

New Mexico remains a widely diverse state, with a large population of tribal communities both on and off the reservations. The steps planned to serve Native Americans will remain ongoing from the last SPIL. The SILC supports the Network of Centers continued work to enhance and expand the services for tribal members in New Mexico. Additional populations designated for targeted outreach include the rural communities throughout New Mexico, which have traditionally been identified as being underserved.

- Identify the geographic areas (i.e., communities) in which the targeted populations reside

The counties of Hidalgo and Catron in the southwest part of the state and Roosevelt, Quay and Curry in the eastern part of the state currently are unserved. The following counties have been identified as underserved: Colfax and Union in the Northern area of New Mexico, Harding in the northeast, Sandoval in the northwest, Sierra, Grant and Luna in the south, Cibola, Socorro and Valencia in the west and Torrance, Guadalupe and De Baca in the east. New Mexico is home to twenty-two (22) Tribes and Pueblos located throughout the state. While tribal members may live on and off the reservations, the Native American population has traditionally been identified as underserved and in need of targeted outreach.

- Describe how the needs of individuals with significant disabilities from minority group backgrounds will be addressed

The SILC and Network of Centers for Independent Living have worked and will continue to work collaboratively to respond to underserved communities in New Mexico. The SILC and the Network will continue to work together to establish a resource allocation plan to identify underserved communities as well as potential collaborative resources. The major activity for this endeavor is to strengthen a statewide network of Centers for Independent Living by enhancing efficiencies and advocating for additional funding to expand the network of Centers for Independent Living to serve the unserved counties.

The CILs, collaboratively or independently, will conduct needs assessments in their service areas. This will improve the delivery of services in underserved rural counties, which include while also increasing services to those areas identified as underserved under the common definition that will be established.

The Network of Centers continues to lay the foundation for services to Native Americans by:

- ? providing culturally relevant information about Independent Living philosophy and services
- ? cultivating dialogue among Native American people with disabilities,
- ? developing leadership in Native American communities,
- ? identifying needs in Native American Communities that can be addressed by the Center for Independent Living

The dissemination of information, dialogue and building of leaders will continue in FY17, FY18 and FY19. Acquainting Native America people with the objective of Independent Living Services is essential to making them see that Independent Living is a vehicle enabling people with disabilities to fully participate in family, community and work life. When people understand this, they realize that Independent Living and Native American cultural values are complimentary.

1.3 Financial Plan

Describe in sections 1.3A and 1.3B, below, the financial plan for the use of Federal and non-Federal funds to meet the SPIL objectives.

1.3A Financial Plan Tables

Complete the financial plan tables covering years 1, 2 and 3 of this SPIL. For each funding source, provide estimated dollar amounts anticipated for the applicable uses. The financial plan table should include only those funding sources and amounts that are intended to support one or more of the objectives identified in section 1.2 of the SPIL. To the extent possible, the tables and narratives must reflect the applicable financial information from centers for independent living. Refer to the SPIL Instructions for additional information about completing the financial tables and narratives.

Year 1 - 2017 Approximate funding amounts and uses

Sources	SILC resource plan	IL services	General CIL operations	Other SPIL activities
Title VII Funds				
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B		306108		
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C			828795	
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)		225000		
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	111000			
Other Federal funds - other		300000	70000	
Non-Federal funds - State funds		1431734		
Non-Federal funds - Other		96300		
Total	111000	2359142	898795	0

Year 2 - 2018 Approximate funding amounts and uses

Sources	SILC resource plan	IL services	General CIL operations	Other SPIL activities
Title VII Funds				

Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B		306108		
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C			828795	
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)		225000		
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	111000			
Other Federal funds - other		300000		
Non-Federal funds - State funds		1431734		
Non-Federal funds - Other		96300		
Total	111000	2359142	828795	0

Year 3 - 2019 Approximate funding amounts and uses

Sources	SILC resource plan	IL services	General CIL operations	Other SPIL activities
Title VII Funds				
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part B		306108		
Title VII Funds Chapter 1, Part C			828795	
Title VII Funds Chapter 2, OIB (only those provided by the OIB grantee to further a SPIL objective)		225000		
Other Federal funds - Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion)	111000			
Other Federal funds - other		300000		
Non-Federal funds - State funds		1431734		
Non-Federal funds - Other		96300		
Total	111000	2359142	828795	0

1.3B Financial Plan Narratives

1.3B(1) Specify how the part B, part C and chapter 2 (Older Blind) funds, if applicable, will further the SPIL objectives.

Part B Funds

During the 2017-2019 SPIL the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) anticipates that they will receive at a minimum \$250,000.00 of Part B funds. These funds have currently received a reduction due to the sequestration. DVR through a contract administers the Part B funds to the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) located in Albuquerque, NM. These funds will further the following SPIL Objectives:

? SPIL Goal #1; Objective #1 and Objective #2; Enhance the lives of New Mexicans with significant disabilities through cooperation among the Network of Centers for Independent Living, the SILC and the DSE along with other disability service organizations.

? SPIL Goal #2; Objective # 1 and Objective #2; The Network of Centers for Independent Living will promote the provision of the new fifth core service of Transition to establish parity of quality with the other four core services already being provided.

ILRC in addition to providing the four core services as described in Goal 2 will use the Part B funds via contract to provide additional IL Services such as Nursing Home Transition and Home Modifications.

The New Mexico Commission for the Blind (Commission) expects that it will receive an annual federal share of approximately \$54,963 in Title VII Part B funds and \$225,000 in Title VII Chapter 2 Older Blind funds for each of the years from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019. The Commission will use approximately \$31,107 in New Mexico State General Funds to match these federal funds. In addition, and while exact projections are difficult due to reduced state revenues, the Commission expects that it will also further support independent living services with approximately \$325,000 in New Mexico State General Funds, as well as approximately \$300,000 in Social Security reimbursement program income. The funds will be used to provide and strengthen statewide independent living services so individuals who are blind or visually impaired can live and function more independently in their homes and communities, thereby avoiding or delaying unnecessary or inappropriate placement in a nursing home or other more restrictive community setting. The Commission administers its Independent Living program internally, directly employing and supervising up to nine Independent Living teachers who provide Independent Living services throughout the State. New Mexico is a minimum allotment state, and the Commission will continue to match and use all available Part B and Chapter 2 funds. The funds will be used to accomplish the activities identified in Goal 5. New Mexico is currently experiencing a significant budget shortfall due to declines in revenue from oil and natural gas production. Because the Commission supplements its Part B and Chapter 2 funds with a large amount of state General Funds, the Commission anticipates that Independent Living services paid for with those General Funds will be impacted. The Commission will work to mitigate this impact by maximizing the portion of time that teachers spend providing Vocational Rehabilitation services, enabling the Commission to maintain a larger number of teachers. The larger number of teachers reduces the catchment area that each teacher must serve, which in turn reduces the distances that each teacher must travel.

Part C Funds

The Ability Center, which is located in southern New Mexico, anticipates that they will receive at a minimum \$318,879.00 for General IL Services during the 2016 ? 2019 SPIL. These funds will help serve the Do?a Ana, Grant, Luna and Sierra counties.

The New Vistas Center, which is located in the northeast region of New Mexico, anticipates that they will receive at a minimum \$381,000.00 for General IL Services during the 2016-2019 SPIL. These funds will help serve the Colfax, Harding, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos and Union counties.

The Independent Living Resource Center, which is located in central New Mexico, anticipates that they will receive at a minimum \$128,916.00 for General IL Services during the 2016-2019 SPIL.

? \$64,208.00 will serve the Bernalillo, Cibola, Sandoval, DeBaca, Guadalupe, Torrance and Valencia counties and

? \$64,708.00 will serve the county of Socorro, NM.

1.3B(2) Describe efforts to coordinate Federal and State funding for centers and IL services, including the amounts, sources and purposes of the funding to be coordinated.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is expected to receive at a minimum \$1,090,500.00 of State General funds for Independent Living Services. This amount is allocated on an annual basis, varies and is dependent upon the State of New Mexico?s available funds and approved indirect cost agreements.

Approximately \$27,800.00 of the State General Funds (?Non-Federal Funds?) will be used to match the Part B federal funds and the remaining non-federal funds after IDC is apportioned to the following centers:

The San Juan Center for Independence (SJCI), which is located in Farmington, NM and has a satellite center in Gallup, NM and Albuquerque, NM currently, has four state contracts with the Division of Vocation Rehabilitation. The Center in Farmington is expected to receive \$195,216.00 for IL Services and \$110,264.00 to provide procurement services such as home modifications to the northwest and northeast region of the state. The Gallup satellite center is expected to receive \$120,896.00 for IL Services. The Albuquerque satellite office is expected to receive \$123,303.00 to provide IL Services to ten Pueblos centrally located in New Mexico. The San Juan Center for Independence receives approximately \$76,300.00 in unrestricted funds that will help support IL services.

The Choices Center for Independent Living, located in Roswell, NM, is expected to receive \$224,770.00 for IL Services. Choices expects to receive \$20,000.00 in unrestricted funds to help with IL services.

The Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) who has a satellite center in Alamogordo, NM and Moriarty, NM currently has two state funded contracts with the DVR. ILRC is expected to receive \$327,344.00 for IL Services in Albuquerque, Alamogordo and Moriarty, NM. The ILRC is expected to receive \$122,206.00 to provide procurement services such as home modifications to the southwest and southeast region of the state.

The Ability Center develops a coordinated funding plan for (1) the use of federal available funds for IL Programs, supports, and services and (2) the development of private sector resources for IL programs, supports and services.

1.3B(3) Describe any in-kind resources including plant, equipment or services to be provided in support of the SILC resource plan, IL services, general CIL operations and/or other SPIL objectives.

The San Juan Center for Independence (SJCI) receives approximately \$76,300.00 in unrestricted funds that will help support IL Services and the following SPIL Goals and Objectives:

? SPIL Goal 1; Objectives #1 and #2, to enhance the lives of New Mexicans with disabilities through cooperation among the Network of Centers for Independent Living, the Statewide Independent Living Council and the DSE and other disability related service organizations.

? SPIL Goal 2; Objectives #1 and #2, The Network of Centers for Independent Living will promote the provision of the fifth core services of transition to establish parity of quality with the other four core services and

? SPIL Goal 3; Objective #1, to enhance the ability of the Network of Centers for Independent Living to deliver quality independent living services in their service areas.

The Ability Center annually commits and tracks volunteer time as a major in-kind resource. The volunteer time tracked estimated a total of 2,000 hours, which is calculated at a value of \$20,000.00. The Ability Center also receives an array of other in-kind contributions to support their operations, including equipment and space, which are often as part of collaborative initiatives with other community partners. These contributions are not centrally reported or tracked.

The Choices IL Center in Roswell, NM receives donations of durable medical equipment throughout the year. These donations are not centrally reported or tracked.

1.3B(4) Provide any additional information about the financial plan, as appropriate.

N/A

1.4 Compatibility with Chapter 1 of Title VII and the CIL Work Plans

1.4A Describe how the SPIL objectives are consistent with and further the purpose of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act as stated in section 701 of the Act and 34 CFR 364.2.

The SPIL objective is to create new opportunities for individuals with disabilities to become active in the process of creating innovative ideas for Independent Living in New Mexico. These ideas will help direct the Network of Centers for Independent Living's direction and allow consumers to promote a philosophy of independent living, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy. Through this process leaders in Independent Living emerge and are empowered to make system changes that benefit people with disabilities.

The current SPIL objectives set identifiable outcome measures that will result in recommendations for service improvement statewide. Additionally, the SPIL focuses on developing and enhancing a functioning network of centers that actively collaborate and promote resource sharing to facilitate services for New Mexicans with disabilities. Annual reports and quarterly service summary reports will be provided by the Network of Centers for Independent Living and will be reviewed by the SILC to assist with ongoing recommendations for service expansion should additional funds become available.

1.4B Describe how, in developing the SPIL objectives, the DSU and the SILC considered and incorporated, where appropriate, the priorities and objectives established by centers for independent living under section 725(c)(4) of the Act.

In developing the SPIL, The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and Designated State Entities (DSEs) actively sought out input from the public and the Network of Centers for Independent Living. SPIL development took into consideration the public input received, as well as the work plans and comments of the CILs. The State of New Mexico recognizes that one of the strengths of the Independent Living movement is local consumer control of CILs, and the SPIL is intended to honor and support that local consumer control. The SPIL will continue to support collaboration between the CILs, other community organizations and appropriate state agencies to meet the independent living needs of individuals with disabilities in New Mexico. The goals and objectives listed in Section 1 describe the commitment and aspiration of the people working to achieve these goals as well as the commitment to fill unmet needs should additional funds become available.

1.5 Cooperation, Coordination, and Working Relationships Among Various Entities

Describe the steps that will be taken to maximize the cooperation, coordination and working relationships among the SILS program, the SILC, and centers; the DSU, other State agencies represented on the SILC and other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues; and other public and private entities determined to be appropriate by the SILC.

The description must identify the entities with which the DSU and the SILC will cooperate and coordinate.

The Network of NM Centers for Independent Living, DSEs and the SILC will cooperate and coordinate with the following entities:

State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)

Association of Programs in Rural Independent Living (APRIL)

New Mexico Commission for the Blind (NMCB)

New Mexico Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons

Governor's Commission on Disability

Human Services Department

Disabilities Rights New Mexico / Client Assistance Program (CAP)

Department of Health

Bureau of Indian Affairs

New Mexico Public Education Department

Community-based Service Providers

Aging and Long Term Services Department

Children, Youth and Families Department

PCO Service Providers and Waiver Programs

Disability Determination Services

National Council for Independent Living (NCIL)

Independent Living Resource Utilization (ILRU)

Center for Development and Disability

Development Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)

Education for Parents of Indian Children (EPICS)

Carrie Tingley Foundation

New Mexico Department of Transportation

New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs

Tribal Housing Authorities

Income Support Division

Veterans Groups

Local Housing Authorities

Food Banks

State and Local Homeless Programs

Indian Area Agency on Aging (IAAA)

Legal Aid

Law Enforcement Agencies

Homeland Security

Local Businesses

Local Public Schools

Social Security Administration

Local Hospitals and Clinics

Faith-Based Organizations

Long Term Care Facilities

Local Governments

Tribal Governments

Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Programs

Off reservation service providers

New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions

New Mexico Association of Chambers of Commerce

New Mexico Association of Regional Councils

Disability Rights New Mexico

New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority

New Mexico Regional Housing Authorities

The DSE's and the SILC will encourage these entities to attend the quarterly meetings when appropriate. These

Entities may have the opportunity to present their organizations mission and update the Network of Centers for Independent Living, DSE's and SILC of IL services available through their organization and of upcoming events that may allow coordination of efforts to serve individuals with disabilities throughout the state of NM. It is the SILC's intention to seek out input from other entities that represent different disability groups and ensure that IL services are available and accessible to all disability populations.

1.6 Coordination of Services

Describe how IL services funded under chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will be coordinated with and complement other services to avoid unnecessary duplication with other Federal, State, and local programs, including the OIB program authorized by chapter 2 of title VII of the Act, that provide IL- or VR-related services.

The State on a continuous basis via meetings, conferences, and other stakeholder meetings communicate, cooperate and coordinate with other Federal, State, and local programs, including the [Older Individuals who are Blind] OIB program to avoid unnecessary duplication of services. DVR is housed under the State's Public Education Department (PED); therefore, DVR is able to avoid unnecessary duplication of services with PED's Special Education Department. Other programs that fall under DVR are the vocational services and developmental disabilities services. Since these programs are under DVR duplication of services is monitored and therefore avoided.

The DSE, SILC, and Network of Centers each communicate with other federal, state and local programs such as public health, mental health, housing, transportation, veterans' services and Social Security Act programs on a regular basis via board meetings, conferences and other stakeholder meetings. The DSE, other State agencies, and other councils, sit on various program committees and boards and or are invited to attend the council meetings to discuss services and program changes. It is through this participation of specific disability populations and specific disability issues that unnecessary duplication of services is avoided.

This CIL ensures that unnecessary duplication of services with other Federal, State, and local programs, including the [Older Individuals who are Blind] OIB program authorized by Chapter 2 of Title VII of the Act, that provide IL- or VR-related services by communicating, cooperating, and coordinating with these entities on a monthly and quarterly basis.

1.7 Independent Living Services for Individuals who are Older Blind

Describe how the DSU seeks to incorporate into, and describe in, the State plan any new methods or approaches for the provision of IL services to older individuals who are blind that are developed under the Older Individuals who are Blind program and that the DSU determines to be effective.

The New Mexico Commission for the Blind (Commission) expects that it will receive an annual federal share of approximately \$225,000 in Title VII Chapter 2 Older Blind funds for each of the years from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019. The Commission will use approximately \$25,000 in New Mexico State General Funds to match these Chapter 2 Title VII Older Blind funds. The funds will be used to provide and strengthen statewide independent living services for persons who are Older Blind (55 and older), enabling these individuals to live and function more independently in their homes and communities, thereby avoiding or delaying unnecessary or inappropriate placement in a nursing home or other more restrictive community setting. The Commission administers its Independent Living program internally, directly employing and supervising nine independent living teachers who provide services throughout the State. The assistive technology support will include training to the existing nine Independent Living Teachers, as well as provision of direct services to an Older Blind population that will be increasingly dependent on smart phones and computer technology. The funds will be used to accomplish the activities identified in Goal 5.

Part II: Narrative: Section 2 - Scope, Extent, and Arrangements of Services

2.1 Scope and Extent

2.1A Check the appropriate boxes in the SPIL Instrument table indicating the types of IL services to be provided to meet the objectives identified in section 1.2 of this SPIL, and whether the services will be provided by the CILs or by the DSU (directly and/or through contract or grant).

Table 2.1A: Independent living services	Provided by the DSU (directly)	Provided by the DSU (through contract and/or grant)	Provided by the CILs (Not through DSU contracts/grants)
Core Independent Living Services - Information and referral	Yes	Yes	Yes
Core Independent Living Services - IL skills training	Yes	Yes	Yes
Core Independent Living Services - Peer counseling	Yes	Yes	Yes
Core Independent Living Services - Individual and systems advocacy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services	No	No	No
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 significant disabilities)	No	Yes	Yes
Rehabilitation technology	Yes	No	Yes
Mobility training	Yes	No	Yes
Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services	Yes	Yes	Yes

Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services	No	No	Yes
Surveys, directories and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation, accessible transportation and other support services	Yes	Yes	Yes
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	Yes
Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities	Yes	Yes	Yes
Supported living	No	No	No
Transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physical rehabilitation	No	No	No
Therapeutic treatment	No	No	No
Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices	No	No	No
Individual and group social and recreational services	Yes	Yes	Yes
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	Yes
Services for children with significant disabilities	Yes	No	Yes
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 significant disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes

Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with significant disabilities for similar services in the future	Yes	Yes	Yes
Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other necessary services not inconsistent with the Act	Yes	Yes	Yes

2.1B Describe any service provision priorities, including types of services or populations, established for meeting the SPIL objectives identified in section 1.2.

The service provision priorities will continue to be the core Independent Living services.

(1) Information and referral services are available to identify resources, services, and key service providers in public, private, and community agencies and organizations. These services inform people of the services and benefits available from outside community services and provide assistance in the referral of persons to the appropriate programs.

(2) Independent living training services are designed to increase the personal functioning of people with disabilities in the educational and psycho-social areas.

Educational skills training includes a variety of areas designed to increase the competencies of individuals with disabilities in personal assistance services, financial management, consumer affairs, sexuality, caring for personal needs, obtaining a GED or vocational certificate, engaging in civic activities, mobility, and utilizing recreational and leisure activities.

Independent living training programs assist in the development of personal-social skills. Individuals who participate in personal-social skill training develop gains in areas such as self-awareness, self-confidence, socially responsible behavior, interpersonal skills, and communication with others.

(3) Peer-counseling services are available to individuals with disabilities to provide emotional support, understanding, and practical advice. Peer-counseling as well as family- and couple-counseling, group counseling, and crisis-intervention are aspects of this program. The primary advantage of peer-counseling is that the counselors themselves have learned to cope with their disabilities and are able to communicate their experience to consumers.

(4) Individual and systems advocacy efforts may affect one individual with a disability or a whole community. Advocacy programs teach individuals with disabilities how to effect change and become the change agent. Advocacy also works to change the social policies that create economic disincentives.

Other Services

Many factors determine the total range of services provided by CILs in New Mexico. Funding level, personnel, resources, and priorities established by consumer-controlled governing boards of CILs as well as community size determine whether a wide-ranging or narrow array of services is provided. Not all centers provide all services. Other services that are provided in New Mexico are as follows:

- (1) Adaptive housing services, limited to accommodations to remove barriers to access and functioning in housing occupied by a person with a significant disability;
- (2) Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life-skills training and interpreter and reader services;
- (3) Personal-assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services;
- (4) Surveys, directories, and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation activities, and accessible transportation and other support services;
- (5) News-line services for people with significant disabilities to have access to major area newspapers and other publications;
- (6) Consumer information programs on rehabilitation and independent living services available under the Rehabilitation Act, especially for minorities and other individuals with disabilities who have been traditionally un-served or under-served by programs under the Act;
- (7) Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities;
- (8) Community-awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of people with disabilities;
- (9) Nursing home transition services are provided to individuals desiring to and deemed fit to live in the community.

2.1C If the State allows service providers to charge consumers for the cost of services or to consider the ability of individual consumers to pay for the cost of IL services, specify the types of IL services for which costs may be charged and for which a financial need test may be applied, and describe how the State will ensure that:

- Any consideration of financial need is applied uniformly so that all individuals who are eligible for IL services are treated equally; and
- Written policies and consumer documentation required by 34 CFR 364.59(d) will be kept by the service provider.

Indicate N/A if not applicable.

N/A

2.2 Arrangements for State-Provided Services

2.2A If the DSU will provide any of the IL services identified in section 2.1A through grants or contractual arrangements with third parties, describe such arrangements.

State general funds for Independent Living are appropriated to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and contracted to the following Centers for Independent Living: Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC), The San Juan Center for Independence (SJCI), and CHOICES. All state general funds contracted to the Centers for Independent Living will be established by following the State of New Mexico's State Use Act. The Act by law asks the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to give the State Use Act Council's central non-profit agency the first right of refusal for the Scope of Work. Should the central non-profit agency not have a member that is able to conduct the Scope of Work, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is then able to conduct a Request for Proposal and/or utilize the Exemption Code under NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-98AA. The Exemption Code is to be used for "purchases of products or services for eligible persons with disabilities pursuant to the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended." The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will utilize the Exemption Code after going through the State Use Act. These contracts shall have a term of three years. Should any of the state funded Centers for Independent Living undergo a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) during their three year term, then that Center's catchment area will be distributed based on a response to a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

2.2B If the State contracts with or awards a grant to a center for the general operation of the center, describe how the State will ensure that the determination of an individual's eligibility for services from that center shall be delegated to the center.

The State ensures the determination of an individual's eligibility for Independent Living Services by contractual obligation and by conducting on-site reviews using the Administration for Community Living (ACL) Review Tool.

Part II: Narrative: Section 3 - Design for the Statewide Network of Centers

3.1 Existing Network

Provide an overview of the existing network of centers, including non-Part C-funded centers that comply with the standards and assurances in section 725 (b) and (c) of the Act, and the geographic areas and populations currently served by the centers.

The New Mexico Statewide Independent Living Council hereby requests and submits a revision to the FY2017-2019 State Plan for Independent as follows:

A revision to the SILC budget decreasing the amount of the budget for FY 19 from \$111,000 to \$80,000. After reviewing all of the funds expended in the SILC budget in FY17 and FY18, it was determined that the budget needed to be decreased. Since the SILC funds come from the I&E funds, the \$30,000 no longer in the SILC budget would go to the Part B funded IL program at the Independence Resource Center in Albuquerque, NM. These funds will be spent on IL services at the Center.

New Mexico provides Independent Living Services through a network of Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and through the Commission for the Blind. New Mexico currently has five Centers for Independent Living (CILs) that provide a range of independent living services ? The Ability Center*, CHOICES* Center for Independent Living. Independent Living Resource Center*, New Vistas Center for Independent Living* and San Juan Center for Independence*. ACL and the New Mexico IL Network have minor differences on some of the CIL service areas as ACL bases these on the original grant application. During the course of this SPIL, ACL and the NM IL Partners will try to resolve these differences. The CIL catchment area in question is the following:

The NM IL Network states the geographic are for The Ability Center includes: Dona Ana, Luna, Grant and Sierra counties. However, ACL records indicate The Ability Center serves: Dona Ana, Luna, Grant, Sierra AND Catron and Hidalgo counties.

Five counties are not in the core service areas of CILs but receive some services through other funding, including Medicaid Home and Community?based Waivers, Brain Injury Funds, Early Intervention Funding, Procurement Funds, Medicaid Personal Care Program, Independent Living procurement funds, Commission for the Blind Independent Living Program and others.

New Mexico is a large state approximately 121,298.15 square miles with a small population of 2,085,538 million people. About 40% of the population lives in sparsely populated rural areas. The state is ethnically diverse, with 46.7% Hispanic or Latino origin, 40.2% White persons not Hispanic, 10.1% American Indian and 3% other.

Part C-funded Centers for Independent Living include:

New Vistas (Center for Independent Living) ? This Center is located in Santa Fe, NM, which is in the northeastern part of New Mexico. This center serves Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Taos, Colfax, Mora, Union, Harding and San Miguel counties. It administers a satellite office in Las Vegas, NM, which serves the northeastern portion of the state.

The Ability Center ? This Center is located in Las Cruces (southwest New Mexico). The NM IL Network states the geographic area for The Ability Center includes: Dona Ana, Luna, Grant and Sierra counties.

Independent Living Resource Center ? This Center is located in Albuquerque, NM, which is central New Mexico. This center serves Bernalillo, Sandoval, Cibola, Valencia, Torrance, Guadalupe and DeBaca counties. The satellite office that is Part C funded is the satellite office in Socorro, NM, which is south of Albuquerque and serves the Socorro county.

Part B Funded Centers for Independent Living include:

Independent Living Resource Center ? This Center is located in Albuquerque, NM, which is central New Mexico. This center serves Bernalillo, Sandoval, Cibola and Valencia counties. It administers two satellite offices. There is a satellite office located in Moriarty, NM, which is east of Albuquerque and serves the Torrance, Guadalupe and DeBaca counties. There is a satellite office located in Alamogordo, NM which is south east of Albuquerque and serves the Lincoln and Otero counties.

State of New Mexico General Funded Non-Federal Centers for Independent Living Include:

The San Juan Center for Independence ? This Center is located in Farmington which in the northwest region of New Mexico and serves the San Juan and eastern portion of the Navajo Nation. This office administers a satellite office in Gallup, NM, which serves the McKinley County and the eastern portion of the Navajo Nation and the Zuni Pueblo. SJCI provides IL Services to ten Pueblos centrally located in New Mexico.

Independent Living Resource Center ? This Center is located in Albuquerque, NM, which is central New Mexico. This center serves Bernalillo, Sandoval, Cibola and Valencia counties. It administers two satellite offices. There is a satellite office located in Moriarty, NM, which is east of Albuquerque and serves the Torrance, Guadalupe and DeBaca counties. There is a satellite office in Alamogordo, NM, which is southeast of Albuquerque and serves the Lincoln and Otero counties.

CHOICES Center for Independent Living ? This Center is located in Roswell, NM, which is in the southeast region of New Mexico. It administers two satellite offices, one in Hobbs, NM, which is northeast of Roswell, and the second in Carlsbad, NM, which is southeast of Roswell, NM. These offices serve the Chavez, Eddy, and Lea Counties.

*Each NM CIL listed signed the SPIL.

3.2 Expansion of Network

Describe the design for the further expansion of the network, including identification of the unserved and underserved areas in the State and the order of priority for serving these areas as additional funding becomes available (beyond the required cost-of-living increase).

During the period covered by the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL), appropriations will be sought from the state legislature and other sources to complete the network of Independent Living Services to all areas of the state. See Section 1 for objectives related to expansion of the network. If additional funds become available for independent living services, the SILC in conjunction with the Network of Centers for Independent Living and the DSE will review the established resource allocation plan to identify priority of need. The expanding of the network of Independent Living services into the unserved Counties of Roosevelt, Quay and Curry in the eastern part of the state will be a main concern of the SILC. ACL and the New Mexico IL Network have minor differences on some of the CIL service areas as ACL bases these on the original grant application. During the course of this SPIL, ACL and the NM IL Partners will try to resolve these differences. The CIL catchment area in question is the following:

The NM IL Network states the geographic area for The Ability Center includes: Dona Ana, Luna, Grant and Sierra counties. However, ACL records indicate The Ability Center serves: Dona Ana, Luna, Grant, Sierra AND Catron and Hidalgo counties.

Per Section 1.2A; Goal 1, Objective 2 the SILC, Network of Centers for Independent Living and DSE will continue working collaboratively to serve underserved communities in New Mexico, and will work together to identify these communities as well as potential collaborative resources. The major activity for this endeavor is to strengthen a statewide network of Centers for Independent Living by enhancing efficiencies and advocating for additional funding to expand the network of Centers for Independent Living to serve the underserved and unserved counties.

The CILs, collaboratively or independently, will conduct needs assessments in their service areas. This will improve the delivery of services in underserved rural counties, which include while also increasing services to those areas identified as underserved under the common definition that will be established.

New Mexico remains a widely diverse state, with a large population of tribal communities both on and off the reservations. The steps planned to serve Native Americans will remain ongoing from the last SPIL. The SILC supports the Network of Centers continued work to enhance and expand the services for tribal members in New Mexico. Additional populations designated for targeted outreach include the rural communities throughout New Mexico, which have traditionally been identified as being underserved.

The counties of Roosevelt, Quay and Curry in the eastern part of the state currently are unserved. The following counties have been identified as underserved: Colfax and Union in the Northern area of New Mexico, Harding in the northeast, Sandoval in the northwest, Sierra, Grant and Luna in the south, Cibola, Socorro and Valencia in the west and Torrance, Guadalupe and De Baca in the east.

New Mexico is home to twenty-two (22) Tribes and Pueblos located throughout the state. While tribal members may live on and off the reservations, the Native American population has traditionally identified underserved and in need of targeted outreach.

The Network of Centers continues to lay the foundation for services to Native Americans by:

? providing culturally relevant information about Independent Living philosophy and services

? cultivating dialogue among Native American people with disabilities,

? developing leadership in Native American communities,

? identifying needs in Native American Communities that can be addressed by the Center for Independent Living

The dissemination of information, dialogue and building of leaders will continue in FY17, FY18 and FY19. Acquainting Native American people with the objective of Independent Living Services is essential to making them see that Independent Living is a vehicle enabling people with disabilities to fully participate in family, community and work life. When people understand this, they realize that Independent Living and Native American cultural values are complimentary.

Priorities for Distribution of Regular Part C Funds:

If after the existing Part C centers in New Mexico receive the amount of funds they received the prior fiscal year and a cost-of-living increase, funds remain out of a single year's appropriation of Part C funds in the amount of \$250,000 or greater, New Mexico has the following priorities for use of that funding:

1. Establish independent living services in Hidalgo and Catron Counties, preferably services that shares the governing board of an existing center. ACL and the New Mexico IL Network have minor differences on some of the CIL service areas as ACL bases these on the original grant application. During the course of this SPIL, ACL and the NM IL Partners will try to resolve these differences. The CIL catchment area in question is the following: The NM IL Network state the geographic are for The Ability Center includes: Dona Ana, Luna, Grant and Sierra counties. However, ACL records indicate The Ability Center serves: Dona Ana, Luna, Grant, Sierra AND Catron and Hidalgo counties.

1. Establish independent living services in Roosevelt, Quay and Curry Counties;

2. Establish IL services in an area already served by an existing center that receives only state or Part B funds in the following order of priority

a. San Juan and McKinley Counties

b. Chavez, Eddy, and Lea Counties

If, in any fiscal year, funds remain after creating a new center or if there is insufficient funds to create a new center, those remaining funds will be distributed to the existing Part C centers in the same proportion as the allocation of Part C funds currently received by the state.

Should Part C center grants be relinquished or terminated in the future and ACL had to conduct a new CIL competition, the competition may establish a new CIL and or allow an existing CIL that complies with the standards and assurances in section 725(b) and (c) of the Act to compete. The new CIL and or existing CIL shall serve the former CIL's service areas and populations. Should Part B or non-federal State funds be relinquished or terminated in the future the DSE per New Mexico's State Use Act must go through the State Use Act Council's central non-profit agency for the first right of refusal for the Scope of Work. Should the central non-profit agency not have a member that is able to conduct the Scope of Work, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will then conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFP would establish a new CIL and or allow an existing CIL that complies with the standards and assurances in section 725(b) and (c) of the Act to serve the former CIL's service areas and populations.

3.3 Section 723 States Only

3.3A If the State follows an order of priorities for allocating funds among centers within a State that is different from what is outlined in 34 CFR 366.22, describe the alternate order of priority that the DSU director and the SILC chair have agreed upon. Indicate N/A if not applicable.

N/A

3.3B Describe how the State policies, practices and procedures governing the awarding of grants to centers and the oversight of these centers are consistent with 34 CFR 366.37 and 366.38.

N/A

Part II: Narrative: Section 4 - Designated State Unit (DSU)

4.1 Administrative Support Services

4.1A Describe the administrative support services to be provided by the DSU for the SILS (Part B) program and, if the State is a Section 723 State, for the CIL (Part C) program. Refer to the SPIL Instructions for additional information about administrative support services.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation receives Title VII, Part B funds and currently contracts with the Independent Living Resource Center, in Albuquerque, New Mexico to serve the counties of Bernalillo, Sandoval, Cibola, Torrance, Guadalupe, DeBaca, and Valencia. The Title VII, Part B Fund contract will be established by following the State of New Mexico's State Use Act. The Act by law asks the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to give the State Use Act Council's central non-profit agency the first right of refusal for the Scope of Work. Should the central non-profit agency not have a member that is able to conduct the Scope of Work, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is then able to conduct a Request for Proposal and/or utilize the Exemption Code under NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-98AA. The Exemption Code is to be used for "purchases of products or services for eligible persons with disabilities pursuant to the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended." The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will utilize the Exemption Code after going through the State Use Act. Should the contractor / IL Center undergo a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) during the term of the contract, then that Center's catchment area will be distributed based on a response to a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. While this document identifies the present contractor of services, a competitive RFP process may result in a new contractor for those services.

DVR through the contract terms and conditions monitors the Part B funds on a monthly basis. The contract requires the center to report to the DSE their monthly expenditures, personnel cost allocations, and performance measurements. Should the DSE find discrepancies with the center's monthly reports, the center is to clarify and correct the discrepancies prior to the DSE reimbursing the center for services. The DSE on an annual basis requests the Part B funded center to provide a budget and budget narrative of how funds are to be spent. Quarterly the DSE reviews the center's budgets and performance measurements for the fiscal year to ensure the center is on target with spending their funds and meeting their target goals. During the DVR's on-site visits the DSE will be reviewing the Part B contracted Center's supportive documentation for all funds reimbursed.

The New Mexico Commission for the Blind also receives Title VII, Part B funds and Title VII Older Blind funds. The Commission for the Blind provides Independent Living Services directly to consumers with visual impairments statewide.

1. Effective October 1, 2017, the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will continue as the sole Designated State Entity for the state of New Mexico.
2. Effective October 1, 2017, the New Mexico Commission for the Blind will cease

being a Designated State Entity for the state of New Mexico.

3. Effective October 1, 2017, the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will receive, account for, and disburse all Part B funds contained in the Notice Of Award for the state of New Mexico.

4. Effective October 1, 2017, the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will annually disburse \$54,963 in Part B funds to the New Mexico Commission for the Blind, which will use the Part B funds to provide independent living services to qualifying persons residing in the state of New Mexico.

5. Attached and incorporated herein is an email from Greg Trapp, Director of the New Mexico Commission for the Blind, wherein he requests a technical amendment to the SPIL to have the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation continue as the sole DSE.

6. The New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation affirms its agreement to fulfill all the DSE responsibilities set forth in the law.

7. The New Mexico Commission for the Blind affirms its understanding of a release to fulfill the DSE responsibilities set forth in the law.

4.1B Describe other DSU arrangements for the administration of the IL program, if any.

State General funds for Independent Living are appropriated to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and contracted to the following CILs: Independent Living Resource Center; The San Juan Center for Independence; and, CHOICES Center for Independence. The State also has a "Procurement fund for Independent Living". Those funds are contracted to CILs by following the State of New Mexico's State Use Act. The Act by law asks the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to give the State Use Act Council's central non-profit agency the first right of refusal for the Scope of Work. Should the central non-profit agency not have a member that is able to conduct the Scope of Work, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is then able to conduct a Request for Proposal and/or utilize the Exemption Code under NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-98AA. The Exemption Code is to be used for "purchases of products or services for eligible persons with disabilities pursuant to the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended." The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will utilize the Exemption Code after going through

the State Use Act. These contracts shall have a term of three years. Should any of the contracted Centers for Independent Living undergo a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) during their three year term, then that Center's catchment area will be distributed based on a response to a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

While this document identifies the present contractors of IL services, a competitive RFP process may yeild new contractors for those services.

Part II: Narrative: Section 5 - Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

5.1 Resource plan

5.1A Describe the resource plan prepared by the SILC in conjunction with the DSU for the provision of resources, including staff and personnel, made available under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII, section 101(a)(18) of the Act, and from other public and private sources that may be necessary to carry out the functions of the SILC identified in section 705(c). The description must address the three years of this SPIL.

- Refer to the SPIL Instructions for more information about completing this section.

For more information click the icon.

The Designated State Entity (DSE) will release a Request for Proposals for support of SILC activities for FFY 2017, 2018 and 2019. The SILC and the DSE will establish a proposal evaluation committee to review proposals and make recommendations to the DSE. The DSE will enter into a three year contract with a selected consultant to provide support for the SILC and to support the implementation of the State Plan for Independent Living.

The final contract will be developed and administered by NMDVR. The contractor will provide support services to the SILC and will conduct the business of the SILC in a manner that forwards the agenda and implements the priorities established by the SILC in terms of the responsibilities identified in 34 CFR 364.21. The DSE will impose no conditions or requirements in the contract that in any way compromise the independence of the contractor or the SILC. The contract will stipulate that the contractor may not engage in any other work that would create a conflict of interest with the SILC.

The DSE will provide \$111,000.00 (see the financial tables) per year for support of the SILC unless budget cuts are mandated.

5.1B Describe how the following SILC resource plan requirements will be addressed.

- The SILC's responsibility for the proper expenditure of funds and use of resources that it receives under the resource plan.

The SILC will present to the DSE on an annual basis a proposed categorical budget. The Contractor (SILC Coordinator) will be responsible to provide the SILC and DSE with a quarterly budget status report to verify that expenditures remain on track. While the categorical budget will stipulate how most of the funds are to be expended, certain expenditures will require prior approval of the SILC as a body and will be voted on accordingly to ensure that the funds are being used in a manner that promotes the priorities of the SILC and are allowable expenditures under our guiding federal regulations. The SILC will retain full independence in making these determinations.

The following is a proposed budget for contractual support of the SILC. This proposed budget is subject to change, pending final negotiation of a contract with the successful bidder and subject to annual adjustments necessary to successfully carry out the priorities of the SILC. The funds used for this contract include Title I Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion).

Proposed SILC Support Budget*

PERSONNEL SERVICES \$ 60,000

BOARD MEMBER I/S TRAVEL \$ 4,400

BOARD MEMBER PER DIEM \$ 5,700

CONTRACTOR I/S TRAVEL \$ 2,200

SUPPLIES \$ 1,200

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES \$ 8,200

OPERATING COSTS \$ 7,500

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT \$ 8,800

BOARD MEMBER O/S TRAVEL \$ 7,000

CONTRACTOR O/S TRAVEL \$ 6,000

GRAND TOTAL \$111,000

*Category totals may be adjusted subject to final negotiation with contractor and annual adjustments necessary to meet SILC support needs.

Personnel Services ? Contractor time:

50 weeks X 40 hours per week average

X \$30.00 per hour = \$60,000**

Board Member In-State (I/S) Travel & Per Diem

SILC member mileage @ 10,000 miles X \$.44 = \$4,400.00

TOTAL I/S Travel \$4,400.00

SILC member Per Diem @ 60 days X \$95 = \$5,700.00

TOTAL PER DIEM \$5,700.00

Contractor In-State Travel

Contractor mileage @ 5000 miles X \$.44 = \$2200.00

TOTAL I/S TRAVEL \$2200.00

Supplies

12 months X \$100 = \$ 1200.00

TOTAL SUPPLIES \$ 1200.00

Contractual Services

Sign language interpreters, note takers,

Meeting minutes, attendants and drivers

for SILC meeting and SILC committee meetings \$8,200.00

Operating Costs

Meeting Rooms Rental \$2,000.00*

Legal notices for meetings (\$200 X 12 mtgs) \$2,400.00

Postage (\$75 per month) \$ 900.00

Telephone (\$75 per month) \$ 900.00

Copying (\$75 per month) \$ 900.00

Subscription and dues \$ 400.00

TOTAL OPERATING COSTS \$7500.00

*In most cases meeting rooms will be available in state offices or Centers for Independent Living conference rooms; however, it may be necessary to rent conference room space for at least one meeting per year.

Training and Development

SILC members \$5,800.00

Contractor \$3,000.00

TOTAL TRNG & DEVELOPMENT \$8,800.00

Board Member Out-of-State (O/S) Travel

Three out-of-state trips (includes Travel, per diem
and personal attendant fees) \$7,000.00

TOTAL O/S TRAVEL \$7,000.00

Contractor Out-of-State (O/S) Travel

Three out-of-state trips (includes Travel, per diem \$6,000.00
and personal care attendant fees)

TOTAL O/S TRAVEL \$6,000.00

- Non-inclusion of conditions or requirements in the SILC resource plan that may compromise the independence of the SILC.

The DSE will not impose any conditions or requirements in the SILC support contract that may compromise the independence of the SILC. The DSE will carefully review and monitor expenditure of contractual funds to ensure compliance will all applicable federal laws and regulations, New Mexico General Statutes, and New Mexico Administrative Code. To the maximum extent possible, appropriate utilization of all funds made available on an annual basis for support of the SILC will be a priority for both the SILC and the DSE.

- Reliance, to the maximum extent possible, on the use of resources in existence during the period of implementation of the State plan.

The SILC utilizes the Network of Centers accessible facilities to conduct their quarterly meetings whenever possible. This practice both reduces meeting expenses and increases connection with the Network of Centers and with individuals with disabilities throughout the state. In addition, under the current SPIL the SILC has committed to utilizing existing outreach venues to educate the community about IL, thus reducing the need to develop new resources.

5.2 Establishment and Placement

Describe how the establishment and placement of the SILC ensures its independence with respect to the DSU and all other State agencies. Refer to the SPIL Instructions for more information about completing this section.

The New Mexico SILC is established by the Governor's office as a council independent of all state agencies. Resources for administration and support of the SILC are provided by the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation through a contractual arrangement.

5.3 Appointment and Composition

Describe the process used by the State to appoint members to the SILC who meet the composition requirements in section 705(b). Refer to the SPIL Instructions for more information about completing this section.

The Governor appoints all members of the SILC in accordance with the applicable regulations. Nominations for membership on the SILC may come from any source. The necessary forms are posted on the Governor's website and are also available from SILC support staff and the DSE. When the appropriate nomination forms are received by the Governor's staff, consultation is sought from the Designated State Agency and Designated State Entity to assure that SILC composition, membership qualifications, and term limits as stipulated in the applicable regulations are met. Upon assurance that the necessary requirements are met, a letter of appointment is drafted by the DSA for the Governor's signature.

The NM SILC is not currently in compliance with membership requirements as outlined in 34 CFR 364.21 (b)-(f). However, membership efforts are improving. The current Governor implemented a stringent application process, including interviews with appointing office staff as part of the appointment process and this has slowed the application and appointment process. Additionally, multiple members of the SILC termed out within the last 3 years. To address this issue, the SILC and DSE representatives meet with the new administration's appointing office regularly to share information regarding IL, the SILC and the required appointments under the federal regulations. Final appointments rest outside of the SILC's hands and solely with the Governor of New Mexico. However, membership is increasing.

5.4 Staffing

Describe how the following SILC staffing requirements will be met.

- SILC supervision and evaluation, consistent with State law, of its staff and other personnel as may be necessary to carry out its functions.

Support staff, consistent with applicable federal law and regulations, New Mexico General Statutes, and New Mexico Administrative Code will be provided through a contractual arrangement as per the following section of the New Mexico SILC bylaws.

SILC personnel necessary to carry out the functions of the SILC shall be provided by the DSE through a contractual agreement via an RFP process. The SILC, in conjunction with the DSE, shall collaborate in the development of the SILC's Coordinator RFP/contract and participate in the selection of the contract award.

The SILC is to supervise and evaluate the SILC Coordinator per Section 705(e)(2) of the Rehabilitation Act as amended. The contract language for the SILC Coordinator has included a template that allows the SILC to assign the Coordinator their work assignments. This SILC Coordinator Work Assignment form protects the DSE from violating Section 705(e)(3). The contract language also includes an annual evaluation of the staff per the SILC's Policies and Procedures and By-laws.

- Non-assignment of duties to SILC staff and other personnel made available by the DSU, or any other State agency or office, that would create a conflict of interest while assisting the SILC in carrying out its duties.

N/A

Part II: Narrative: Section 6 - Service Provider Requirements

Describe how the following service provider requirements will be met:

6.1 Staffing

- Inclusion of personnel who are specialists in the development and provision of IL services and in the development and support of centers.

(a) At all Centers for Independent Living the staff include personnel who are specialists in the development and provision of Independent Living Services and in the development and support of the Centers.

Position postings, job descriptions, and personnel files document compliance.

- Availability, to the maximum extent feasible, of personnel able to communicate (1) with individuals with significant disabilities who rely on alternative modes of communication, such as manual communication, nonverbal communication devices, Braille, or audio tapes and (2) in the native languages of individuals with significant disabilities whose English proficiency is limited and who apply for or receive IL services under title VII of the Act.

(b) To the maximum extent feasible, each service provider makes available personnel able to communicate

(1) With individuals with significant disabilities who rely on alternative modes of communication, such as manual communication, nonverbal communication devices, Braille, or audio tapes, and who apply for or receive Independent Living services under Title VII of the Act.

Contracts with IL service providers, physical presence of required communication equipment/materials, and service provider policies and procedures document compliance.

(2) In the native language of individuals with significant disabilities whose English proficiency is limited and who apply for and receive IL services under Title VII of the act.

Centers identify personnel that are proficient in other languages and provide other means within their communities to ensure that the individual with significant disability is able to apply and receive IL services.

- Establishment and maintenance of a program of staff development for all classes of positions involved in providing IL services and, where appropriate, in administering the CIL program, improving the skills of staff directly responsible for the provision of IL services, including knowledge of and practice in the IL philosophy.

The State Independent Living Council has and will be supporting the Network of Centers staff development through the use of the 704 Reporting Instrument. The SILC has adopted ACL's 704 Reporting Instrument and the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation / DSE has included this reporting instrument into the Center contracts. On an annual basis the SILC and DSE will analyze each centers response to Section E: Training and Technical Assistance Needs Table to establish a more comprehensive staff development plan for the Network of Centers for Independent Living. Additionally, the DSE during their on-site visits will review the Centers internal staff development plan and current list of trainings staff has participated in.

- Affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with significant disabilities on the same terms and conditions required with respect to the employment of individuals with disabilities under section 503 of the Act.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation reviews the contracted Network of Centers Policies and Procedures on an annual basis. The DVR will also be reviewing these Policies and Procedures during their on-site reviews.

6.2 Fiscal Control and Fund Accounting

- Adoption of those fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure the proper disbursement of and accounting for funds made available through parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act, in addition to complying with applicable EDGAR fiscal and accounting requirements.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation requests the contracted Part B Center to provide them with their Financial Policies and Procedures on an annual basis and requires that the contracted Center send the DSE updated and or amended Financial Policies and Procedures. The DSE as a requirement of the Part B contract requires the contracted Center on a monthly basis provide them with a detailed Monthly Expenditure Report

6.3 Recordkeeping, Access and Reporting

- Maintenance of records that fully disclose and document the information listed in 34 CFR 364.35.

In addition to complying with applicable EDGAR recordkeeping requirements, the State assures that all recipients of financial assistance under parts B and C of Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Act maintain--

(a) Records that fully disclose and document--

(1) The amount and disposition by the recipient of that financial assistance;

(2) The total cost of the project or undertaking in connection with which the financial assistance is given or used;

(3) The amount of that portion of the cost of the project or undertaking supplied by other sources;

(4) Compliance with the requirements of Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Act and this part; and

(b) Other records that the Secretary determines to be appropriate to facilitate an effective audit.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation / DSE has included in the Part B contract language that requires the contracted Center to report on a monthly basis, their Personnel Cost Allocations and a Monthly Expenditure Report detailing the amounts and percentages the funds are reimbursing. During the DVR's on-site visits the DSE will be reviewing the Part B contracted Center supportive documentation for all funds reimbursed.

- Submission of annual performance and financial reports, and any other reports that the Secretary determines to be appropriate

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation / DSE has included in the Part B contract language that requires the Part B contracted Center to report on a monthly basis their Personnel Cost Allocations, Monthly Expenditures and Performance Measurements for the month by county in their catchment area.

- Access to the Commissioner and the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of conducting audits, examinations, and compliance reviews, to the information listed in 34 CFR 364.37.

The SILC has adopted ACL's Compliance and On-Site Review Tool. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation / DSE during their on-site visits the will be reviewing the Part B contracted Center supportive documentation for all funds reimbursed as well as CSR's. The DVR / DSE will be utilizing ACL's On-Site Review Tool not just for the Part B contracted Center, but for all their contracts which include the Non-Federal State General IL funds.

6.4 Eligibility

- Eligibility of any individual with a significant disability, as defined in 34 CFR 364.4(b), for IL services under the SILS and CIL programs.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation through the review of the Policies and Procedure, CSR reviews and on-site visits ensures that Centers they contract with are following eligibility criteria.

- Ability of any individual to seek information about IL services under these programs and to request referral to other services and programs for individuals with significant disabilities.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation through the review of the Policies and Procedure, CSR reviews and on-site visits ensures that Centers they contract with are following eligibility criteria.

- Determination of an individual's eligibility for IL services under the SILS and CIL programs in a manner that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 364.51.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation through the review of the Policies and Procedure, CSR reviews and on-site visits ensures that Centers they contract with are following eligibility criteria.

- Application of eligibility requirements without regard to age, color, creed, gender, national origin, race, religion, or type of significant disability of the individual applying for IL services.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation through the review of the Policies and Procedure, CSR reviews and on-site visits ensures that Centers they contract with are following eligibility criteria.

- Non-exclusion from receiving IL services of any individual who is present in the State and who is otherwise eligible for IL services, based on the imposition of any State or local residence requirement.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation through the review of the Policies and Procedure, CSR reviews and on-site visits ensures that Centers they contract with are following eligibility criteria.

6.5 Independent Living Plans

- Provision of IL services in accordance with an IL plan complying with Sec. 364.52 and mutually agreed upon by the individuals with significant disabilities and the appropriate service provider staff unless the individual signs a waiver stating that an IL plan is unnecessary.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation through the review of the Policies and Procedure, CSR reviews and on-site visits ensures that Centers they contract with are in accordance with an IL Plan that meets the requirements of Sec. 364.52. The DVR / DSE also ensures that though an individual signs a waiver, the Center is still responsible for tracking and documenting the services provided.

6.6 Client Assistance Program (CAP) Information

- Use of accessible formats to notify individuals seeking or receiving IL services under chapter 1 of title VII about the availability of the CAP program, the purposes of the services provided under the CAP, and how to contact the CAP.

All individuals seeking or receiving Independent Living services are advised through a handout about the availability of the Disability Rights New Mexico's Client Assistance Program under section 112 of the Act, the purposes of services provided under such program, and information on the means of looking for assistance under such program.

6.7 Protection, Use and Release of Personal Information

- Adoption and implementation of policies and procedures meeting the requirements of 34 CFR 364.56(a), to safeguard the confidentiality of all personal information, including photographs and lists of names.

Review of written policies and procedures, review of CSR's, and on-site visits ensure that Centers have adopted and implemented policies and procedures to safeguard the confidentiality of all personal information, including photographs and lists of names.

Part II: Narrative: Section 7 - Evaluation

Describe the method that will be used to periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the plan in meeting the objectives established in Section 1. The description must include the State's evaluation of satisfaction by individuals with significant disabilities who have participated in the program.

Section 7: Evaluation

Goal(s) and the related Objective(s) from Section 1	Method that will be used to evaluate
Goal 1	<p>Objective 1:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CIL quarterly reports. 2. Review of sign in sheets for quarterly SILC meetings to track CIL, SIL and service agency participation for information sharing. 3. Review of SILC meeting minutes to review best practices and cross training discussed as well as SILC recommendations relayed.
Goal 1	<p>Objective 2:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List of existing services identified as available in underserved and unserved rural and tribal communities and counties. 2. List of strategies for increased support to these areas. 3. Review of outreach strategies documented in quarterly service summaries provided to SILC.
Goal 2	<p>Objective 1:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of quarterly service summaries provided by SILs and CILs. 2. List of partner agencies. 3. Annual review of recommendations for service improvement.

	4. Compilation of trainings provided to CILs, SILs, DSE and SILC.
Goal 2	<p>Objective 2:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baseline data of community reintegration supports. 2. List of identified services provided. 3. Compiled data on the Affordable Healthcare Act and Centennial Care impacts on services. 4. 704 report data.
Goal 3	<p>Objective 1:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of support letters drafted 2. Number of outreach events completed
Goal 3	<p>Objective 2:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of website updates
Goal 4	<p>Objective 1:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SILC membership list
Goal 4	<p>Objective 2:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List of conferences and events attended 2. List of outreach activities completed
Goal 5	<p>Objective 1:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report to Commission Board 2. Commission annual report to ACL and Governor 3. 704 and 7(OB) Reports 4. Commission reports at quarterly SILC meetings
Goal 5	<p>Objective 2:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AWARE case management system 2. Report to Commission Board 3. Commission annual report to RSA and Governor 4. 704 and 7(OB) Reports 5. Commission reports at quarterly SILC meetings
Goal 5	<p>Objective 3:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report to Commission Board 2. Commission annual report to RSA and Governor 3. 704 and 7(OB) Reports 4. Commission reports at quarterly SILC meetings
Goal 5	<p>Objective 4:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report to Commission Board 2. Commission annual report to RSA and Governor 3. 704 and 7(OB) Reports 4. Commission reports at quarterly SILC meetings

<p>Goal 5</p>	<p>Objective 5:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report to Commission Board 2. Commission annual report to RSA and Governor 3. Director report to consumer conferences 4. 704 and 7(OB) Reports 5. Commission reports at quarterly SILC meetings
<p>Goal 5</p>	<p>Objective 6:</p> <p>Evaluation data sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consumer satisfaction surveys 2. Report to Commission Board 3. Commission Public Hearing summaries 4. Commission annual report to RSA and Governor 5. Director report to consumer conferences 6. 704 and 7(OB) Reports 7. Commission reports at quarterly SILC meetings
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>Goal 2</p> <p>Goal 3</p> <p>Goal 4</p> <p>Goal 5</p>	<p>Data for sources identified will be compiled and reported to the full SILC. Progress in meeting Goals and Objectives will be reported to RSA in the 704 reports. The SILC will use the quarterly reports and the annual 704 reports for a self-evaluation and will revise and update activities for Goals and Objectives based on the results of those reviews. If Goals and Objectives are substantially changed, an amendment to the State Plan will be drafted subsequent to public hearings and other opportunities for public input.</p> <p>Quarterly, CILs will be asked to make their Work Plans available to the SILC as needed. CILs will report data in a format consistent with the 704 Report. Based on a review of these reports, the SILC will make recommendations on how to address consumer needs. The Network of Centers for Independent Living, SILC and DSE along with other disability agencies will dialogue about service needs and together establish plans to address these needs.</p>

Part II: Narrative: Section 8 - State-Imposed Requirements

8 State-Imposed Requirements

Identify any State-imposed requirements contained in the provisions of this SPIL.

N/A

REVISION TO STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
NEW MEXICO STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

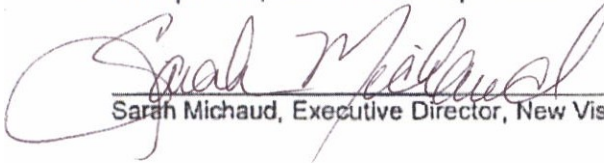
The New Mexico Statewide Independent Living Council hereby requests and submits a revision to the FY2017-2018 State Plan for Independent as follows:

A revision to the SILC budget decreasing the amount of the budget for FYI 9 from \$111,000 to \$80,000. After reviewing all of the funds expended in the SILC budget in FYI 7 and FYI 8, it was determined that the budget needed to be decreased. Since the SILC funds come from the funds, the \$30,000 no longer in the SILC budget would go to the Part B funded IL program at the Independence Resource Center in Albuquerque, NM. These funds will be spent on IL services at the Center.


THIS TECHNICAL AMENDMENT IS SIGNED BY THE CHAIR OF THE SILC.
ACTING

ON BEHALF OF AND AT THE DIRECTION OF THE SILC, WHICH MET IN SPECIAL MEETING ON JUNE 19, 2018; BY NOT LESS THAN 51 PERCENT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CENTERS IN THE STATE.

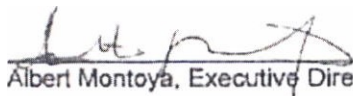

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