

Application Report

Applicant Name:	South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
Application:	SCLARC LACC FY 26-27 & 27-28 Plans
App ID:	App-26-1411
Funding Announcement:	FY2026-28 Language Access and Cultural Competency Regional Center Plans
Requested Amount:	\$1,586,156.00



Project Summary: • Build internal capacity by retaining the Cultural Community Coordinator to conduct outreach and engagement activities. • Collaborate with community consultants to provide support to Spanish-speaking families on the use of the SCLARC Family App. • Contract with 211 LA County to provide information and resources to families in their primary language and referrals to Regional Center services. • Enhance language accessibility by providing American Sign Language and Spanish interpretation at all public meetings. • Partner with EveryoneOn for Parent Technology Access Training classes for Spanish-speaking families as well as ongoing assistance with technical issues. • Provide American Sign Language classes for individuals served and families to reduce barriers and increase communication with Regional Center staff. • Raise awareness of Regional Center services by advertising on local media channels in multiple languages.

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APPLICANT QUESTIONS

Section Name: Regional Center Eligibility

Sub-Section Name: Regional Center Information

1. APPLICANT QUESTION: PROJECT TITLE

What is the Project Title?

Please respond to this question adding the regional center name to following the format:

26/28-LACC-RC

Applicant Response:

26/28-LACC-SCLARC

2. APPLICANT QUESTION: ALLOCATION AMOUNT

The allocation amount for FY2026/27 has been provided to each regional center. The Department will apply the same methodology for both fiscal years. Therefore, the amount you enter here should double the FY2026/27 allocation.

Applicant Response:

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3. APPLICANT QUESTION: DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION

Include your regional center's name and provide a brief description of your organization.

Applicant Response:

Our Regional Center is South Central Los Angeles Regional Center. Since 1974 SCLARC has served individuals diagnosed with developmental disabilities and children with developmental delays. Through a contract with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), services provided include intake, assessment, diagnosis, case management, early intervention, and life-long service coordination. Additionally, Early Start early intervention services for children with developmental delays, or at risk for delays, under the age of 3. Lastly, we provide supportive services for individuals diagnosed with a permanent developmental disability, ages 3 and above.

SCLARC works to ensure that eligible individuals receive support to enjoy the highest quality life possible in their community. We serve the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Maywood, Paramount, Cudahy, Downey, Huntington Park, South Gate, Compton, Lynwood, Gardena, Vernon and Carson, as well as the South Los Angeles area, including the communities of Watts, Crenshaw, Hyde Park, Leimert Park, View Park and Baldwin Hills.

4. APPLICANT QUESTION: COUNTIES SERVED

Select the counties in the geographic region that your regional center serves.

Applicant Response:

- Los Angeles
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Section Name: Plan Summary

Sub-Section Name: Regional Center Plan Summary

5. APPLICANT QUESTION: PROJECT PLAN

Please review the FY26-28 DDS LACC Activities & Measures Definitions document for detailed information.

I acknowledge that I have read the LACC Activities & Measures Definitions and completed the Project Plan (see Project Plan tab above). I acknowledge that the completed project plan aligns with the proposed budget.

Applicant Response:

Yes

6. APPLICANT QUESTION: ETHNIC/CULTURAL GROUPS SERVED

Select the ethnic/cultural group(s) the regional center LACC plan will focus on. For "Indian," "Middle Eastern," "Mixteco," "Native American," "Pacific Islander," "Slavic," or "Other" use comment section to list specific groups. Click "Show Instruction" for reference.

Applicant Response:

- Black/African American
 - Hispanic
 - Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH) / Deaf+
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7. APPLICANT QUESTION: LANGUAGE(S) SERVED

For the ethnic or cultural groups selected in the previous question, choose the languages your regional center will be supporting. If the language(s) is not listed, please select "Other" and enter it in the comment section.

Please List Only The Language(S) Your RC's LACC Plan Will Prioritize Conducting Activities In (Other Than Interpretation And Translation).

Applicant Response:

- American Sign Language
 - English
 - Spanish
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8. APPLICANT QUESTION: DATA AND COMMUNITY INPUT

Explain How Your Regional Center Has Incorporated Department-Provided Ethnicity And Language Data Into The LACC Planning Process, And How Community Input Has Guided The Development Of Culturally And Linguistically Responsive Initiatives. Please Include Both Internal And External Review Strategies.

Applicant Response:

SCLARC has reviewed the ethnicity and language data that was provided by the Department and has taken it into consideration when planning the following year LACC activities. In addition, SCLARC has also taken into consideration the community's input during public meetings such as the Purchase of Service meeting as well as hosted a meeting with parents to receive their input on what programs and activities are needed in the community. SCLARC has also attended parent support group meetings to listen to the community's needs and barriers in accessing services and how LACC activities can be developed to address the needs of the community.

9. APPLICANT QUESTION: EFFORTS TO IMPROVE LANGUAGE ACCESS AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Describe your regional center's prior and ongoing efforts to improve language access and cultural competency (interpretation, translation, bilingual staffing, outreach, resource development, etc.).

Applicant Response:

SCLARC has continued to work in improving language access and cultural competency efforts by providing interpretation services at all public meetings such as our Purchase of Service meeting, Caseload Ratio, Performance Contracts and all others. Interpretation is provided in American Sign Language and Spanish. SCLARC has continued to translate and provide all public materials in Spanish for the community based on their needs. SCLARC has also continued to increase efforts to hire experienced, bilingual staff to work with families and to be able to speak to them in their primary language. In addition, SCLARC has launched various programs to assist families with getting connected to SCLARC services and to facilitate their participation and engagement in public meetings such as the technology classes where parents learn to join zoom meetings as part of the curriculum.

In addition, SCLARC has also continued to conduct outreach in the community through the Cultural Community Coordinator to connect primarily Spanish speaking families to SCLARC services as well as to community resources. SCLARC plans to continue to partner with local media to reach awareness of our Regional Center and hire bilingual staff.

10. APPLICANT QUESTION: COLLABORATION

In What Ways Will Collaborations With Community Partners Help Your Regional Center Address Service Disparities And Improve Culturally Responsive Practices?

In your response, briefly describe the community partners you will engage, the purpose of each collaboration, and how these partnerships will support equitable service delivery. Include examples such as community-based organizations, advocacy groups, cultural organizations, educational partners, local agencies, or tribal and immigrant-serving groups.

Applicant Response:

SCLARC will partner with various organizations within the community to implement the LACC plan. Below are the organizations we plan to partner with:

- 211 LA County - We plan to partner with 211 to provide information and resources to families in their primary language and referrals to Regional Center services.
- EveryoneOn - our partnership includes providing technology classes to parents so they have access to information in their primary language. We also plan to continue to provide additional technical assistance as well as help them identify low cost internet services so families can stay connected to information as well as be able to join public meetings that SCLARC is hosting. Classes and workshops will be provided in their primary language.
- ASL classes - will be provided to parents so they can learn American Sign Language to better understand their children's needs for those who are nonverbal.
- Parent groups - to provide trainings and information
- Local media stations - to advertise

PROJECT PLAN

Obj. #	Ref. ID	Objective Name	Objective Description	Manager	Start Date	End Date
1		FY 26/28 SCLARC LACC Project	Build internal capacity by retaining the Chief Advancement Officer and Cultural Community Coordinator to conduct outreach, developmental screenings and engagement activities. Collaborate with community consultants to provide support to Spanish-speaking families on the use of the SCLARC Family App. Contract with 211 LA County to provide information and resources to families in	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028

their primary language and referrals to Regional Center services. Enhance language accessibility by providing American Sign Language and Spanish interpretation at all public meetings. Partner with EveryoneOn for Parent Technology Access Training classes for Spanish-speaking families as well as ongoing assistance with technical issues. Provide American Sign Language classes for individuals served and families to reduce barriers and increase communication with Regional Center staff. Raise awareness of Regional Center services by advertising on local media channels in multiple languages.

Performance Measure (0)

Ref. ID	Measure Description	Manager	Type	Planned	Actual	Start Date	End Date
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No Data Found!

Activity (14)

Ref. ID	Activity Description	Manager	Start Date	Due Date
CONSULT, RESOURCE	01. Contract with a Community Liaison Consultant to increases service awareness and accessibility, including support for Spanish speaking families to utilize SCLARC's Family App.	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028
HIRE BILLING	02. Retain RC LACC Staff (Chief Advancement Officer & Cultural Community Coordinator) To Strengthen	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028

	Community Engagement and Support Implementation of the LACC Program			
INTERPRET, TRANSLATE	03. Provide culturally responsive interpretation and translation services to meet diverse community needs	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028
OUTREACH	04. Attend outreach events for diverse cultural and linguistic communities to increase access to RC information and services	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028
OUTREACH	05. Advertise/Social Media Outreach to Connect Spanish-Speaking Families with SCLARC Resources and Information	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028
PARTNERSHIP, RESOURCE	06. Partnership with 211 LA County to help refer services to the Latino and Spanish speaking community	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028
PUBLIC	07. Conduct public meetings to provide information to diverse communities and get feedback on RC services	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028
RESOURCE	08. Developing culturally responsive resources to provide information on RC services for diverse communities	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028
SCREENING	09. Conduct developmental screenings for diverse communities	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028
TRAINING	10. Attend trainings to increase cultural awareness for the Chief Advancement Officer and the Cultural Community Coordinator	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028
TRAINING	11. Provide training to parent support groups to support multicultural communities in accessing RC services and meetings	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028
TRAINING	12. Contract with EveryoneOn to provide parents with technology classes in Spanish and ongoing technical support to improve digital access to Regional Center resources	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028
TRAINING	13. Contract with The ASL Shop to provide ASL courses for individuals and families to improve communication with the Deaf+ community	Kiara Lopez	07/01/2026	06/30/2028

TRAINING

14. Provide trainings to Spanish speaking parent groups to better understand resources

Kiara Lopez

07/01/2026

06/30/2028

BUDGET

Budget Year: 1

Budget Category	Direct	Total
▼ Personnel Expenses	\$246,000.00	\$246,000.00
Chief Advancement Officer, Bilingual (Spanish), FTE, 25% LACC Funded	\$76,000.00	\$76,000.00
Cultural Community Coordinator, Bilingual (Spanish), FTE, 100% LACC Funded	\$170,000.00	\$170,000.00
Personnel Expenses - other		
▼ Operating Expenses	\$1,202,156.00	\$1,202,156.00
Advertisement / Social Media (Latino and AA)	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
Community Liaison Consultant, Bilingual (Spanish)	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Contracts with CBOs/Local Agencies to Support Diverse Communities	\$340,600.00	\$340,600.00
Incentives & Refreshments	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Travel		

	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Supplies & Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Trainings & Conferences	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Outreach Events & Facility Rental Fees	\$29,556.00	\$29,556.00
Interpretation and Translation	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Develop & Printing of Multilingual Materials	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Operating Expenses - other		
▼ Indirect/Administrative Expenses	\$138,000.00	\$138,000.00
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Indirect/Administrative Expenses - other		
Total	\$1,586,156.00	\$1,586,156.00

Budget Justification

Category Name	Category Narrative
▼ Personnel Expenses	

Chief Advancement Officer, Bilingual (Spanish), FTE, 25% LACC Funded	Chief Advancement Officer / Cultural Specialist is responsible for the overall implementation of the LACC plan and budget. CAO oversees the planning, expenditures and reporting of LACC projects and supervises the Cultural Community Coordinator. The CAO is bilingual Spanish speaker.
Cultural Community Coordinator, Bilingual (Spanish), FTE, 100% LACC Funded	Base salary of \$85,000 per year plus FICA benefits at 34%. This position is a bilingual (Spanish) position, and will implement of SCLARC's LACC Plan, including the coordination of the technology classes, assisting with the advertisement of SCLARC through local radio stations and news media, providing incentives for families, conducting outreach in the community and assisting with connecting new parents to RC services and community resources, assisting with trainings, and any additional activities per the LACC plan.
Personnel Expenses - other	
▼ Operating Expenses	
Advertisement / Social Media (Latino and AA)	Costs associated with sharing information about SCLARC services and bilingual employment opportunities through culturally and linguistically accessible media outlets. Outreach will focus on Latino and African American communities and support recruitment of bilingual staff. SCLARC will collaborate with local radio and television stations to reach families in their preferred languages. This includes work with four radio stations and two stations (Univision).

Community Liaison Consultant, Bilingual (Spanish)	A contracted worker bilingual (Spanish) at 1560 hours per year, an average of 30 hours per week. Conducts outreach to new eligible individuals and families, providing culturally and linguistically accessible assistance onboarding and accessing the SLARC's Family Portal App.
Contracts with CBOs/Local Agencies to Support Diverse Communities	SCLARC will contract with 211 LA County, EveryoneOn and an additional contractor for ASL classes. The contract with 211 LA County has a dedicated bilingual representative and will provide in person assistance and connect African American and Spanish speaking families to RC and community resources. 211 LA County also has dedicated phone line and email address for SCLARC. EveryoneOn will be contracted to provide technology classes to parents as well as ongoing technology training and resources for the Spanish speaking community to identify low cost internet services. EveryoneOn will assist with bilingual office hours for walk-ins for additional tech assistance. Lastly, SCLARC will contract with ASL Shop to continue to provide ASL classes for the parents.
Incentives & Refreshments	Light snacks/refreshments and incentives will be provided to provide to families who attend the ASL classes, technology classes and ongoing technology assistance workshops to support family engagement and participation from diverse communities.
Travel	Travel costs associated with the implementation of the LACC plans and activities. Travel costs to include lodging accommodations, mileage and transportation costs.
Supplies & Equipment	Supplies costs associated with implementing the LACC plan and activities. Supplies include office supplies (pens,

	notepads), equipment and associated developmental screening costs.
Trainings & Conferences	Budget for trainings include funds to pay for 2-3 trainings for parent support groups via zoom, topics will cover zoom familiarization and technology proficiency to better participate in public meetings and workshops. This also includes trainings and conferences to be attended by the Cultural Community Coordinator and Chief Advancement Officer.
Outreach Events & Facility Rental Fees	Costs associated with the rental space and equipment needed for public meetings such as the Purchase of Service meeting. Meetings are held in the community to accommodate the community's needs and requests. This includes costs associated with attending outreach events to increase access to information for diverse communities.
Interpretation and Translation	This amount is to provide interpretation for all live public meetings, trainings, workshops, RC Orientations, POS meetings, board meetings and events for diverse communities to access important information and services. This amount is also to translate SCLARC's publications, documents, digital content and outreach materials into threshold languages and other low frequency languages by request. This funding helps reduce language barriers in service access.
Develop & Printing of Multilingual Materials	Funds will be utilized to develop and print materials and documents such as outreach brochures, workshop and event flyers, SCLARC at a Glance for the community's use. These materials are to help increase access to information and services to multicultural families in their primary language.

Operating Expenses - other	
▼ Indirect/Administrative Expenses	
Indirect/Admin Expenses	Cost of utilities, electricity, parking and janitorial services for events related to plan implementation. This also includes information and technology, Administrative supervision, telephone and internet charges, and payroll and accounting.
Indirect/Administrative Expenses - other	