

### 1.3B Financial Plan Narratives

1.3B(1) Specify how the part B, part C and chapter 2 (Older Blind) funds, if applicable, will further the SPIL objectives.

Part B funds will support the activities listed in objectives 1.1, 1.2, and 2.1 in part 1.2A.

1.3B(2) Describe efforts to coordinate Federal and State funding for centers and IL services, including the amounts, sources and purposes of the funding to be coordinated.

\$9,600 of part B funds will be allocated to the CNMI – CIL for services.

1.3B(3) Describe any in-kind resources including plant, equipment or services to be provided in support of the SILC resource plan, IL services, general CIL operations and/or other SPIL objectives.

None.

1.3B(4) Provide any additional information about the financial plan, as appropriate.

None.

### 1.4 Compatibility with Chapter 1 of Title VII and the CIL Work Plans – 34 CFR 364.42(c) and (e)

1.4A Describe how the SPIL objectives are consistent with and further the purpose of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act as stated in section 701 of the Act and 34 CFR 364.2.

The CNMI Plan is consistent with Title VII, Chapter 1 of the Act and the CNMI-CIL has met the “Fourteen Assurances” and “Seven Standards” under Title VII, Part C.

1.4B Describe how, in developing the SPIL objectives, the DSU and the SILC considered and incorporated, where appropriate, the priorities and objectives established by centers for independent living under section 725(c)(4) of the Act.

The Executive Director for the CNMI – CIL was a member of the SPIL ad-hoc committee of SILC and participated in the development of the SPIL objectives. A DSU representative also participated in the ad-hoc committee meetings.

### 1.5 Cooperation, Coordination, and Working Relationships Among Various Entities – 34 CFR 364.26

Describe the steps that will be taken to maximize the cooperation, coordination and working relationships among the SILS program, the SILC, and centers; the DSU, other State agencies represented on the SILC and other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues; and other public and private entities determined to be appropriate by the SILC.

- The description must identify the entities with which the DSU and the SILC will cooperate and coordinate.

Voting membership in the SILC includes the CNMI CIL representative and the SRC representative. The Director OVR is an *ex-officio* member and she attends each meeting of the SILC executive committee as well as the general membership meetings.

The Director of OVR provides support services to the SILC by allowing the use of facility space, access to office equipment, and the assistance of the designated liaison for secretarial and clerical services. The OVR Director and the SILC Chair maintain a close working relationship and consult regularly by phone, and e-mail. An OVR staff member has been assigned to the SILC to provide support services to the Council.

OVR assists SILC by coordinating meetings that are scheduled on Rota and Tinian as outreach and awareness activities. OVR also coordinates council training sessions that are often held jointly with the SRC. One general membership meeting a year is a joint session that is attended by both SILC and SRC members.

#### 1.6 Coordination of Services – 34 CFR 364.27

Describe how IL services funded under chapter 1 of title VII of the Act will be coordinated with and complement other services to avoid unnecessary duplication with other Federal, State, and local programs, including the OIB program authorized by chapter 2 of title VII of the Act, that provide IL- or VR-related services.

The provision of transportation services is coordinated through a number of agencies including the CNM-CIL, and the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities. Transportation has been identified by several agencies as the most requested and needed service for individuals with disabilities.

#### 1.7 Independent Living Services for Individuals who are Older Blind – 34 CFR 364.28

Describe how the DSU seeks to incorporate into, and describe in, the State plan any new methods or approaches for the provision of IL services to older individuals who are blind that are developed under the Older Individuals who are Blind program and that the DSU determines to be effective.

N/A

### **Section 2: Scope, Extent, and Arrangements of Services**

#### 2.1 Scope and Extent – 34 CFR 364.42(b)(2)(3); 34 CFR 364.43(b); 34 CFR 364.59(b)

2.1A Check the appropriate boxes in the SPIL Instrument table indicating the types of IL services to be provided to meet the objectives identified in section 1.2 of this SPIL, and whether the services will be provided by the CILs or by the DSU (directly and/or through contract or grant).

<b>Table 2.1A: Independent living services</b>	<b>Provided by the DSU (directly)</b>	<b>Provided by the DSU (through contract and/or grant)</b>	<b>Provided by the CILs (Not through DSU contracts/grants)</b>
Core Independent Living Services, as follows:			
- Information and referral			X
- IL skills training			X
- Peer counseling			X
- Individual and systems advocacy			X
Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services			
Services related to securing housing or shelter, including services related to community group living, and supportive of the purposes of this Act and of the titles of this Act, and adaptive housing services (including appropriate accommodations to and modifications of any space used to serve, or occupied by, individuals with significant disabilities)			
Rehabilitation technology			
Mobility training			
Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services			
Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services			
Surveys, directories and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation, accessible transportation and other support services			
Consumer information programs on rehabilitation and IL services available under this Act, especially for minorities and other individuals with disabilities who have traditionally been unserved or underserved by programs under this Act		X	
Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities			
Supported living			
Transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation		X	
Physical rehabilitation			
Therapeutic treatment			

<b>Table 2.1A: Independent living services</b>	<b>Provided by the DSU (directly)</b>	<b>Provided by the DSU (through contract and/or grant)</b>	<b>Provided by the CILs (Not through DSU contracts/grants)</b>
Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices			
Individual and group social and recreational services			
Training to develop skills specifically designed for youths who are individuals with significant disabilities to promote self-awareness and esteem, develop advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options			
Services for children with significant disabilities			
Services under other Federal, State, or local programs designed to provide resources, training, counseling, or other assistance of substantial benefit in enhancing the independence, productivity, and quality of life of individuals with significant disabilities			
Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with significant disabilities for similar services in the future			
Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities		X	
Other necessary services not inconsistent with the Act			

2.1B Describe any service provision priorities, including types of services or populations, established for meeting the SPIL objectives identified in section 1.2.

Transportation services are the priority.

2.1C If the State allows service providers to charge consumers for the cost of services or to consider the ability of individual consumers to pay for the cost of IL services, specify the types of IL services for which costs may be charged and for which a financial need test may be applied, and describe how the State will ensure that:

- Any consideration of financial need is applied uniformly so that all individuals who are eligible for IL services are treated equally; and
- Written policies and consumer documentation required by 34 CFR 364.59(d) will be kept by the service provider.

Indicate N/A if not applicable.

N/A

## 2.2 Arrangements for State-Provided Services – 34 CFR 364.43(d) and (e)

2.2A If the DSU will provide any of the IL services identified in section 2.1A through grants or contractual arrangements with third parties, describe such arrangements.

Part B funds allocated for IL services will used to purchase the services based on its arrangement with the CNMI-CIL

2.2B If the State contracts with or awards a grant to a center for the general operation of the center, describe how the State will ensure that the determination of an individual's eligibility for services from that center shall be delegated to the center.

N/A

## **Section 3: Design for the Statewide Network of Centers**

### 3.1 Existing Network – 34 CFR 364.25

Provide an overview of the existing network of centers, including non-Part C-funded centers that comply with the standards and assurances in section 725 (b) and (c) of the Act, and the geographic areas and populations currently served by the centers.

There is only one Part C funded organization that operates in the CNMI, he CNMI Center for Living Independently. This agency provides the four core services and through collaboration with the SILC provides transportation services, consumer information and community awareness programs.

### 3.2 Expansion of Network – 34 CFR 364.25

Describe the design for the further expansion of the network, including identification of the unserved and underserved areas in the State and the order of priority for serving these areas as additional funding becomes available (beyond the required cost-of-living increase).

A network of centers in the Commonwealth is unwarranted at this point. The islands of Rota and Tinian each have populations of approximately 5,000 persons. The estimated number of individuals with disabilities who may be eligible for IL services is considered too small to justify a CIL on each island. Regular, periodic visits by OVR staff and the CIL Director should be sufficient for these populations.

### 3.3 Section 723 States Only – 34 CFR 364.39

3.3A If the State follows an order of priorities for allocating funds among centers within a State that is different from what is outlined in 34 CFR 366.22, describe the alternate order of priority

that the DSU director and the SILC chair have agreed upon. Indicate N/A if not applicable.

3.3B Describe how the State policies, practices and procedures governing the awarding of grants to centers and the oversight of these centers are consistent with 34 CFR 366.37 and 366.38.

#### **Section 4: Designated State Unit (DSU)**

##### 4.1 Administrative Support Services – 34 CFR 364.4; 34 CFR 364.22(b)

4.1A Describe the administrative support services to be provided by the DSU for the SILS (Part B) program and, if the State is a Section 723 State, for the CIL (Part C) program.

- Refer to the SPIL Instructions for additional information about administrative support services.

The DSU provides financial and technical assistance to the SILC in planning, budget development, and evaluation of the SILS program. Financial management support and recordkeeping activities are provided by CNMI Department of Finance.

4.1B Describe other DSU arrangements for the administration of the IL program, if any.

N/A

#### **Section 5: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)**

##### 5.1 Resource plan – 34 CFR 364.21(i)

5.1A Describe the resource plan prepared by the SILC in conjunction with the DSU for the provision of resources, including staff and personnel, made available under parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII, section 101(a)(18) of the Act, and from other public and private sources that may be necessary to carry out the functions of the SILC identified in section 705(c). The description must address the three years of this SPIL.

- Refer to the SPIL Instructions for more information about completing this section.

See section 1.3

5.1B Describe how the following SILC resource plan requirements will be addressed:

- The SILC's responsibility for the proper expenditure of funds and use of resources that it receives under the resource plan.
- Non-inclusion of conditions or requirements in the SILC resource plan that may compromise the independence of the SILC.
- Reliance, to the maximum extent possible, on the use of resources in existence during the period of implementation of the State plan.

The SILC by-laws address these requirements.

### 5.2 Establishment and Placement – 34 CFR 364.21(a)

Describe how the establishment and placement of the SILC ensures its independence with respect to the DSU and all other State agencies.

- Refer to the SPIL Instructions for more information about completing this section.

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) SILC is an independent, autonomous organization that is independent of the DSU and all other State agencies. As provided for by the RSA Title VII, the Governor has delegated his authority to the SILC to fill membership vacancies.

### 5.3 Appointment and Composition – 34 CFR 364.21(b) – (f)

Describe the process used by the State to appoint members to the SILC who meet the composition requirements in section 705(b).

- Refer to the SPIL Instructions for more information about completing this section.

The Governor of the CNMI appoints members of the Council after soliciting recommendations from a broad range of representatives of organizations representing a broad range of individuals with disabilities and organizations interested in the needs of individuals with disabilities.

The Council fills a vacancy, by a majority vote, for a composition that has been established and initially filled by appointment from the Governor. The delegated authority for the Council to fill such vacancies was approved by the Governor of the CNMI.

### 5.4 Staffing – 34 CFR 364.21(j)

Describe how the following SILC staffing requirements will be met:

- SILC supervision and evaluation, consistent with State law, of its staff and other personnel as may be necessary to carry out its functions.
- Non-assignment of duties to SILC staff and other personnel made available by the DSU, or any other State agency or office, that would create a conflict of interest while assisting the SILC in carrying out its duties.

N/A

## **Section 6: Service Provider Requirements**

Describe how the following service provider requirements will be met:

### 6.1 Staffing – 34 CFR 364.23; 34 CFR 364.24; 34 CFR 364.31