

ROOMMATE MATCHING - COMING TO A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU!



Statewide Expansion of the Roommate Matching Service

OOMM was originally developed with HCBS grant funding in 2023. DDS recently partnered with a regional center workgroup to modify the OOMM roommate matching platform for use statewide by clients of the regional centers that are deaf.

On My Own Independent Living Services updated OOMM with feedback from DDS and the ARCA Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialists group.

EIGHT REGIONAL CENTERS TO RELEASE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS



Ensuring Accessibility

Eight Regional Centers will award \$50,000 in DDS Community Resource Development Plan start-up funding for eight Housing Access Services providers to support all 21 regional centers.

Selected providers will utilize the OOMM platform to support up to three RC catchment areas.

Service Code 089 Housing Access Services - Approx. \$74.00 per hour.

ACRC to contract with On My Own for website hosting and statewide technical support.

Statewide Bidder Conference/ RFP Orientation - October 21, 2025. 3pm via ZOOM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84991350764>

REGIONAL CENTER CRDP REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS PARTNERSHIPS



EASTERN LOS ANGELES
REGIONAL CENTER



San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center



Lanterman Regional Center



North Los Angeles County
Regional Center



Tri-Counties
Regional Center



HARBOR
REGIONAL CENTER



SCLARC
South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
for persons with developmental disabilities, inc.



WESTSIDE
REGIONAL CENTER




SIDRIC



Redwood Coast Regional Center



FAR NORTHERN
REGIONAL CENTER



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Valley Mountain Regional Center
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REGIONAL CENTER




Golden Gate Regional Center
Supporting Lives of Liberty and Opportunity



RCEB Regional Center of the East Bay



North Bay
Regional Center



Alta California
Regional Center

On My Own Housing Access Services currently support NBRC and ACRC catchment areas.

WHAT ARE HOUSING ACCESS SERVICES?

Pre-tenancy assistance / transition supports: help with identifying suitable housing, navigating landlord criteria, application processes, inspections, security deposits, and utility setups.



Tenancy sustaining supports: services to help maintain housing stability, such as landlord mediation, education about tenant rights, budgeting for housing costs, or coordinating supports that help with follow-up. *(possible duplication with active SLS)*

HOW THIS EXPANSION ALIGNS WITH MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (MPDS) 1/3

Housing and Community Living

The MPDS stresses the need for innovative housing navigation and matching supports, particularly tools that enhance independent living.

- The OOMM roommate matching service directly advances this by providing a **technology-based roommate match platform** accessible statewide, supporting individuals in finding compatible living arrangements.
- By integrating Housing Access Services (Service Code 089), the initiative addresses the MPDS call for **expanded housing pathways** and the use of creative solutions to maximize affordable housing options.

Equity and Access for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities

The MPDS emphasizes reducing disparities and ensuring access for underserved groups, including people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

- This expansion was shaped with input from DDS and the **ARCA Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialists** group, aligning with MPDS equity recommendations.
- Ensuring **accessibility from desktop and phone** and adapting the platform for statewide use by individuals who are deaf means more equitable reach.

HOW THIS EXPANSION ALIGNS WITH MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (MPDS) 2/3



Cross-Regional Coordination

MPDS recommendations highlight the importance of **regional collaboration** rather than siloed approaches.

- Eight regional centers will each release RFPs for Housing Access Services, but providers will support up to three regional center catchment areas each, fostering **multi-regional collaboration**.
- This effort is **statewide**, not limited to individual centers, which reflects MPDS goals for consistent service delivery across California.

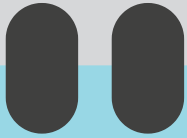


Technology and Innovation

The MPDS calls for leveraging technology-enabled solutions to improve service coordination and navigation.

- The OOMM platform is a concrete example of **digital innovation**: a statewide tool that supports relationship-building, reduces isolation, and streamlines roommate matching for independence.
- By funding website hosting and technical support centrally (via ACRC and On My Own), the initiative ensures **standardized access** while reducing duplication of effort across regional centers.

HOW THIS EXPANSION ALIGNS WITH MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (MPDS) 3/3



Strategic Funding Alignment

MPDS recommends that DDS use **CRDP and other funding** streams to pilot and scale initiatives that can be replicated statewide.

- DDS is providing \$50,000 per regional center in **Community Resource Development Plan start-up funding**, which mirrors the MPDS approach of **seeding scalable innovation**.
- This creates a sustainable model that **all 21 regional centers can access**, even though initial awards are made to eight centers.
- OOMM Service originally developed with ACRC-awarded DDS HCBS grant funding.

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SUMMARY OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Plan to Enhance Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf

DDS will also work with Regional Centers to: Develop a housemate matching system for deaf consumers.

The OOMM statewide roommate matching expansion brings equity, technology, and collaboration together to open new housing pathways, directly fulfilling the requirements of the McCollough Settlement and the Master Plan for Developmental Services' vision for innovative, scalable community living solutions.

OOMM ROOMMATE MATCHING SERVICES EXPANSION HOUSING ACCESS SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 1/3

Project Overview

Eight California regional centers, are jointly issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) to expand the OOMM roommate matching platform statewide and build a network of Housing Access Services providers across multiple regional center catchment areas.

Funded through DDS's Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) start-up awards, this initiative will extend innovative housing navigation supports statewide, strengthen equity for underserved populations, and provide scalable technology solutions.

Scope of Services

- Pre-tenancy supports such as housing search, applications, landlord engagement, and lease negotiation.
- Assistance with move-in coordination, including allowable one-time set-up costs.
- Tenancy sustaining services including coaching, mediation, tenant education, and crisis prevention plans.
- Integration of OOMM roommate matching results into individualized housing support plans.
- Collaboration with regional center service coordinators to maintain housing stability and prevent eviction.

OOMM ROOMMATE MATCHING SERVICES EXPANSION HOUSING ACCESS SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2/3

Target Population

- Adults with developmental disabilities seeking to live independently or with roommates.
- Priority for individuals at risk of institutionalization, homelessness, or housing instability.
- Providers must demonstrate outreach strategies that ensure equitable access across catchment areas.

Funding and Contracting

- DDS has allocated \$50,000 in CRDP start-up funding per participating regional center to support the initial expansion.
- Ongoing reimbursement will occur through Housing Access Services (Service Code 089).
- Providers must demonstrate capacity to serve multiple regional center catchment areas (up to three) under a single contract.

OOMM ROOMMATE MATCHING SERVICES EXPANSION HOUSING ACCESS SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 3/3

Proposal Requirements

- Organizational capacity and experience in housing navigation and support for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Strategy for outreach, equity, and accessibility (with emphasis on Deaf and Hard of Hearing populations).
- Plan for integrating OOMM platform referrals into housing services.
- Service model and staffing plan for multi-regional delivery.
- Budget for use of CRDP start-up funds and sustainability plan for ongoing operations.
- Metrics for housing stability, match success, and equity outcomes.

Timeline

- Proposals due: December 1, 2025
- Selection: February 15, 2026
- Contract execution: June 30, 2026
- Service launch: TBD by 2027