CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION

INDEPENDENT LIVING AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SECTION

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY PROGRAM

**Notice of cancellation of REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS IL 20-02**

**March 12, 2021**

The purpose of this Notice of Cancellation is to inform applicants and other members of the public that effective immediately, the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) has cancelled Request for Applications (RFA) IL-20-02 Traumatic Brain Injury Grants, and its related documents and addendums. Applications submitted in response to RFA IL-20-02 will not undergo evaluation, and no awards will be issued under this RFA.

The DOR determined that certain provisions in RFA IL-20-02 were inconsistent and unclear as briefly described below. Consequently, DOR has canceled RFA IL-20-02 and intends to issue a new RFA with the following changes to ensure that its competitive grant award process is clear, fair, and transparent to all applicants and other members of the public. Changes to the new RFA will include, but may not be limited to, the following:

1. The new RFA will include the Statement of Assurances form. The Statement of Assurances was listed as a required document in the Required Document Checklist in RFA IL 20-02 on page 23. However, RFA IL-20-02 did not include the Statement of Assurances form for applicants to sign and submit with their applications.
2. The new RFA will clearly and consistently state that applications must include all required documentation to be considered responsive and that applications missing any required documentation will be disqualified. RFA IL-20-02 included inconsistent provisions. Specifically, pages 12, 14, and 23 provided that applications missing required documentation would be disqualified, while a provision on page 11 stated that applications missing information “may” be disqualified.
3. The new RFA will clearly and consistently identify the minimum award available and the potential for additional funding should fewer than six applicants achieve the minimum score established in the new RFA for award. The new RFA will also identify the requirements relating to any additional funding that may be awarded. On page 4, RFA IL-20-02 stated that the annual grant amount is $175,000 each, and on page 7 indicated there may be more funding available. RFA IL-20-02 did not provide any requirements or expectations should additional funding be made available to awardees.

The DOR anticipates the new RFA for Traumatic Brain Injury Services will be posted on DOR’s website in April 2021, with an anticipated grant agreement start date of July 1, 2021 or upon approval whichever date is later. To ensure the continuation of traumatic brain injury services to Californians while the new RFA is underway, DOR may extend its current Traumatic Brain Injury Grant Agreements to September 30, 2021.

Thank you for your interest in serving Californians with traumatic brain injuries. Please continue to check our website at <https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/ContractGrantSolicitations> for the new RFA, other funding opportunities, and contract or grant updates. Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Tanya Thee, Traumatic Brain Injury Grant Administrator, at tanya.thee@dor.ca.gov or (916) 558-5780.