**FY 2025-26 Governor’s Proposed Budget Highlights**

(Dollars in thousands)

The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy resulting in employment, independent living, and equality for individuals with disabilities.

DOR administers the largest vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs in the country. Vocational rehabilitation services are designed to help job seekers with disabilities obtain competitive employment in integrated work settings. Independent living services may include peer support, skill development, systems advocacy, referrals, assistive technology services, transition services, housing assistance, and personal assistance services.

DOR has determined that sufficient resources are available to provide the full range of Vocational Rehabilitation services listed in section 103(a) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 361.48. Consequently, DOR is not implementing an Order of Selection and will continue to serve all eligible individuals in all priority categories.

FY 2025-26 DOR’s proposed budget includes $582,568 total funding[[1]](#footnote-1).

**Funding by Program[[2]](#footnote-2)**

Vocational Rehabilitation Services – $554,946

Independent Living Services – $27,622

**Funding by Sources**

**State Operation: $566,127**

General Fund – $80,236

Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program Administrative Committee Fund – $3,657

Vending Stand Fund – $3,361

Federal Fund – $470,793

Reimbursement – $8,080

**Local Assistance: $16,441**

General Fund – $6,375

Federal Fund – $10,066

**Budget Item**

**Employee Compensation**

DOR’s budget includes a net decrease of $802 ($170 General Fund) in personnel costs resulting from various salary, benefits, and retirement rate adjustments as outlined in Budget Letters 24-27 and 24-28.

# Staffing

The DOR is allocated 1,883 total positions. This includes 1,792 permanent positions and 91 temporary help positions.

More information on Governor’s budget proposal, including the full budget summary, is available at [www.ebudget.ca.gov](http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/).

1. Savings resulting from SEC. 4.05 and/or SEC. 4.12 of the 2024 Budget Act are currently being recorded as an unallocated statewide set-aside. As a result, DOR’s budgetary displays may reflect overstated expenditures in particular programs and funds. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. DOR’s program structures were revised resulting from or related to the conversion or implementation of FI$Cal to ensure compatibility with the Controller and other departments. The funds supporting blind services have been consolidated and displayed under the Vocational Rehabilitation subprogram. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)