



**PROJECT #2**  
**Project Start-up FY 2009-10**  
**RESIDENTIAL FACILITY**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Start-Up Funding up to: \$125,000**

This Residential Facility must be located within the NLACRC catchment area. Proposals may be submitted for Level 4 Services or for a Specialized Residential Facility (service code 113.) The specialized facility proposal would include services and staffing that exceed Level 4 service requirements. Please clearly specify the type of service being proposed. The rate for an approved specialized residential facility would be negotiated and based on the approved services.

This facility will be a resource for male or female consumers who may have severe self-care deficits and/or severe behavioral challenges. Consumers may be non-ambulatory. The program staff must be prepared to provide training and intervention to address behavioral deficits that may include tantrums, verbal and physical aggression, property destruction, and self injury. In addition, this program may be designed to meet the needs of consumers with mental health challenges that impede the consumer's ability to develop and maintain healthy social relationships and appropriate behavior in the community. These consumers may have a history of criminal behavior and/or forensic involvement. Consumers referred to this facility will be those currently residing at the State Developmental Center (SDC) or those who are at risk for placement into a developmental center.

NLACRC requires that the proposal include a plan for a contractual arrangement with a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) to conduct assessments, develop behavior plans, and to provide comprehensive, ongoing training and consultation. The selection of the BCBA will be subject to approval by the NLACRC clinical team.

Program services must include intensive interventions supported by consultants who will provide creative and proactive services required to implement the proposed program. Consultants will be expected to conduct assessments, develop proactive plans, and provide training to direct care staff. The proposal must also include identified medical supports available in the community.

The facility must be licensed by the Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division as an Adult Residential Facility with a maximum capacity of four (4) residents. The facility must provide individual bedrooms for each resident, and each bedroom must be approved to accommodate a resident who is physically or cognitively non-ambulatory. The home will also have at least one fully equipped wheelchair accessible bathroom and shower.

All applicants for this project must include ideas for implementing meaningful activities during the day as some individuals may not participate in typical organized day activities or work program.

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants should design a program that is equipped to meet the specialized needs of consumers whose diagnoses are likely to include the following:

- Moderate to profound levels of cognitive deficit
- Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Seizure disorders
- Mental Illness/Psychiatric Diagnosis
- Severe behaviors that may include, but are not limited to: non-compliance, impulse control issues, history of criminal involvement, theft, property destruction, aggression towards others, tantrums, self-abuse, hyperactivity, elopement, sexual acting out (not registered as a sex offender), and/or suicidal ideation.
- Need for assistance with some or all aspects of daily living, including hygiene, toileting, showering, dressing and eating.
- Medical conditions that require Restricted Health Care Plans.
- Non-ambulatory with mild to severe mobility challenges.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS, ADMINISTRATOR & DCS

It is mandatory that applicants have proven expertise and extensive experience in the successful operation of a program (preferably a Level 4 Residential Facility or Specialized Residential Facility) serving consumers whose service needs are similar to those for whom this service is being developed. NLACRC is looking for a provider who demonstrates strength in the areas of clinical, administrative, and fiscal responsibility.

**Facility Administrator:** The designated facility administrator must possess the following prior to admission of the first consumer: DSP Year 1 and 2 certificates, current CPR and First-aid certification, current certification in Pro-ACT, Mandt, or Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, completion of NLACRC's Residential Service Orientation. Any other program(s) with which the Administrator has been associated must have been in good standing with the regional center and CCL during the period of the Administrator's association with that program.

For Level 4 Services, the Administrator must possess a minimum of twelve (12) months experience in an administrative or managerial capacity in a Service Level 3 or 4 facility, working with consumers with severe self-care and/or behavioral challenges.

For a Specialized Residential Facility, the Administrator must possess a minimum of eighteen (18) months as an Administrator in a Service Level 4 or equivalent setting serving consumers with severe self-care and/or behavioral challenges.

**Direct Care Staff:** All direct care staff must possess the following prior to working with consumers: DSP 1 certificate; First-aid certification. Completion of Mandt, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention or Pro-ACT training is required within a timeframe approved by the regional center but not to exceed 90 days from hire date.

For Level 4 Services, minimum of six months of experience providing direct care and special services to consumers in a Service Level 2, 3, or 4 facility.

For a Specialized Residential Facility, minimum of twelve months of experience providing direct care and special services to consumers in a Service Level 3 or 4 facility. Any exceptions to the minimum experience requirements must be reviewed and approved by the regional center.

Please see the Proposal Writing Guidelines for additional information.