

State funding for IL Program services/Fed. Funding for IL Program services

(1) Is the program considered a statewide program (this would include something that serves all rural areas)?

a. Is the implementation of the program really statewide? If not, is there a compelling reason why?

Yes. USOR receives money for the Independent Living services which it passes through to Independent Living Centers (ILCs). There are 6 ILCs spread across Utah (locations include Logan, Ogden, Salt Lake, Provo, Price and St. George, along with 8 branch offices. The program is considered to provide services statewide.

Please respond "Yes" or "No"

If "No" in the previous cell, explain why

(2) Who gets the money (by county)? [or other appropriate breakout like service area, group covering a certain geographic area, etc.]

	Current Funding	current funding %
Options for Independence serves Cache, Rich, and Box Elder Counties	\$640,278	14.92%
Roads to Independence serves Weber, Morgan, and Davis Counties	\$606,461	14.13%
Utah Independent Living Center serves Salt Lake, Tooele, and Summit Counties	\$1,017,978	23.72%
Ability 1st Utah serves Utah, Wasatch, Sanpete, and Juab Counties	\$594,671	13.86%
Active ReEntry serves Carbon, Duchesne, Uintah, Daggett, Emery, Grand, and San Juan Counties	\$741,776	17.29%
Red Rock Center for Independence serves Millard, Servier, Beaver, Piute, Wayne, Iron, Garfield, Washington, and Kane Counties	\$689,984	16.08%
	\$4,291,148	100.00%

(3) What is the methodology for distributing the money?

Independent Living Centers receive two types of Federal Money, money from the Rehabilitation Act and grant monies to serve Older Blind individuals in rural areas. The Older Blind Grant is divided equally between 3 rural centers (Options for Independence, Active ReEntry and Red Rock Center for Independence). Money from the Rehabilitation Act is divided by formula. The formula for distributing the money is based, in part, on population. The formula is: fifty percent of the total funds are divided evenly between Utah's six existing ILCs*, thirty percent of the total funds are distributed according to the percent of the State population in each ILC's service area (based on the most recent census data) and twenty percent of the total funds is distributed according to the percent of geographic area of each ILC's service area in relationship to the total square miles of the state. Population figures used in the calculation are updated every 3 or 4 years or more often if requested by the ILCs. *Money that has been received since 2001 follows a formula which includes only the 4 IL Centers that existed at that time. Increases received since 2001 follow the formula which includes 6 centers.

a. How does the distribution compare to actual need as expressed by population?

Population data annual estimates of Utah's Resident Population: July 2013 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

	Population	Population %	Current Funding	Current funding %	funding based on population %	difference
Options for Independence serves Cache, Rich, and Box Elder Counties	169,991	5.86%	\$640,278	14.92%	251,461	388,817
Roads to Independence serves Weber, Morgan, and Davis Counties	570,786	19.68%	\$606,461	14.13%	844,342	-237,881
Utah Independent Living Center serves Salt Lake, Tooele, and Summit Counties	1,178,969	40.64%	\$1,017,978	23.72%	1,744,003	-726,025
Ability 1st Utah serves Utah, Wasatch, Sanpete, and Juab Counties	616,913	21.27%	\$594,671	13.86%	912,576	-317,905
Active ReEntry serves Carbon, Duchesne, Uintah, Daggett, Emery, Grand, and San Juan Counties	113,060	3.90%	\$741,776	17.29%	167,245	574,531
Red Rock Center for Independence serves Millard, Servier, Beaver, Piute, Wayne, Iron, Garfield, Washington, and Kane Counties	251,153	8.66%	\$689,984	16.08%	371,521	318,463
	2,900,872	100.00%	\$4,291,148	100.00%	4,291,148	

(4) Does statute say anything about distribution and equity for the program?

No
USOR could not obtain any statute or code that provides explicit distribution and/or equity directions or guidance.

Please respond "Yes" or "No"

If "Yes" in the previous cell, give a brief explanation of what the law indicates as well as a reference to that law

State funding for the VR Program

(1) Is the program considered a statewide program (this would include something that serves all rural areas)?

a. Is the implementation of the program really statewide? If not, is there a compelling reason why?

The VR program is implemented statewide. VR services are available to eligible individuals in all political subdivisions of the State (CFR 361.25).

Please respond "Yes" or "No"

If "No" in the previous cell, explain why

(2) Who gets the money (by county)? [or other appropriate breakout like service area, group covering a certain geographic area, etc.]

	2014 Expenditures	% of Expenditures
Northern District serves Box Elder, Cache and Rich counties	1,306,900.00	8.28%
Ogden and Davis Districts serve Morgan, Weber and Davis counties	2,629,591.73	16.67%
Downtown, Valley West and South Valley Districts serve Salt Lake, Summit, Wasatch and Tooele counties	5,192,300.46	32.93%
Provo and Central Districts serve Utah, Sevier, Juab, Millar, Sanpete, Piute and Wayne counties	2,963,756.48	18.79%
Eastern Utah District serves Carbon, Dagget, Duchesne, Grand, Emery, San Juan and Uintah counties	2,180,851.77	13.82%
Southern Utah District serves Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Iron and Washington counties	1,498,377.87	9.51%
	15,771,778.31	100.00%

(3) What is the methodology for distributing the money?

USOR distributes VR program funds to 10 district offices under the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) and 1 district (which covers the entire State) under the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DSBVI). At the beginning of each budget year, USOR uses a formula allocation as the methodology to initially distribute VR program funds throughout the State to regional districts. However, this regional distribution is just a starting point to help with budgeting projections and to project performance expectations. Throughout the year as necessary USOR makes allocation adjustments to redistribute funding to meet regional needs and to ensure VR program resources are available on an equal basis to all eligible individuals without disruption. All clients throughout the State receive equal access to all VR services as long as USOR has funds in any available budget therefore the figures listed represent actual Federal Fiscal Year 2014 expenditures for the districts. Because service areas/districts do not align with counties some districts are grouped together here so that county population can be used for comparison. *The DSBVI District is not represented because it serves the entire state rather than just certain counties. As a comparison to other districts the DSBVI district spent \$939,064.13 of 2014 funds which represents 5.62% of the total client paid service expenditures for that year.

a. How does the distribution compare to actual need as expressed by population?

Population data annual estimates of July 2013 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

	Population	Population %	Current Funding	Current funding %	funding based on population %	difference
Northern District serves Box Elder, Cache and Rich counties	169,991.00	5.86%	\$ 1,306,900.00	8.28%	\$ 924,227.00	\$ 382,673.00
Ogden and Davis Districts serve Morgan, Weber and Davis counties	570,786.00	19.68%	\$ 2,629,591.73	16.67%	\$ 3,103,883.00	\$ (474,291.27)
Downtown, Valley West and South Valley Districts serve Salt Lake, Summit, Wasatch and Tooele counties	1,205,406.00	41.55%	\$ 5,192,300.46	32.93%	\$ 6,553,174.00	\$ (1,360,873.54)
Provo and Central Districts serve Utah, Sevier, Juab, Millar, Sanpete, Piute and Wayne counties	628,247.00	21.66%	\$ 2,963,756.48	18.79%	\$ 3,416,168.00	\$ (452,411.52)
Eastern Utah District serves Carbon, Dagget, Duchesne, Grand, Emery, San Juan and Uintah counties	113,060.00	3.90%	\$ 2,180,851.77	13.82%	\$ 615,100.00	\$ 1,565,751.77

Southern Utah District serves Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Iron and Washington counties	213,382.00	7.35%	\$ 1,498,377.56	9.51%	\$ 1,159,226.00	\$ 339,151.56
	2,900,872.00	100.00%	\$ 15,771,778.00	100.00%	\$ 15,771,778.00	

b. If not done by population, what is the reason?

USOR distributes funds based on the needs of the eligible individuals being served in each district.

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