STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Budget Change Proposal - Cover Sheet
DF-46 (REV 07/23)

Fiscal Year	Business Unit Number	Department
2025-2026	4100	State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Hyperion Budget Request Name	Relevant Program or Subprogram
4100-003-BCP-2025-GB	Program 3810 - Regional Offices and Regional Advisory Committees

Budget Request Title
C.S. 19.56 Reappropriation: Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program

Budget Request Summary
The State Council on Developmental Disabilities requests reappropriation of unexpended one-time General Fund resources to support the Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program.

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed
☐ Trailer Bill Language ☒ Budget Bill Language ☐ N/A	N/A

Does this BCP contain information technology (IT) components? ☐ Yes ☒ No *If yes, departmental Chief Information Officer must sign.*	Department CIO	Date
	N/A	N/A

For IT requests, specify the project number, the most recent project approval document (FSR, SPR, S1BA, S2AA, S3SD, S4PRA), the approval date, and the total project cost.

Project No. N/A
Approval Document: N/A
Approval Date: N/A
Total Project Cost: N/A

If proposal affects another department, does other department concur with proposal? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Attach comments of affected department, signed, and dated by the department director or designee.

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Additional Review: ☐ Capital Outlay ☐ ITCU ☐ FSCU ☐ OSAE ☐ Dept. of Technology

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A. Problem Statement

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) proposes reappropriation of one-time General Fund resources for the Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program (SDM-TAP) authorized by Control Section 19.56 (Sec. (i)(16)(A) and (B)) of Chapter 249, Statutes of 2022 (AB 179).

AB 179, as part of the 2022 Budget Act, allocated $5 million General Fund to the SCDD for implementation of the SDM-TAP. Specifically, the allocation designated one-time $2 million to operate the program and one-time $3 million to be awarded in grant funding. To date, the SCDD's SDM-TAP effort has awarded $2.9 million of the $3 million available for grants (C.S. 19.56, Sec. (i)(16)(B).

The program is supported by 3 limited-term positions and, as of June 30, 2024, personnel costs totaled approximately $302,000, with an additional $44,000 expended for operating expenses and equipment, and approximately $259,000 in contracts. These operational expenses are supported from the $2 million appropriated under C.S. 19.56, Sec. (i)(16)(A). For the current year, the SCDD has $1.4 million available for expenditure under this section, and $3 million available under Section (i)(16)(B).

The SCDD currently estimates that approximately $507,000 will remain at the end of 2024-25. This reappropriation request will extend the SCDD's ability to encumber funds through 2025-26 and liquidate obligations through the end of 2026-27 to effectively close out grants and contracts, and fully maximize the SDM-TAP funding.

Resource History

(Dollars in thousands)

Program Budget	**PY - 4**	**PY - 3**	**PY - 2**	**PY-1**	**PY**	**CY**
Authorized Expenditures					$605	$3,888
Actual Expenditures					$605	$3,888
Revenues					$605	$3,888
Authorized Positions					3.0 LT	3.0 LT
Filled Positions					3.0 LT	3.0 LT
Vacancies					0.0 LT	0.0 LT

Workload History

(Dollars in thousands)

Workload Measure	**PY - 4**	**PY - 3**	**PY - 2**	**PY-1**	**PY**	**CY**
Grants and Contracts Awarded						Please refer to Section B. Justification for details.

B. Justification

The SDM-TAP provides a statewide resource for people seeking information about supported decision-making (SDM), i.e., the ability for a person with a disability to make their own informed decisions. Often referenced in the context of conservatorship, SDM is a tool that allows people with disabilities to retain their decision-making capacity by choosing supporters to help them make choices.

A person using SDM selects trusted advisors, such as friends, family members, or professionals, to serve as supporters. The supporters agree to help the person with a disability understand, consider, and communicate decisions, giving the person with a disability the tools to make their own, informed, decisions.

The SCDD grant program provides support, education, guidance, assistance and training to educational entities, families, service providers, professionals, people with disabilities, courts, attorneys, mediators, and others in California who wish to use or expand SDM in their professional or personal life. Special attention is paid to communities that have been historically underserved, including non-English speakers, as well as immigrant, native, and rural populations.

The SCDD has awarded nearly $3 million to grantees coordinating training and SDM resources for families, individuals, and professionals.

Awarded grants:

- **California State University, East Bay Foundation Inc. ($511,627):** The grantee will work with SDM subject matter experts, professional focus area experts, and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families to create modules and materials which will increase the understanding of professionals to work with individuals who have chosen to use SDM. The modules will be on-demand and self-paced and will be eligible for continuing education credit for professionals. The grantee will prioritize marketing this training to professionals working in vulnerable communities, including deeply rural, inner city, non-English speaking, homelessness/foster care, and Native/Tribal communities.
- **Family Resource Navigators ($780,256):** The goal of the project is to increase awareness and understanding of SDM among underserved individuals with I/DD, and their families, in the areas of education, and health and medical services. Their efforts will include interactive workshops, one-on-one family navigation services, and events. They seek to educate individuals and their families on what SDM is, how to access SDM resources, and how to implement SDM.
- **Pragnya ($477,000):** The project empowers neurodiverse individuals (those with I/DD-developmental differences), aging seniors, those with debilitating mental health conditions, and their families, to navigate various life decisions and lead more self-determined lives through SDM. The project will achieve this through: 1) individualized coaching by highly trained SDM coaches that work one-on-one with participants for 16 months, offering tailored support; 2) informative workshops for families and self-advocates, service providers, and the general community; and 3) accessible resources.
- **Disability Voices United (DVU) ($799,639):** DVU, and their project collaborators, will create the SDM Training and Information Center, a comprehensive project in which people with disabilities and family members develop effective training materials and curriculum, conduct outreach, and lead trainings throughout the state for other self-advocates and family members. DVU's Self-Advocates Speakers Bureau will train people with disabilities to lead the SDM trainings. Finally, the project also will include an SDM public awareness and acceptance campaign led by self-advocates and the organizers of the #FreeBritney movement.

- **California Policy Center for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities ($356,272):** The center will develop training modules for legal/judicial and financial sector professionals. The training will provide an overview of SDM principles, including detailed explanations of SDM agreements, the necessary requirements for creating one, and guidelines for regularly reviewing and updating these agreements. The training will also cover the role and selection of supporters, clearly outlining their responsibilities and legal boundaries.

The $2 million portion of C.S. 19.56 supports 3 limited-term positions and technical and program assistance contracts.

Contracts:

- **University of California, Los Angeles, Resource Library ($250,000):** The university will curate a digital resource library on SDM that provides an up-to-date, comprehensive set of information, resources, and tools to individuals with disabilities and their caregivers. The aim is to facilitate utilization of evidence-based SDM frameworks in disability services in California as an alternative to conservatorship and to promote autonomy, quality of life, and well-being in the lives of individuals with disabilities. Because the digital resource library will be targeted for California's large and diverse population, the curation project will emphasize culturally relevant resources that can be made available for a range of languages, literacy levels, and types of disabilities.
- **University of California, Davis, Evaluation Contract ($300,000):** The university will develop and perform an evaluation of the SDM-TAP grant programs and their services. This includes creating an evaluation plan, providing support for funding recipients to facilitate data collection and reporting to the SCDD, and providing a report outlining the impact of current SDM-TAP efforts and making recommendations for future steps for the program.

The SDM-TAP implementation plan originally included contracting plans for additional supports such as an outreach campaign. However, public invitations for bid were unsuccessful. Moreover, several successful grantees included plans in their proposals that will provide some of the outreach the SCDD intended to conduct via a contractor.

As such, the SCDD anticipates available funding for reappropriation into 2025-26. This includes approximately $432,000 from Section (i)(16)(A) and $75,000 from Sec. (i)(16)(B). The funding will be used for additional contracts for statewide warmline services, regional center trainings, translation of materials and informational resources into threshold languages (e.g., Spanish, Chinese, and Tagalog), and support of limited-term personnel into 2025 to oversee grant project closeout and manage the review and publishing of the evaluation study. Additionally, the amount of grant funding available for expenditure will support small-scale, supplemental grant project request(s) among current grantees.

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

The SCDD uses best practices in community engagement and helps bolster self-advocate impact. For example, to support SDM-TAP the SCDD and community partners successfully applied for the Youth Voice Youth Choice alternatives to guardianship initiative – working with youth aged 14 to 26 to develop plans to promote alternatives to guardianship and reduce the number of statewide guardianships.

The SCDD also frames SDM-TAP implementation as interagency collaboration, highlighting shared and related goals and, by extension, optimizing cross-agency outcomes. Alternatives to conservatorship interventions are being tied to existing California Departments of Education, Rehabilitation, and Developmental Services' initiatives in special education, employment, self-determination, and youth empowerment. Examples of this cross-department alignment include community integration, competitive integrated employment, post-secondary education, and independent living.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

The SDM-TAP team is tasked with establishing effective grant and contract management practices informed by clear metrics, deliverables, and outcomes. This ensures both quality performance by the grantees and contractors, and that those seeking supported decision-making assistance and guidance are well-served.

Data is a program cornerstone. The SCDD's vision for SDM-TAP is that a thorough grant program evaluation will yield a compelling narrative of SDM-TAP's transformative importance.

Projected Outcomes

(Dollars in thousands)

Workload Measure	CY	BY	BY+1	BY+2	BY+3	BY+4
Personal Services for grant and contract management and reporting, including general administrative and program support for grantees. Collaboration with technical assistance contractors on content management, program evaluation, and analysis.	$413	$389				
Award Contracts	$550	$43				
Award Grants	$2,925	$75				

E. Implementation Plan

As noted, the SCDD has awarded grants and executed contracts in support of SDM-TAP. The SCDD will continue to manage these efforts and explore ways to obligate available funding in the current year. However, the proposed reappropriation provides SCDD flexibility into the next fiscal year with these existing one-time General Fund resources should funding remain unexpended.

F. Supplemental Information (If Applicable)

Attachment A – Budget Bill Language

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4100-490—Reappropriation, State Council on Developmental Disabilities. The balance of the appropriation provided in the following citation is reappropriated for the purposes provided for in those appropriations and shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2026:

0001—General Fund

(1) Item 4100-001-0001, 2022 Budget Act (Chapters 43, 45, and 249, Statutes of 2022) as reappropriated by item 4100-490, 2024 Budget Act (Chapter 22, Statutes of 2024), related to the implementation of the Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program.