



Utah Traumatic Spinal Cord (SCI) and Brain Injury (TBI) Rehabilitation Fund FY2012 Legislative Report

Accomplishments

- SCI and TBI Rehabilitation Advisory Committee appointed and first meeting held.
- SCI and TBI Rehabilitation rule drafted, approved by advisory committee, and public comment period completed.
- Request for proposal (RFP) for distribution of SCI and TBI Rehabilitation funds to the 501(c)(3) charitable clinics drafted and approved by the advisory committee. RFP will go to State Purchasing on December 10, 2012.

Overview

The SCI and TBI Rehabilitation Fund was established during the 2012 Utah Legislative Session (Section 26-54) as a restricted special revenue fund that consists of gifts, grants, donations, or any other conveyance of money that may be made to the fund from private sources; a portion (\$20) of the impound fee as designated in Section 41-6a-1406; and amounts as appropriated by the Legislature. The Legislature appropriated an initial allocation of \$200,000 for SFY 2013.

The fund shall be administered by the executive director of the Department of Health in consultation with the advisory committee. Funds shall be used to assist “qualified IRC 501(c)(3) charitable clinics” to provide physical, occupational, and speech therapy; and equipment necessary for daily living activities for people with spinal cord and brain injuries.

Advisory Committee

The SCI and TBI Rehabilitation Fund Advisory Committee was created in Section 26-54-103 and shall be composed of five members: executive director or his/her designee; a TBI survivor or family member appointed by the Governor; an SCI survivor or family member appointed by the Governor; a member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; and a member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate.

Members of the advisory committee are:

- David Patton, Executive Director, UDOH
- Representative Eric Hutchings
- Senator Curtis Bramble
 - Nita Smith, family member of a TBI survivor
 - Andy Curry, SCI survivor

The first meeting of the advisory committee was held on September 20, 2012 with a quorum present. The committee approved the SCI & TBI draft rule for filing and posting for public comment with a few changes. The committee also approved the request for proposal (RFP) to be sent to State Purchasing, with incorporation of any changes necessary based on the public comment, in order that the application and contract process with the 501(c)(3) charitable clinics may proceed.

Rule Status

The SCI and TBI Rehabilitation Fund Rule was drafted and approved by the advisory committee. Draft rule was filed and posted for a 30 day comment period which closed December 3, 2012. Comments will be reviewed.

Contract Process Status

The request for proposal (RFP) for distribution of funds to the 501(c)(3) charitable clinics that “qualify” for the SCI and TBI Rehabilitation funds has been drafted and approved by the advisory committee. After rule comments have been reviewed, any necessary revisions will be made, approved by the Executive Director, and the RFP will be submitted to State Purchasing for posting. Qualified applications will be accepted, reviewed, and scored. Contracts will be initiated with those awarded funding.

Anticipated Timeline

- RFP posted December 2012
- Rule effective date December 2012
- Next advisory committee meeting December 2012 or January 2013
- RFP application reviewed and scored first week of January 2013
- Applicants notified January 2013
- Contracts drafted and initiated January 2013
- Contracts finalized March 2013

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