

Project Abstract and Profile

Hawaii's proposal for the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration (MFP Demo) under grant solicitation CFDA 93-779 will be a collaborative effort between the Hawaii State Department of Human Services (DHS), local hospitals, nursing facilities, homeowners, community homes and their related associations, physicians, University of Hawaii School of Medicine, Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH), Hawaii Centers for Independent Living, individuals institutionalized in hospitals and nursing facilities and their representatives, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa – Center on Disability Studies (UH-CDS). All of the partners will engage in a collaborative effort to discharge individuals from Medicaid institutions. A Notice of Intent to Apply can be found in Appendix A.

Today, most individuals are successfully discharged from hospitals and are either diverted from nursing homes or return to their own homes or community homes with supports. Hawaii's project will be directed on discharging individuals with complex medical issues who have remained in hospitals and nursing facilities, or a combination of both, for six months or more. The project will review and consider all individuals currently institutionalized including the elderly, children, youth and adults with disabilities who express a choice of community living. Given Hawaii's tight housing market (one of the greatest barriers), the State proposes to use grant funds to find and establish more affordable and accessible homes for individuals with disabilities. Additionally, grant funds will be used to develop and implement new supports to assist individuals desiring to live in the community. Hawaii calls its project "Building a Home Around the Individual".

Grant resources will be used to complete the pre-planning phase; revise the current or develop a new assessment tool to more effectively identify the needed services and the associated cost(s) to sustain the individual in the community; develop and implement a tool to better match patients with landlords or community homes; recruit additional community home providers; establish transition coordination services for a limited time; develop and implement specific training programs; provide on-going support on a limit basis (e.g., 6 months) through a "virtual care team"; and conduct a rate study for institutional care and community homes. The State will revise its Quality Assurance Plan to include the review of the demonstration participants and use some grant funds to create and generate new on-going reports to evaluate the project.

The outcomes and products of the grant will be an assessment tool; a "matching tool"; training modules; identified physicians and other health care providers to support individuals and caregivers; transition coordination services; marketing plan and brochures for recruiting new community homes; reimbursement rate study and a revised Quality Assurance Plan. By the end of the demonstration period, Hawaii estimates it will have discharged 200 individuals from nursing facilities, 40 from the hospital waitlists and 50 from ICF-MRc.

The estimated cost of the project for five years (January 1, 2007 through September 30, 2011) is approximately \$13.6 million which includes \$11.6 million for services and \$2 million of administrative costs. As required, Attachment 2, State Profile and Summary of Project, can be found in Appendix B.