

## Community Living Program Grants

**State Agency:** Executive Office on Aging

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**Project Abstract:**

The applicant, Hawaii Executive Office on Aging (EOA), which operates the Hawaii Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), will conduct this Community Living Program (CLP) in collaboration with the Department of Human Services (the state Medicaid agency), State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Disability Communication Access Board, Area Agencies on Aging, and community service providers.

The **goal** is to assist individuals who are not Medicaid eligible, but at imminent risk of nursing home placement, to remain in the community, avoiding institutionalization and spend-down to Medicaid.

The **approach** will identify at-risk individuals through ADRC and link them to home and community-based services (HCBS) to retain them in community living, offering options of consumer-directed services or traditional agency-directed services.

The **objectives** are to:

1) Coordinate ADRC's intake & assessment protocol with Medicaid level-of-care and eligibility tools; 2) Identify those at risk of nursing home placement and not Medicaid eligible by adding CLP data elements to ADRC assessment protocols, 3) Use existing state and federal funds to help these individuals remain living in the community, 4) Contract for Financial Management Services to activate the option for consumer direction. 5) Provide at least 90 individuals at risk of nursing home placements and spend down to Medicaid with quality consumer-directed or traditional agency-directed HCBS.

Expected **outcomes** after two years are that: 1) 80 individuals will avoid institutionalization, 2) 80 individuals will avoid spend down to Medicaid, 3) ADRC sites will use a common intake form to assess individuals for service needs, and 4) individuals who need supports to remain living in the community have the option to elect consumer-directed services.