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To: I/DD community members, Tribal partners and ODDS staff

Dana Hittle, Interim Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)

Subject: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for diversity, equity and inclusion

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) has a new American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Request for Proposals (RFP) available. This RFP is for innovative solutions to increase service equity for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who experience barriers in accessing services and supports. This includes people of color and those who identify as LGBTQIA2S+.

ODDS plans to issue multiple awards from this RFP with a maximum of \$150,000 each. These projects should support ODDS' initiatives to address racism, bias, and disparity for people with I/DD in one or more of the following four categories or areas of need:

- Implementation of community-focused diversity and equity training;
- Planning and implementation of community outreach events
- Training and technical assistance for providers to support LGBTQIA2S+ people with I/DD
- Support for expanding existing community activities to fully include people with I/DD

All details, requirements and qualifications are available in solicitation [S-10000-00010212 on OregonBuys](#).

A pre-proposal conference will be held on May 10 at 11 a.m. via Zoom.

[Join ZoomGov Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 160 518 9030

Passcode: 077834

If you have accommodation needs, please send those to louie.thomas@odhs.oregon.gov at least 72 hours before the pre-proposal conference.

These are other important dates for the RFP:

- Questions and requests for clarification are due May 24.
- RFPs are due by 3 p.m. on May 31.

Applications must be submitted through [OregonBuys](#), which is the state's e-Procurement system. All details and documents for this ARPA funding

opportunity can be found on OregonBuys through bid solicitation number [S-10000-00010212 on OregonBuys](#). Please make sure you're registered with OregonBuys and logged in to view the RFP documentation. To help with registration, there is a [registration quick step guide](#) and [full registration instructions](#). If you need additional registration assistance, please call the vendor help desk at 855-800-5046 or email suppliersupport@periscopeholdings.com.

The single point of contact for this RFP is Procurement and Contract Specialist Louie Thomas. All questions must go directly to Louie at louie.thomas@odhs.oregon.gov or 971-283-4755.

Thank you for your support of this important funding opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Hittle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dana" being more prominent than the last name "Hittle".

Dana Hittle
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