

Proposal Summary
Meeting Date: 3/1/2017

**Center for Independent Futures
Request # 115324**

Project Title:	Enhancing Community Partnerships with Traditional Providers
Duration:	24 months
Request Date:	1/17/2017
Request Amount:	\$180,000
Recommended Amount:	\$117,185 including partial matching grant
Program Area:	Human Services\Housing / Shelter Services
Population Served:	Developmentally Disabled
Type of Support:	Salary Support\Program Staff
Grantee Location:	Evanston, IL
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Project Abstract

The proposal is to continue a prior-funded effort to engage individuals with I/DD, families and communities in the planning and implementation of alternative residential models. Building on earlier work, this project stage will focus most clearly on assisting providers of I/DD services in delivering alternative solutions to the individuals and families they serve.

Organizational Background

Annual Revenue Sources

Grants	9%	Government	0%	Earned Income	8%
Fees	40%	Private Support	43%	Other	1%

Finances

	Budget	Actual - unaudited	Actual
	12/31/2017	12/31/2016	12/31/2015
Revenues	\$1,269,345	\$1,483,648	\$1,544,894
Expenses	1,368,371	1,321,876	1,501,208
Surplus (Deficit)	(99,026)	161,771	43,687
Net Assets	NA	\$620,705	\$459,633

Center for Independent Futures (CIF) was founded in Evanston, Illinois in 2002 by two mothers of daughters with disabilities. Frustrated with the lack of choice of person-centered, community-based options for adults with disabilities, the founders recruited other families committed to creating new

solutions that would give their children or siblings the chance to realize full lives according to their hopes and dreams.

CIF upholds a vision of the future where individuals with disabilities have access to all opportunities of a full life. The mission of CIF is to create innovative product and service models that support individuals and their families and can be replicated. CIF's day-to-day operations include an Evanston-based program involving residences, support services, and community engagement, as well as training and consultation to family groups, human service agencies, community-based organizations, schools, businesses, and government entities. CIF has experienced a marked increase in the demand for its services due to the lack of state support for individuals with disabilities.

CIF does not receive state or federal funds, which allows CIF to retain its flexibility in creating new, best practice solutions to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families.

Program Description

To date, state and federal government has been considered the primary solution for issues faced by individuals with disabilities and their families. Housing, quality of life, and community engagement have been viewed as government issues. These challenges, however, are too complex and too large for any group to address alone. Cross-sector collaborations with individuals, families, social service agencies, government entities, for-profit and not-for-profit businesses, real estate developers, and community associations are necessary to create new solutions. This approach requires engagement of multiple sectors to work collectively and share assets, resources, and responsibilities for a common purpose.

The Illinois Department Human Services (DHS) reported that as of December 2016, there remain 18,975 individuals waiting to receive funding on the Prioritization for Urgency of Needs for Services (PUNS) list, with 8,496 requesting residential supports. In Illinois, 142,194 individuals live at home with a family caretaker, and 32,732—23 percent—of those caretakers are over the age of 60 (State of the States on Developmental Disabilities, 2015). The increasing numbers of aging caregivers demonstrates the critical need to create community-based housing options.

A large portion of individuals who, when receiving state funding for services, do not select traditional Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) options but instead choose Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) funding. In June 2016, the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) reported that of a recent pool individuals selecting state-funded services, only 25 percent selected Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) options, while 75 percent selected HCBS funding which provide for greater flexibility in the implementation of a housing solution.

Over the past year, CIF has received a stream of inquiries from traditional human service providers, developers, architects, and individuals with disabilities and their families who have become increasingly aware of the process, facilitation, and support it provides to individuals with disabilities and their families in creating community-based housing options as an alternative to traditional state-funded programs. Much of this increased interest is a result of the Enhancing Capacity Through Community Partnerships grant funded by the Coleman Foundation. Thanks to this previous support for CIF's Community Partnership Project, three family groups identified or are creating community-based housing options for their family members. Additionally, several human service agencies have begun conversations with us to better understand how to support alternative housing models. Real estate

developers and architects have approached CIF to be involved in the creation of various options. CIF proposes to continue its work to advance alternative solutions.

Train New Family Groups and Mentor Previous Family Groups

Three new family groups (5-10 families per group) will be engaged in the process developed through the work of the prior Community Partnership Projects. Two family groups will be linked to traditional service providers and Coleman Foundation grantees Aspire and Clearbrook. A third group, comprised of Hispanic/Latino families, will be linked to an agency serving the Chicagoland Hispanic/Latino disability community. Service providers will identify people on staff to partner with CIF in this effort. These Agency Community Coordinators will be trained and coached to fulfill new responsibilities. Project efforts will include recruitment meetings, an application process, four 4-hour training workshops, and consultation to create three alternative housing solutions in different Chicagoland communities. CIF will continue to consult with members of four family groups trained in the 2012-2016 timeframe under previous Coleman Foundation grants that have not yet created solutions. In addition, CIF will support of the efforts of Our House, a north suburban family group that recently opened its first Community Living Option.

Housing Symposium in 2018

In collaboration with Northwestern University's Asset-Based Community Development Institute, CIF will convene its second annual one-day housing symposium. Best practices in alternative, supported housing creation will be explored, and experts will be invited to participate in the event. Additional objectives of the symposium are to share family experiences, report outcomes, and discuss lessons learned from prior Coleman Foundation-funded grant projects, along with gathering input on future directions. The gathering will promote long-term sustainability through connecting and encouraging people with a shared experience to look to each other and community resources for solutions. This effort will continue to catalyze new cross-sector partnerships, develop new leadership, expand potential models for alternative housing, foster future research, and inform public policy.

Expand the training content for individuals, families, and community partners

CIF would develop webinars and process guides to assist family groups in identifying, expanding, and deploying natural supports in their communities. Efforts undertaken as part of the past grant project engaged family groups in creating a preliminary map of their community associations, as well as in identifying and engaging with housing and support partners. Broadening and deepening of this preliminary community asset mapping to identify and engage the many other potential community partners is vital to sustaining community-based living.

Translate materials developed under this and prior grants into Spanish

The program manual, webinar and process guide, symposium flyers and materials will be translated for use by new family groups, and an onsite translator will be present at the symposium.

Expected Outcome

Selected examples of outcomes include:

- Identify members of 3 distinct family groups (minimum of 5/maximum of 10 families per group) aligned with service providers and begin training by year-end 2017.
- Deliver comprehensive Community Asset mapping webinar and tools for families by second quarter 2018.

- Conduct Housing Symposium 2018 with 100 to 120 attendees (90-10 families and 10-20 community partners).
- Three family groups achieve a residential solution achieved in partnership with service providers.

Program Budget

Major grant request line items include:

- Personnel for project oversight, training and other project support (\$61,900 or 53% of request)
- Translation of program curriculum and other materials into Spanish (\$11,500 or 10% of request)
- Costs relating to 2018 Housing Symposium (\$10,800 or 9% of request)
- Development and distribution of training webinars/process guides (\$9,500 or 8% of request)
- Organizational overhead costs necessary to support the project (\$13,935 or 12% of request)

Prior Grants

Last Grant Date:	1/19/2016	Number of Prior Grants:	7
Last Grant Amount:	\$8,000	Total Amount Granted:	\$351,670

Recommendation

This proposal aligns with CFI's Disabilities Impact Plan strategy to Fund efforts to increase the supply of housing alternatives, including emerging models which allow for ownership by residents and other parties. CFI's prior grants to CIF have created the process by which previously unaffiliated or loosely affiliated families can join to create and realize a vision for a housing solution.

Through the most recent work, CIF has found its greatest success in aiding groups in ultimately making a connection to a traditional I/DD service provider. Earlier this year, a family group with children receiving day program services from Northshore organization Our Place of New Trier established its first residence. Another family group is partnering with UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago to achieve a solution. These successes indicate the opportunity for linkage between CIF's family groups and more traditional providers, hence the focus in this next stage of work.

The PUNS numbers noted above as well as those relating to individuals residing at home with an aging caregiver clarify the importance of continued efforts to enable alternative solutions. CIF initially proposed a broader effort which incorporated higher costs in a variety of areas. Through multiple conversations we arrived at mutual agreement for the proposed level of funding which would be structured as a partial dollar-for-dollar matching grant as follows:

- Year 1: \$63,270 not in the form of a matching award
- Year 2: \$53,915 awarded in the form of dollar-for-dollar matching grant

We recommend this proposal to advance existing work to broader impact.

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<i>1/26/2017</i>			
			2-Year Budget Summary
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Funds Needed</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>	<u>Funds Committed</u>
Coleman Foundation	117,185	117,185	
Private donations/grants	1,000		1,000
Organizational contribution	31,600		31,600
Program Revenue	3,500		3,500
<u>Revenue Total</u>	\$153,285	\$117,185	\$36,100
<u>Expense</u>	<u>Project Budget</u>	<u>Coleman Funds</u>	<u>Other Sources</u>
<i>Personnel</i>			
Project Director	20,000	10,000	10,000
Trainers/Facilitators	49,400	49,400	-
Executive Director	10,000		10,000
Consultants (NU ABCD Institute)	5,000	2,500	2,500
<i>Spanish Translation (including graphic design)</i>	12,000	11,500	500
<i>2018 Housing Symposium</i>			
Symposium Coordination	3,000	1,000	2,000
Symposium Venue/Meals/AV	4,800	1,800	3,000
Symposium flyers & materials (graphic design & production)	3,000	3,000	-
Live streaming/filming of symposium	5,000	5,000	-
<i>Webinar/Process Guide</i>	13,000	9,500	3,500
<i>Other Project Expenses</i>			-
Car rental, travel mileage	6,000	3,000	3,000
Food/beverages	3,500	3,500	-
Printing	2,250	2,250	-
<i>Program Evaluation</i>	2,400	800	1,600
<i>Administrative Overhead (10%)</i>	13,935	13,935	-
Total	\$153,285	\$117,185	\$36,100