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# Centers for Independent Living

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Laws of Minnesota 2016, Chapter 189, Article 12 provided for the following appropriation:

*\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for grants to centers for independent living under Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.11. For fiscal year 2018 and thereafter, the base amount is \$500,000 per year.*

Below is a compilation of the outcomes that have been achieved thus far or are in progress as a result of this appropriation. The start date for each contract was July 1, 2016, and the end date for each contract is June 30, 2017. As it relates to contract monitoring, each Center for Independent Living is meeting the agreed upon deliverables of their respective signed agreements.

## **SEMCIL -Rochester (\$68,125)**

- Increased personnel to assist individuals with advocacy including IEP advocacy and access to healthcare
- Purchased a trailer to increase home modification access in rural communities
- Provided accessible transportation to adaptive ski to enhance physical fitness and recreation opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Expanded use of the use of assistive technology with youth through the purchase of devices/technology

## **ILICIL- Sauk Rapids (\$132,526)**

- Built significant modifications to two facilities to make them accessible, including three accessible restrooms with roll in showers, accessible deck/ramp and entryway, accessible pathway
- Purchased needed furniture and resources for programming and services
- Provided facilitators for retreats for Veterans with disabilities
- Provided transportation for Veterans and others with disabilities to attend retreats

## **SMILES- Mankato (\$215,248)**

- Expanded consumer services by 8% or 107 consumers
- Provided adaptive recreational events for people with disabilities
- Obtained additional assistive technology devices for veterans
- Increased marketing, public awareness, and community education

## **Access North- Hibbing (\$89,317)**

- Increased a half FTE in Aitken
- Purchased two new printers
- Repaired and upgraded Center parking lot

- Obtained new signage at two locations
- Purchased roll ramp supplies for temporary ramps

### **MCIL- St. Paul (\$68,062)**

- Purchased a person-centered standardized assessment instrument
- Secure an electronic means of use of a human resource information system (HRIS)
- Enhance accessibility across disability using accessible, fully ADA-compliant Technology

### **Freedom- Fargo/Moorhead (\$234,036)**

- Staff attended a national conference for the first time in a years
- Upgraded copier/printer
- Purchased other office furniture and equipment
- Updated marketing materials

### **SWCIL - Marshall (\$104,401)**

- Hosting a human rights conference to be held April 11-12, 2017 to provide public awareness and education on disability related and other human rights topics
- Supporting attendance during a spring 2017 wheelchair basketball camp at Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) to promote college attendance and activities for high school students and high school graduates with disabilities
- Conducting a community needs assessment in five counties added to SWCIL's catchment area
- Making access improvements to staff offices
- Exploring the development of an AT program and the continuation of a ramp program
- Providing additional staff training opportunities

### **Options – East Grand Forks/MN (\$88,285)**

- Update web-conferencing in order for people with disabilities, staff and board members to access services and meetings
- Update electronic and office equipment that has been neglected due to lack of funding. Purchase more sophisticated virus protection software
- Send a staff person to become accredited technological providers
- Purchase a trailer in order to protect equipment when bringing it to display venues
- Purchase additional technological equipment and recreational equipment that people with disabilities can try prior to purchasing from vendors