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To: Community Rehabilitation Program (CRP) registered VR providers

From: Theresa Koleszar, Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS)
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Re: Opportunity for Funding: Establishment Project

Date: September 20, 2024

The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) is pleased to announce we will be entering into Establishment Project contracts with approved public or private non-profit¹ Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs). The purpose of the Establishment Project is to increase staff capacity and training for allowable staff, which will increase the quality of services and competitive, integrated employment outcomes to VR applicants or eligible individuals.

BRS anticipates awarding Establishment Project funding, through a competitive procurement process, to qualified VR employment service providers who demonstrate a need and can meet the requirements. Establishment Project contracts are expected to begin in July 2025 and will be for a maximum period of four (4) years as the initial contract is expected to last for up to a two (2) year period, with a two (2) year renewal period.

This opportunity is available for public or private non-profit CRPs who are approved (non-probationary) VR employment service providers as of July 1, 2024. Funding for establishment projects will support the following:

- 1) Assist CRPs with **approved staffing costs to expand capacity** to provide quality and timely employment services, including supported employment services to VR participants; and

¹ *Establishment, development, or improvement of a public or nonprofit community rehabilitation program*
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- 2) Assist non-profit CRPs with **approved training costs** to improve the provision of employment services and increase the quality and quantity of competitive, integrated employment outcomes.

Please visit <https://secure.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/rehabilitation-employment/vocational-rehabilitation-employment/establishment-project/> on or after October 1st to learn more information about this great opportunity including CRP non-federal matching requirements and RFF application requirements. The RFF is expected to be released October 1, 2024.