# Department of Rehabilitation Budget

The Department of Rehabilitation’s (DOR) revised budget for fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 is $501 million. Funding for vocational rehabilitation consumer services is $186.9 million. The DOR continues to operate under a Federal Order of Selection process, and will be providing services to 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, who apply on or before June 30, 2021.

# Funding ($ in thousands)

Total revised budget for FY 2021-22 is $501,357 and includes:

* General Fund – $86,760 including $6,375 in Local Assistance
* Federal Funds – $400,856 including $10,066 in Local Assistance
* Other funds – total of $13,741 including $10,380 in Reimbursements and $3,361 in Vending Stand Fund

**May Revision Budget Items:**

1. Extension of Reimbursement Authority for the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program

Requests a technical budget adjustment of $2.3 million reimbursement authority to support 3.2 limited-term positions and continue implementation of California Public Utilities Commission’s Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program providing speech generating devices to Californians with speech disabilities. This proposal would extend reimbursement authority to continue the pilot program for an additional year through June 30, 2022.

1. Disability Employment Grant

The Departments of Rehabilitation and Developmental Services request a one-time appropriation of $20 million General Fund, with three-year expenditure authority until FY 2023-24, to improve the employment rate of individuals with disabilities. DOR would use half of the fund for recruitment media campaigns, incentivize employers to hire employees with disabilities, and prepare and train individuals with disabilities. DDS would use the other half of the fund to increase pathways to competitive integrated employment by expending paid work experiences for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Each department would hire one limited-term staff to provide contract and grant administration for program-funded activities.

1. Supported Employment Job Coaching Rate

The May Revision budget includes elimination of job coaching rate increase suspension. If approved, DOR will continue to receive $955,000 General Fund for the job coaching rate increase.

**Other Items:**

1. Employee Compensation Update

As part of the PLP 2020 agreements, employee compensation reductions and pay deferrals will end in July 2021, for most DOR employees. Collective bargaining negotiations will continue with the remaining bargaining units representing attorneys and administrative law judges, and health and social services employees, whose contracts expired in July 2020.

1. Operating Expense and Equipment Update

The May Revision budget includes a statewide reduction of $278.8 million ongoing ($50.4 million ongoing General Fund) to capture a 5% permanent reduction in operating expenses, mainly due to telework efficiencies. Department of General Services will continue to evaluate ongoing leases and spaces needs with various departments including DOR.

# Staffing

The DOR is allocated 1890.2 total 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/).