

# Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center

## Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

### 4 Key Principles Essential for Compliance with the HCBS Final Rule:

**Choices:** Is the right, power, or opportunity to choose; option.

**Rights:** A person's right is that which is morally, legally, or ethically proper.

**Opportunities:** Opportunity is a good position, chance, or prospect, as for advancement or success; "a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something".

**Integration:** Integration is to give or cause to give equal opportunity and consideration to.

For additional information on HCBS visit the following:

- [ELARC](#)
- [DDS](#)
- [CMS](#)

Contact ELARC's HCBS Evaluator for support or questions regarding HCBS:

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## HCBS Compliance Funding 2020-2021

*What is it, how to apply and what to expect.*



### What is HCBS Compliance Funding?

The HCBS Final Rule impacts a wide range of programs, services and supports for a significant amount of individuals with developmental disabilities. In recognition that some service providers need to work towards modifying their services, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has made available [HCBS Compliance Funds](#) for the fifth year in a row. The 2020 enacted budget contains \$15 million to fund for necessary changes in order to help service providers come into compliance by the March 17, 2023 deadline. **The deadline to apply for funds for fiscal year 2020-2021 is February 12, 2021.**

### The Application Process

- Read the [DDS HCBS Funding Letter](#) and [DDS HCBS Funding Guidelines](#). The guidelines outline services eligible for the funds, the application process, what the funds can and cannot be used for and answers commonly asked questions.
- Complete [Attachment C \(Compliance Evaluation and Concept Form\)](#) and the [Concept Form Budget Template](#) and submit the forms to [Lizette Villa](#) by **February 12, 2021**.
- ELARC will forward all submitted concepts along with ELARC recommendations to DDS by February 26, 2021.
- DDS will review applications and notify ELARC of awardees by April 30, 2021.
- All HCBS forms and guidelines can be located on the [ELARC](#) and [DDS](#) websites.

### What to Expect if Awarded Funds

- Participate in an HCBS Compliance Funding orientation with ELARC.
- Monthly meetings with a Community Services Specialist (CSS) for support and guidance and for review of HCBS Monthly Compliance Reports and supporting documents.
- Collaboration with a CSS for the development of a Compliance Funding Implantation Plan. The plan will outline key milestones and include a budget breakdown of how a service provider will utilize their award within the 2 fiscal years allotted by DDS.

Please discuss this agenda topic with your team and identify any questions, concerns or comments about the topic.

Provide address your feedback and questions to [Lizette Villa](#) by February 28, 2021. Thank you.