**FY 2023-24 Budget Act**

**DOR Budget Highlights**

(Dollars in thousands)

The Department of Rehabilitation’s (DOR) enacted budget for FY 2023-24 is $564,301. DOR continues to operate under a Federal Order of Selection process and determined that projected resources are adequate to meet projected costs for all three Priority Categories. The Department will serve all individuals in Priority Category One, eligible individuals with the most significant disabilities; Priority Category Two, eligible individuals with significant disabilities, and all other eligible individuals with disabilities, Priority Category Three.

**Funding by Program**

Vocational Rehabilitation Program – $540,744

Independent Living Program – $23,557

**Funding by Sources**

Total enacted budget for FY 2023-24 is $564,301 and includes:

* General Fund – $82,174 including $6,375 in Local Assistance
* Vending Stand Fund – $3,361
* Federal Funds – $470,536 including $10,066 in Local Assistance
* Home and Community-Based Services American Rescue Plan Fund - $150
* Reimbursement – $8,080

**Approved Budget Requests:**

1. **Disability Innovation Fund** **– California Subminimum Wage to Competitive Integrated Employment Project (CSP)**

DOR received a $13,944 federal grant in October 2022. The enacted budget includes DOR’s request of $11,199 in Federal Fund authority over four fiscal years ($2,767 in 2023-24, $2,822 in 2024-25, and $2,805 in 2025-26, and $2,805 in 2026-27) to perform project activities and provide program oversight for the California Subminimum Wage to Competitive Integrated Employment Project. This project, a research project that pilots new service delivery practices, will provide a comprehensive set of interventions and supports to increase competitive integrated employment outcomes, economic self-sufficiency, independence, and inclusion for individuals with the most significant disabilities currently in, or contemplating entering, subminimum wage employment. This request does not require additional General Fund.

1. **Additional Federal Fund Authority for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

DOR received an increase of $180,000 in Federal Fund authority over three fiscal years ($60,000 each year beginning 2023-24 through 2025-26) to spend existing federal funding to provide Vocational Rehabilitation services to both adult and student populations and maximize their potential to achieve, maintain, and retain employment, and ability to live independently. This request does not require additional General Fund.

1. **The Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP) State Internship Program (SIP)**

The LEAP SIP was approved to remove the sunset date of January 1, 2024, and is now a permanent program. The LEAP SIP provides an alternate eligibility process for people with significant intellectual and developmental disabilities to gain employment with the State of California. This program allows the implementation of a more extensive and assistive "on-the-job-certification" approach compared to the standard LEAP certification and exam methods. More information on the program is available at <https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/SIP>.

# Staffing

The DOR is allocated 1,880 total positions. This includes 1,788 permanent positions and 92 temporary help positions.

Details on the Budget Act, including the full budget summary, is available at [www.ebudget.ca.gov](http://www.ebudget.ca.gov).