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SUBJECT : Fiscal Year 1990 Summary of Services Funded through the
Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) for
Persons Who are Blind or Visually Impaired

CONTENT : Persons who are blind or visually impaired are served
throughout the State-Federal rehabilitation system.
States may, at their discretion, designate separate
agencies to serve the needs of persons who are blind or
visually impaired. RSA also funds a variety of
discretionary training and special project grant
programs that benefit this population.

The purpose of this report is to provide information on
State formula and discretionary grant programs funded
by RSA that center on the needs of persons who are
blind or visually impaired.

This report was prepared by the Rehabilitation Branch
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of information contained in it will be appreciated.
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FISCAL YEAR 1990 SUMMARY OF SERVICES FUNDED
THROUGH THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

I. INTRODUCTION

This report provides summary information on services and special projects provided to persons who are blind or visually impaired in Fiscal Year 1990 through the State-Federal formula grant programs and projects authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. This report also includes summary information describing the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program.

While persons who are blind or otherwise visually impaired receive vocational rehabilitation services through State general rehabilitation agencies, many States have separate agencies that address the unique needs of this population. Similarly, persons who are blind or otherwise visually impaired receive support through special Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) projects.

II. FEDERAL-STATE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAMS

The Federal-State formula grant programs funded by RSA are: A. Basic State Grants Program, B. Client Assistance Program (CAP), C. State Supported Employment Services Program, D. State Independent Living Rehabilitation Services Program, Title VII, Part A - Comprehensive Services. The Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program which receives funds through the Basic State Grant program is also described in this section of the report.

A. Basic State Grants Program
(Section 110, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)

Federal Grants and State Matching Funds - FY 1990

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Agencies	\$1,396,762,643	\$353,692,983	\$1,750,455,626
Blind Agencies	<u>127,914,357</u>	<u>31,983,884</u>	<u>159,898,241</u>
Combined Total	\$1,524,677,000	\$385,676,867	\$1,910,353,867

Under provisions of the Basic State Grants Program, Federal funds are allocated among the States and territories from the total Federal appropriation on the basis of a formula that takes into account a State's population and per capita income. In the 26 States with separate agencies to serve persons who are blind, allocation of funds between the two agencies is determined by the State. The Act authorizes Federal allocations on a formula basis with a State fund matching requirement. The State matching share is 20 percent of the amount allotted to the State in 1988. Beginning in FY 1989, any increased amount a State receives above its 1988 allotment is matched at an additional one percent per year for five years. The Basic State Grants Program is the principal source of Federal funding for provision of vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities including persons who are blind or visually impaired. (See Appendix A for funding to State agencies, both general and separate agencies serving persons who are blind)

Table 1 contains the total number of persons vocationally rehabilitated in FY 1990 and 1989 through the State-Federal program, including blind or visually impaired persons.

Table 1

State Federal Program - Performance Data

	<u>FY 1990</u>	<u>FY 1989</u>
Total Number of Persons Served (All disabilities)	937,951	928,998
Total Number of Persons Rehabilitated	216,109	220,408
Blind Rehabilitants	9,963	10,003
% Rehabilitants of Total	4.6	4.5
Other Visually Impaired Rehabilitants	13,161	9,596
% Rehabilitants of Total	6.1	4.4
Total Blind or Visually Impaired Rehabilitants	23,124	19,599
% Rehabilitants of Total	10.7	8.9
Estimated # Blind or Visually Impaired Served*	92,496	78,396

*Estimated at ratio of 4 persons served to 1 person rehabilitated

Table 2 indicates the types of placements that occurred as a result of the provision of rehabilitation services for persons who are blind or visually impaired as compared to other disabilities - in FY 1989.

Table 2

Visual impairment and work status at closure for clients rehabilitated in FY 1989

(percentages)

WORK STATUS AT CLOSURE	VISUALLY IMPAIRED			OTHER	ALL CLIENTS
	BLIND	OTHER VISUAL	ALL		
Competitive labor market	35.9	66.0	53.1	85.6	82.1
Sheltered workshop	6.1	2.4	4.0	6.2	5.9
Self-employed	4.2	5.4	4.8	2.0	2.3
State agency managed (Business Enterprise Program)	1.8	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.2
Homemaker	51.3	25.5	36.6	5.8	9.1
Unpaid family Worker	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.4
All	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of Cases Reporting	10,003	9,596	19,599	179,341	218,539

FY 1990 data were not available at the time this report was prepared.

Note: Both major and secondary disabilities were considered when identifying individuals who are visually impaired.

Cases with unspecified work status at closure or disability condition are not included in this table.

B. Client Assistance Program
(Section 112, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)
FY 1990 Appropriation - \$7,901,000

This formula grant program advises clients and potential client applicants of available services under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. States are required to have a CAP as a condition for receiving VR services program funding. CAPs are administered by agencies designated by the Governors. Such agencies must be independent of any agency that provides services under the Act unless an agency had, prior to the 1984 Rehabilitation Act amendments, served as a CAP under Section 112 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended and received Federal financial assistance under the Act. (See Appendix B for State Agency Funding)

C. State Supported Employment Services Program
(Section 631, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)
FY 1990 Appropriation - \$27,630,000

The 1986 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 authorized a formula grant program to assist States to develop collaborative programs with appropriate public and private nonprofit organizations. This assistance is intended to enable States to provide individuals with severe handicaps traditionally time-limited post-employment services that lead to supported employment. The State vocational rehabilitation agency is charged with the responsibility of administering this program and establishing cooperative agreements or letters of understanding with private sources or other public agencies in which the commitment for extended job support is secured. All States received direct services grants under this program in FY 1990. Funds for this formula program are distributed on the basis of population, with no State to receive less than \$250,000. (See Appendix B for State Agency Funding)

D. State Independent Living Rehabilitation Services Program, Title VII, Part A - Comprehensive Services
(Section 702, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)
FY 1990 Appropriations - \$12,938,000

The Comprehensive Services for Independent Living Program under Title VII, Part A, of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, provides grants to assist

State vocational rehabilitation agencies to deliver comprehensive services for independent living. Individuals who are served must have disabilities that are so severe that presently they do not have potential for employment but may benefit from vocational rehabilitation services focused on increasing the ability of persons with severe disabilities to live and function independently in the family and community. The program also assists those individuals who require independent living rehabilitation services to engage in or maintain appropriate employment. Priority for services is given to those persons not served by other provisions of the Rehabilitation Act. (See Appendix C for State Agency Funding)

E. Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program
(P.L. 74-732, as amended by P.L. 83-569 and P.L. 93-516)

The purpose of this State-Federal program is to Provide persons who are blind with remunerative employment and self-support through the operation of vending facilities on both Federal and non-Federal property.

In FY 1990, the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program received funds from: the Basic State Grants program totaling \$24,120,799; State funds totaling \$5,472,762; set-aside funds totaling \$11,932,976; and machine income funds totaling \$8,659,504. In FY 1990, there were 3,291 vending facilities of which 1,062 were located on Federal property and 2,229 were on non-Federal property. A total of 3,503 licensed blind vendors were employed through the program at an average annual income of \$23,822. Sales for the year in this program equaled \$379,850,069. Facilities may be of several varieties, including snack bars, vending machine locations and cafeterias. The administration of the Randolph-Sheppard program varies from State to State. During the Fiscal Year, 451 persons received training for the operation of these facilities. From these trainees, 230 individuals were placed as vendors. The Annual Report of the Randolph-Sheppard Program contains more detailed information on the operation of the program. This report may be obtained from George Arsnow, Chief, Vending Facility Branch, Department of Education, 330 C Street, S.W., Room 3230, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2738.

III. DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAMS SERVING BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS

A. SPECIAL PROJECT AND SERVICE PROGRAMS

Program of Special Projects and Demonstrations for Providing Vocational Rehabilitation Services to Severely Disabled Individuals (Section 311(a)(1), Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)
FY 1990 Appropriation - \$14,987,783

The purpose of this discretionary grant program is to fund grants to establish projects that expand or otherwise improve vocational rehabilitation services and other rehabilitation services to individuals with severe handicaps. In FY 1990, the Program of Special Projects and Demonstrations for Providing Vocational Rehabilitation Services to Severely Disabled Individuals awarded 62 new grants in three priority categories: Rehabilitation Technology, Innovative Strategies to Promote Vocational and Independent Living Outcomes, and AIDS\Non-Priority. New 1990 projects that specifically propose to serve individuals who are blind, visually impaired or deaf-blind are described below.

The majority of projects funded under the program in 1990 address the functional priorities of Rehabilitation Technology and Innovative Strategies. Those projects generally serve people with a wide range of disabilities. Therefore, many more Special Projects and Demonstrations than are listed here provide direct services to people who are blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind.

Rehabilitation Technology

Kentucky Department of the Blind
Frankfort, KY

The project plans to establish a statewide assistive technology users group of over 800 persons with severe visual disabilities so they may share expertise and

information in providing long-term technology assistance to each other. The users will be linked through a statewide computer information line whereby each user will have access to a "bulletin board" as a means of sharing technology assistance. The project will be controlled by a board elected by users from five communities based throughout the State.

Florida Division of Blind Services
Tallahassee, FL

The Florida Division of Blind Services proposes to implement a community-based model to provide persons who are homebound blind or severely visually impaired with computer related competitive employment. This community based model will be implemented in three underserved counties in Florida. The expectation is that the model will generate job opportunities in each county.

Innovative Strategies

Catholic Community Services
Tucson, AZ

This project is designed to demonstrate the viability of using individual choice, empowerment, peer support, and community based instruction as the primary means to accomplish outcomes in employment and independent living for people with disabilities. The project will emphasize services to persons who are deaf and persons who are deaf-blind or dual sensory impaired. Through the implementation of a menu driven model of services in which individuals make decisions regarding employment and community alternatives, 43 persons over a three-year period will achieve outcomes ranging from competitive and supported employment to non-paid support, enhanced domestic, leisure, and community skills and opportunities.

AIDS/Non-Priority

Whitman-Walker Clinic, Inc.
Washington, DC

This project will initiate, coordinate, and facilitate the delivery of vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with severe disabilities, specifically targeting those individuals who are HIV-infected.

Recipients of services must also have at least one other disabling condition of mental illness, substance abuse, deafness, or visual impairment. Once individuals are ready for vocational rehabilitation, the project coordinator will refer them to the District of Columbia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency. Upon completion of training, the project will assist individuals with job placement through a job bank.

- B. Program of Special Projects and Demonstrations for Providing Supported Employment Services to Severely Disabled Individuals
(Section 311(d) (1) (A), Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)
FY 1990 Appropriation - \$9,876,000

In Touch, Inc.
Minneapolis, MN

This project, entitled Community Employment Opportunities, established a day training and Rehabilitation program without walls to integrate individuals who are mentally challenged and have an additional disability of deafness and/or blindness into community-based vocational and avocational pursuits. The primary objective is to provide community-based supported employment opportunities as well as recreation, leisure and habilitation activities.

Helen Keller Services for the Blind
Brooklyn, NY

This project provides support services to individuals who are blind with at least one other disabling condition, and to their families, their co-workers and employers to assure that positive interaction occurs at each work site. Job development specialists and job coaches work to develop and implement individualized training and follow-along plans. Support services such as mobility/travel training are provided by the New York Commission for the Blind.

C. Projects With Industry Program (PWI)
(Section 621, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)
FY 1990 Appropriation - \$18,765,000

The purpose of this program is to train individuals with handicaps in skills required by particular industries and, upon completion of training, place these individuals into positions for which they were trained. Four of these projects had persons who are blind or visually impaired as their prime clientele. These were:

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, Inc.
2811 Fair Park Boulevard
P.O. Box 4055
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204

Sensory Aids Foundation
399 Sherman Avenue
Palo Alto, California 94306

Perkins School for the Blind
Instructional Programs
175 N. Beach Street
Watertown, Massachusetts 02172

New York Association for the Blind
New York Lighthouse
111 East 59th Street
New York, New York 10022

D. Recreation Program
(Section 316, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)
FY 1990 Appropriation - \$2,588,000

This program authorizes the funding of projects for recreational activities that aid individuals with severe disabilities in their mobility, socialization and integration into community recreation programs. Persons who are blind and visually impaired participate in the activities of projects receiving grant support from this program.

- E. Handicapped Migratory, Agricultural and Seasonal Farmworkers Program
(Section 312, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)
FY 1990 Appropriation - \$1,086,000

The purpose of this program is to provide vocational rehabilitation services to migratory, agricultural and seasonal farm workers with handicaps. One of these projects was awarded to the Texas Commission for the Blind to serve individuals who are blind and visually impaired.

- F. Handicapped American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program
(Section 130, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)
FY 1990 Appropriation - \$3,821,000

This program authorizes discretionary grants to assist Indians in the development of rehabilitation services on Federal and State reservations. The thirteen projects funded provide services to all types of individuals who are disabled including individuals who are blind and visually handicapped.

G. TRAINING PROGRAMS

(Section 304(a) Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)
FY 1990 Appropriation - \$31,110,000

Under provisions of this program, grants and contracts are made to State and public nonprofit agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher education, to pay part of the costs of projects for training, traineeships, and selected activities for professionals in the field of rehabilitation.

The following institutions of higher education received long-term training grants for personnel involved in the rehabilitation of persons who are blind and visually impaired in Fiscal Year 1990:

Title : Rehabilitation of Persons Who are Blind
Start Date : 10/01/90
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 09
Grantee : San Jose State University
San Jose University Foundation
P.O. Box 760
San Jose, CA 95106

Principal Investigator: Sharon Sacks
Telephone : 408-924-3695

This pre-service training project provides two certificate programs to assist professionals in developing skills in transition and job placement/supported employment for persons who are visually impaired. The summer transition training program trains educators and rehabilitation professionals during a three-week summer session each project year. The project also trains participants during an inter-session in January, and also provides a follow-up practicum for participants in a direct service setting.

Title : Rehabilitation of Persons Who are Blind
Start Date : 10/01/90
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 02
Grantee : Hunter College of CUNY
Research Foundation of CUNY
695 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Principal
Investigator: Rosanne K. Silberman
Telephone : 212-772-4740

This project is designed to provide training to personnel in rehabilitation agencies for persons who are blind. This training makes these individuals eligible for national certification through the Association for the Education and Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired (AERBVI). The grant supports students enrolled in masters degree programs the first, second and third years through stipends and tuitions. Special emphasis of the curriculum include a focus on services to transition-age youth, adult and elderly populations and persons with multiple disabilities. Recruitment efforts are directed toward underserved cultural and ethnic populations.

Title : Rehabilitation of Persons Who are Blind
Start Date : 10/01/90
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 09
Grantee : California State University, Los Angeles
School of Education/Special Education
830 K Street Mall, Room 322
Los Angeles, CA 90032

Principal
Investigator: Rona Poggrund, Ph.D.
Telephone : 213-343-4400

The project is designed to train orientation and mobility specialists at the masters level at California State University, Los Angeles. In addition to the traditional orientation and mobility curriculum, trainees receive in-depth coursework and practicum experiences related to working with people who are blind and multihandicapped, individuals with low vision, persons who are elderly and visually impaired and those individuals in need of specific training in concept development and spatial orientation.

Title : Boston College
Start Date : 10/01/90
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 01
Grantee : Boston College/Special Education and
Rehabilitation Division
Office of Research Administration
Commonwealth Avenue
Chestnut Hill, MA 02167

Principal
Investigator: Richard Jackson
Telephone : 617-552-8429

This project provides orientation and mobility training to professionals at the master's degree level.

Title : Long Term Training
Start Date : 09/01/89
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 03
Grantee : Pennsylvania College of Optometry
1200 West Godfrey Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19141

Principal
Investigator: Anna Bradfield
Telephone : 215-276-6197

This grant trains professionals to work closely with individuals with low vision. Individuals are trained in how to test and provide low vision devices and other training services to individuals who are partially sighted.

Title : Long Term Training
Start Date : 09/01/89
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 05
Grantee : Southern Illinois University
Board of Trustees
Carbondale, IL 62901

Principal
Investigator: Louis Vieceli
Telephone : 618-457-8891

This grant provides training at the master's degree level in orientation and mobility and trains rehabilitation teachers to provide rehabilitation services to persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Title : Long Term Training
Start Date : 09/01/89
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 04
Grantee : Mississippi State University
RRTC Blindness and Low Vision
P.O. Box 6156
Mississippi State, MS 39762

Principal
Investigator: Norma Tedder
Telephone : 601-325-2001

This grant trains professionals to work closely with individuals with low vision. Individuals are trained on how to test and provide low vision devices and other training services to individuals who are partially sighted.

Title : Long Term Training
Start Date : 09/01/89
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 04
Grantee : Mississippi State University
RRTC Blindness and Low Vision
P.O. Box 6156
Mississippi State MS 39762

Principal
Investigator: J. Elton Moore
Telephone : 601-325-2001

This grant provides training at the master's degree level in orientation and mobility and trains rehabilitation teachers to provide rehabilitation services to persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Title : Long Term Training
Start Date : 09/01/89
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 06
Grantee : University of Arkansas/Little Rock
Department of Rehabilitation
2801 South University
Little Rock, AR 72204

Principal
Investigator: Patricia M. Bussen, Ed.D.
Telephone : 501-569-3169

This grant provides training at the master's degree level to train rehabilitation teachers to work with persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Title : Long Term Training
Start Date : 09/01/88
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 09
Grantee : San Francisco State University, FDN.
Office of Administration
1640 Holloway Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94132

Principal
Investigator: Philip Hatlen, Ph.D.
Telephone : 415-338-7650

This grant provides training at the master's degree level in orientation and mobility and trains rehabilitation teachers to work with persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Title : Long Term Training
Start Date : 09/01/88
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 06
Grantee : Stephen F. Austin State University
Counseling/Special Education Program
Box 13019, SFA Station
Nacogdoches, TX 75962

Principal
Investigator: Robert Bryant
Telephone : 409-568-2906

This grant provides training at the master's degree level in orientation and mobility and trains rehabilitation teachers to work with persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Title : Long Term Training
Start Date : 09/01/88
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 06
Grantee : University of Arkansas/Little Rock
Office of the Chancellor
280L South University Avenue
Little Rock, Ar 72204

Principal
Investigator: William Jacobson, Ed.D.
Telephone : 501-569-3169

The three primary objectives of this training grant for training rehabilitation teachers at the master's degree level revolve around the preparation of students to teach in their discipline areas; to recruit students into these professions; and to provide a variety of inservice educational activities to professionals within Arkansas and in the surrounding States.

Title : Long Term Training
Start Date : 09/01/88
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 05
Grantee : Western Michigan University/Kalamazoo Campus
Dept. of Blind Rehabilitation and Mobility
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Principal
Investigator: William Wiener
Telephone : 616-387-3453

This grant provides training at the master's degree level in orientation and mobility and trains rehabilitation teachers to work with persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Title: : Long Term Training
Start Date : 09/01/88
Length : 36 mos.
Region : 05
Grantee : Northern Illinois University/Dekalb
Educational Psychology and Special Education
Office of Sponsored Projects
Dekalb, IL 60115

Principal
Investigator: Judy Matsuoka
Telephone : 815-753-8456

This grant provides training at the master's degree level in orientation and mobility and trains rehabilitation teachers to work with persons who are blind or visually impaired.

H. INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Part B - Centers for Independent Living
FY 1990 Appropriation - \$26,666,000

This is a discretionary grant program that authorizes State agencies, local public agencies, and private non-profit organizations to establish centers for independent living that provide a combination of services that allow severely handicapped persons to live more independently in the family and community or, where appropriate, to engage in or maintain employment. While all independent living center projects may provide services to persons who are visually handicapped, some Centers for Independent Living (CIL) serve primarily blind and visually impaired persons. These are:

Delaware

Department of Health and Social Services, Division for the Visually Impaired, 305 West 8th Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801

This project, in cooperation with the Easter Seal Society, provides 25 trained peer counselors who serve approximately 300 clients in a given fiscal year. The services provided by the peer counselors are designed to substantially improve the independent living status of the recipients, and should enhance employability in most cases. The project employs a visually impaired peer counselor coordinator and volunteer counselors consisting of visually impaired persons from the community.

Florida

Division of Blind Services, 2540 Executive Center Circle, West, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

This project operated by Independence for the Blind, Inc. provides quality independent living services to persons who are blind or visually impaired in the predominantly rural twelve-county area of Northwest Florida.

Indiana

Allen County League for the Blind, Inc., 5800 Fairfield,
Suite 210, Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46807

This project, in its seventh year of service, provides independent living services to persons who are blind, and blind with multiple disabilities, in 11 counties. Services include a Life Support and Life Enrichment project which utilizes a computer, braille translation program and braille printer to produce items such as braille bus schedules for the public transportation system.

Iowa

Iowa Department for the Blind
524 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

This project identifies older persons who are blind, blind and multi-handicapped, and deaf-blind and develops individual independent living plans for services. Such services include counseling, talking book services, teaching alternative techniques of independent living for persons who are visually impaired and arranging for other services that are available through programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, property tax relief for citizens who are elderly or handicapped, etc. The center also provides outreach services to programs sponsored by the Office on Aging through nursing homes and to centers for senior citizens. The project provides information to improve services for older persons who are visually impaired and enable services for visually impaired persons to be provided by senior citizen centers.

Kentucky

Kentucky Department for Blind Services, Center for Independent Living, 427 Versailles Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

This center for independent living provides IL services throughout the State through a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week newslines for the blind community in the Louisville area with a focus on information and referral services.

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, Center for Independent Living, 110 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02108

This project is in its ninth year of operation and provides independent living services statewide to individuals who are blind and severely disabled.

Michigan

Michigan Department of Labor, Commission for the Blind, 309 N. Washington, Box 30015 Lansing, Michigan 48909

The Michigan Commission for the Blind operates several CILs. The Urban/Rural CIL provides independent living services for people who are blind and elderly and/or have multiple severe disabilities. It is estimated that 150 consumers are served by this project.

The Southern Michigan CIL serves the Detroit area and brings independent living services to racial minorities and people who are elderly and blind. It is estimated that 120 consumers are served by this project.

Mississippi

Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, P.O. Box 4872, Jackson, Mississippi 39216-0872

This project established an independent living skills training program that serves as an expansion of existing IL services provided at the Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center for the Blind. An estimated 205 elderly persons who are legally blind are served, and a large percentage of the target population are intended to be blind individuals with multiple-handicaps. Secondary disabilities include cardiovascular disorders, hearing loss, orthopedic problems, diabetes and hypertension.

Missouri

Disabled Citizens Alliance for Independence, Inc.,
Post Office Box 675, Viburnum, Missouri 65566

This project serves persons who are deaf, blind, and deaf-blind in the rural areas of Missouri with special emphasis on people who are elderly. The project expects to serve approximately 100 to 150 persons within a six county area. The program is intended to provide appropriate educational services through classes in braille, American sign language, speech therapy, and independent living skills training, both on a group and individual basis.

Oregon

Volunteer Braille Services, Inc., Independent Living Program, 4001 N.E. Halsey Street, Portland, Oregon 97232

This project extends independent living services to older adults (age 60 and over) who are blind or deaf-blind. Services are provided at the agency's main office as well as Volunteer Braille Services offices located throughout a tri-county area. Services include, but are not limited to, independent living skills, mobility and orientation, counseling, peer support, and information and referral. Special attention is given to accessing public transportation. A major goal is to reduce isolation by increasing personal independence. An estimated 335 persons are served by the program.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services (BVS), Facilities and Grants Management Section, 1320 Labor and Industry Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

The Pennsylvania OVR and BVS have joined together to expand services at two sites. The Center for Independent Living at Associate Services for the Blind (ASB) provides training in independent living skills to persons who are deaf-blind. The Three Rivers Center for Independent Living, Inc. (TRCIL) expands services otherwise to persons who are hearing impaired for 75 individuals with severe handicaps, through support or treatment groups, individual/family consultation, and self-help consultation.

Rhode Island

Social and Rehabilitative Services, Vocational Rehabilitation Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 40 Fountain Street, 46 Aborn Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903

This project expands services through communication skills training to professionals, consumers, and/or families to assist in identifying and providing services for the deaf-blind population.

Virginia

Virginia Department for the Handicapped Rehabilitation Services Division, 97 Azalea Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23227

This project provides independent living services at several sites including Richmond, Roanoke and Northern Virginia. These "centers without walls" provide community-based services including advocacy, outreach, assistance to families, transportation and non-medical skills training. This project anticipates serving 350 persons who are either blind and/or multiply disabled.

Part C - Independent Living Services for Older Blind Individuals FY 1990 Appropriation - \$5,827,000

Section 721 of the Rehabilitation Act authorizes grants to designated State units for projects that provide independent living services for older blind individuals. Twenty-eight continuation projects were funded in FY 1990. This specialized three-year program provides independent living services for persons who are blind and age 55 and older to help them adjust to blindness and live more independently in their homes and communities. Services provided are wide in scope and include such activities as mobility training, braille instruction, reader services, transportation and other supportive services.

ALABAMA

Alabama State Department of Education
Division of Rehabilitation and Crippled
Children Services
State Office Building, Room #480
Montgomery, Alabama 36130
Wayne Teague, State Superintendent of
Education
Contact Person: Lamona H. Lucas, Director
205 281-8780
10/01/88 - 09/30/91
\$202,448.00

This project serves individuals who are blind and elderly on a statewide basis. Over a three year period, regional service centers have been established in Montgomery, Huntsville and Mobile. The Oasis model is used and is based on an assessment of the needs of persons who are elderly blind indicated by consumers, rehabilitation teachers, the Commission on Aging and other service providers. The age of the clientele served by this grant is 55 years of age or older.

ARIZONA

Department of Economic Security,
Rehabilitation Services Administration
4620 N. 16th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85016
James B. Griffith, Administrator
Eddie F. Brown, Director
Contact Person: David Beard, Assistant Manager
602-255-1850
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$207,264.00

This project increased, solidified and enhanced existing independent living services to individuals who are older blind in Arizona and initiated new services.

Arizona is first in the nation in growth of the elderly population and the census of persons who are elderly blind is increasing proportionately in both urban and rural areas. Recent initiatives in Arizona have focused on serving people who are elderly blind who are 55 years of age or older. The rural elderly blind project and the independent living services program increased services, but gaps still existed. This grant served primarily the metropolitan areas of Phoenix and Tucson, as well as the Navajo and Hopi Indian reservation.

ARKANSAS

Division of Services for the Blind
411 Victory, P.O. Box 3237
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203
James C. Hudson, Commissioner
501-371-1501
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$202,448,00

This project provided independent living services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. The independent living services of this project assisted individuals who are blind and visually impaired to (1) adjust to visual impairment or blindness and (2) to remain deinstitutionalized by learning independent living skills. To be more specific, services provided were: orientation and mobility training, rehabilitation teaching, communications, low vision services, and counseling for individuals who are blind and their family members. Additionally, there was a concentrated effort to involve other agencies, both public and private. The target population was persons age 55 years of age or older who are (1) severely visually impaired, (2) legally blind and (3) at risk of becoming dependent, supported by the family, or being prematurely or unnecessarily institutionalized.

COLORADO

Colorado Rehabilitation Services
Facilities, Grant and Independent Living
1575 Sherman Street, 4th floor
Denver, Colorado 80203-1714
Anthony Francavilla, Associate Director
Contact person: Judy Dixon
303-866-4375
10/1/88 - 9/30/91
\$206,548.00

The Colorado Rehabilitation Services' goal was to provide assistance to people who are older blind to live as independently as possible in their respective homes and communities. One of the highlights contributing to this already successful program lay in the fact that at all four of the agency's Independent Living Centers used qualified individuals with blindness to provide the bulk of the services for the consumers who are older blind. Reader service, orientation and mobility training, daily living instruction, counseling, peer support, leisure activity, case management, braille instructions, and information and referral services were provided. The clientele must be 55 years of age or older and blind or visually impaired. The project is located in Mesa County, as well as in the seventeen surrounding counties.

HAWAII

Department of Human Services,
Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for
the Blind Division
1000 Bishop St., #605
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Toshio Nishioka, Administrator
808-548-4770
10/1/88 - 9/30/91
\$202,172.00

This project was intended to meet the rehabilitation needs of adults who are older blind and to assist them in adjusting to their blindness by enabling them to care for themselves. Eligible clients had to be at least 55 years of age or older and legally blind. Due to limited services to individuals who are older blind on all islands except Oahu, the project expanded services and decreased the disparity of services existing in the islands. The project was statewide.

IDAHO

Idaho Commission for the Blind
341 W. Washington
Boise, Idaho 83702
Edward McHugh, Administrator
Contact Person: Dana Gover
208-334-3220
10/1/88 - 9/30/91
\$200,000.00

The goals of this grant were to assist in providing all persons who are blind the opportunity to identify and reach their potential. Much of the population who are elderly blind are underserved or not served. This program was designed to provide older individuals who are blind who are 55 years of age and older with the opportunity to adjust to their blindness and become as independent in caring for their individual needs as possible. The services to assist these people in becoming as independent in their homes and communities as possible included the following: exploring opportunities with skilled staff, gaining or maintaining independent living skills, training in socialization abilities, self reliance, rehabilitation teachers providing instruction in mobility, money and home management. The project was statewide.

ILLINOIS

Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services
Bureau of Blind Services
623 E. Adams Street
P.O. Box 19429
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9429
Philip C. Bradly, Acting Director
Contact Person: Carol Gortat
217-785-3887
10/1/88 - 9/30/91
\$206,476.00

The Illinois Older Blind Independent Living program focused its efforts on the following services: outreach efforts, advocacy, maximum utilization of rehabilitation resources, community awareness, low vision services, and volunteer programs, among others. In this context, the population of elderly blind was defined as those individuals who are blind who are 55 years of age or older. The project area was rural and encompassed Alton, Wilmington, Champaign, Rockford, Springfield and Arbana counties.

INDIANA

Indiana Department of Human Services
Division of Rehabilitation Services
251 North Illinois St.
P.O. Box 7083
Indianapolis, Indiana 46207-7083
Jean Merrit, Commissioner
Gary Mott, Acting Director (RSA)
317-232-1139
10/1/88-9/30/91
\$206,448.00

This grantee established a coordinated effort to address the needs of individuals who are 55 years of age or older who have a substantial visual impairment. The program, implemented within the Indiana Department of Human Services, encompassed the activities of the Division of Rehabilitation Services, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Office of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Aging Services Division. Each office had a State network of service provisions involving sixteen area agencies on aging, 25 vocational rehabilitation area offices, a statewide itinerant rehabilitation teaching network and a statewide blind vendor's program. Independent living services encompassed orientation and mobility skills training, communication skills, communication aids, low vision services, and other benefits. The project focused on Elkhart, Kosciusko, Laporte, Marshall and St. Joseph counties.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
88 Kingston Street
Boston, MA 02111
Cheryl Stanley, Director
617-727-5550
10/1/88 - 9/30/91
\$217,448.00

This grant addressed three needs that must be met to enable older blind individuals to participate in society: the need for each individual to be assisted in the process of adjusting to blindness; the need for the individual to have real access to, and use of all services available to older people which integrates the individual with the larger population; and the need to develop programs at the community level to provide demonstration models of new socialization opportunities which can be incorporated into the larger elder service provider network. In this grant, some of the services provided are: advocacy, case management, counseling, diagnosis, orientation and mobility services. The people helped by this grant were those 55 years of age or older, blind or visually impaired, and in this particular project, those who were at the point of premature or unnecessary institutionalization.

MICHIGAN

Michigan Department of Labor
Michigan Commission for the Blind
309 N. Washington
Lansing, MI 48909
James H. Norman, Deputy Director
Philip E. Peterson, Executive Director
Contact Person: John E. Crews
517-771-1765
10/1/88 - 9/30/91
\$204,090.00

This project was designed to provide comprehensive independent living rehabilitation services to individuals who are older blind or visually impaired. The grant involved family members in the rehabilitation process to enhance the acquisition and retention of rehabilitation skills. Specifically, this grant provided comprehensive independent living services to people who are older blind and visually impaired in the following areas: communication, braille, typing, handwriting and tape recording. The target population consisted of blind and visually impaired individuals who are 55 years of age or older and live in underserved regions. Area wide, it is targeted on the rural counties of Gladwin, Lake Osceola, Clare, Mecosta, Wayne, Okland, MaComb, Genesee, Lapeer and the Upper Peninsula.

MINNESOTA

Department of Jobs and Training
1745 University Ave., W.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104-3690
Rick Hokanson, Director
Contact Person: Marcia Jagodzinski
612-649-5475
10/1/88 - 9/30/91
\$206,518.00

This project's goal was to enable older blind and visually impaired adults 55 years of age or older to live as independently in their communities and homes as possible. This enabled these individuals to avoid unnecessary institutionalization through fostering adjustment to blindness, and the development and evaluation of service delivery models that responded to their immediate and full spectrum of independent living needs. Older blind Americans received services such as: orientation and mobility training, low vision examinations, household and financial management and other services for which they have a need. The project is statewide.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation
for the Blind
P.O. Box 4872
Jackson, Mississippi 39216-0872
Joe F. Carbello, Acting Director
601-354-6411
10/1/88 - 9/30/91
\$219,748.00

This grant provided services to a target population of individuals who are older legally blind and in rural Mississippi, a geographic area representing one of the nations largest poverty areas. Mississippi has the highest prevalence of legal blindness per capita of the 50 States. This grant also served those individuals who are visually impaired who are 55 years of age or older who reside anywhere in the State of Mississippi. The services to assist individuals who are visually impaired were: advocacy, comprehensive in-home rehabilitation teaching, provision of aids and appliances, referrals to other agencies, comprehensive medical treatment and other services. There has been a heavy emphasis within the program to serve individuals who are older blind or visually impaired in rural areas who are not receiving independent living assistance.

MISSOURI

Missouri Division of Family Services
Bureau for the Blind
619 E. Capitol P.O. Box 88
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
Paula Wilmarth & David S. Vogel, Co-Directors/PFS
314-751-4249
10/1/88 - 9/30/91
\$205,518.00

This project provided services to individuals who are older blind and visually impaired who are 55 years of age or older to enable these persons to function more independently in their homes and/or communities. Emphasis was placed upon those persons who live in residential care facilities, retirement homes and who are in senior citizen's housing. The project activities were divided into three major sequential phases: identifying those persons who are in need of vision rehabilitation services; providing low vision evaluation, optical assistance and low vision aids to persons whose vision cannot be restored or improved through medical treatment; and providing follow-up professional examinations and treatment. These services were provided to those people who live in a twenty-county area in Southwest Missouri.

MONTANA

Montana Department of Social and
Rehabilitative Services
Visual Services Division
111 Sanders, P.O. Box 4210
Helena, Montana 59604
Gail Gray, Director
406-444-2590
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$206,944.00

This project provided a multidimensional service delivery response for seniors who are blind and visually impaired who are 55 years of age and older. It utilized the existing rural responsive senior peer companion network and the established radio reading service. This grant addressed the expanded needs of people who are blind and visually impaired by way of the following: instituting a statewide locally managed pre-loan equipment and adaptive device service program, developing linkages which emphasize the mental health issues of seniors who are older blind and visually impaired, networking of volunteers and responding to the unique needs of Montana's Native American seniors who are blind and visually impaired located on Montana's seven Indian reservations. The services mentioned above which are mainly operated out of 24 Montana cities were extended to Montana's underserved seven Indian reservations. The project was statewide.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire Department of Education
Bureau of Blind Services
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
78 Regional Drive, Bldg. J.B.
Concord, New Hampshire 03301
John T. McDonald, Commissioner
Contact Person: Gerald J. DeAngelis
603-271-1410
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$205,865.00

This grant delivered basic, independent living services to enhance the independent living skills of individuals who are blind who are 55 years of age or older. Types of services provided to older Americans who are blind included: outreach, networking, team approach in delivery of services, and the establishment of an independent living council. The purpose of the council was to facilitate the serving of people who are blind and visually impaired.

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Department of Human Services
Commission for the Blind and
Visually Impaired
1100 Raymond Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey 07102
Jamie Casabianca Hilton, Executive Director
Contact Person: Lila Dyas
201-648-4799
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$206,518.00

The goal of this project was to ensure that comprehensive independent living services are designed to meet the needs of primarily low income minority elderly persons who are 55 years of age or older and blind or otherwise visually impaired. The services provided were: outreach, education, screening, and volunteer peer support services among others. This grant provided services to people who are blind and visually impaired in unserved and underserved areas. This grant maximized the ability of people who are blind and visually impaired to become independent in their homes and communities, thus reducing the risk of premature or unnecessary institutionalization. This grant provided services to the area of Hudson and Atlantic Counties.

NEW YORK

New York State Department
of Social Services
Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
40 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12243
Jack Ryan, Assistant Commissioner
Donald Jaden, Deputy Commissioner
Contact Person: Richard Ratajak
518-474-2209
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$206,518.00

The purpose of this grant was to develop a project to enable older persons who are blind or visually impaired who live in areas that have been traditionally difficult to serve to access a comprehensive array of services fostering independence both in the home and community. All service clientele were 55 years of age or older and blind or visually impaired. Services included: outreach, vision screening, education, awareness seminars, and referrals for appropriate services among others. The grant was particularly designed to reach unserved individuals. The targeted areas were the Bronx, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Genesee, Hamilton, Livingston, Ontario and Orleans counties.

NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Human Resources
Division of Services f/t Blind
309 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, North Carolina 27606
Herman O. Gruber, Director
Contact Person: James D. Roberts
919-733-9700
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$203,980.00

The purpose of this program was to provide independent living services to North Carolina's population of persons who are blind and visually impaired who are 55 years of age or older. The project established many centers to deliver quality services and training needed by this special population. This network of services is directed at the State's urban areas but expansion is planned to provide help to those persons who are blind and residing in rural areas. The kinds of services provided this population included: self-care, communication, mobility, housing and education. The project was statewide.

OREGON

Oregon Commission for the Blind
535 12th Avenue S.E.
Portland, Oregon 97214
Charles E. Young, Administrator
Contact Person: Linda Mock
503-238-8375
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$206,243.00

The Oregon Commission for the Blind provided training and independent living skills to older Oregonians who are blind and severely visually impaired on a statewide, including persons living outside the Portland metropolitan area. The primary objective of the program was to assist these individuals to adjust to their blindness by becoming more able to care for themselves rather than be dependent on others to perform everyday tasks. Training was provided in mobility skills, meal preparation, financial management, and methods for identifying clothing, money and other items. These services enable individuals to live more independently in their homes and community with the maximum degree of self direction. This project was for individuals who are blind who are 55 years of age or older.

RHODE ISLAND

Department of Human Services
Services for the Blind
and Visually Impaired
46 Aborn St.
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
Nancy V. Bordeleau, Director
John D. Bamford, Administrator
Contact Person: Steven Kapalka,
401-277-6958
10/1/88 -09/30/91
\$221,310.00

Rhode Island provides independent living services for individuals who are blind and visually impaired. During the period of the grant, skills training was provided to unserved and underserved people 55 years of age or older who are blind or visually impaired to enable them to function independently within their homes and communities. The mission of the grant was to train people to help themselves. Home and community services included: orientation and mobility, rehabilitation teaching, information and referral, advocacy and self advocacy, and case management. This was a statewide project.

SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Commission for the Blind
1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Donald Gist, Commissioner
Contact Person: Frank Coppel
803-734-7541
10/1/88-9/30/91
\$206,518.00

South Carolina's Commission for the Blind and the Commission on Aging joined forces to educate people especially in rural communities about blindness, visual impairment and services that are available to people with these disabilities. A few of these services are: counseling, low vision evaluation, aids, and other types of equipment. The target population of this grant was persons who are blind and visually impaired who are 55 years of age and older. The project created an independent living service network within the area served by agencies for persons who are blind and visually impaired. These agencies bring as many services to the aging blind population throughout the State as possible.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
Division of Services to the
Visually Impaired
700 Governors Dr.
Pierre, South Dakota 57501
John E. Mackgan, Secretary
Contact Person: David L. Miller
605-773-3195
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$202,379.00

The grant attempted to increase by at least 100% the number of individuals who are older blind, severely visually impaired, and 55 years of age or older who utilize independent living services. This State has a large elderly population with a correspondingly large elderly clientele who are blind and visually impaired. Individuals who are elderly and blind in South Dakota face the same problems, experiences and frustrations as similar blind and visually impaired groups in other States face. However, the situation is compounded by the increased number in the State. The State has a significant Indian population who are elderly, blind and visually impaired. People who are blind and visually impaired were offered the following services: low vision services, orientation and mobility benefits, rehabilitation teaching, counseling, and self advocacy. This grant was focused on rural communities.

TENNESSEE

Division of Rehabilitation Services
Services for the Blind
400 Deaderick Street, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37219
Terry C. Smith, Director
615-741-2919
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$230,898.00

This project provided a wide range of independent living services for individuals who are older blind in Tennessee. These services included information referral, individualized counseling, training in orientation, mobility, activities of daily living, communication skills, education, low vision screening and general training. The project also emphasized integrating individuals who are older blind into existing community service programs such as senior citizen centers. The project served any eligible person who is blind or severely visually impaired over the age of 55. This grant specifically targeted individuals who are older blind residing in rural portions of the State who are typically without services and who are at risk of being prematurely or unnecessarily institutionalized. This grant was statewide.

TEXAS

Texas Commission for the Blind
Client Services Division
P.O. Box 12866
Austin, Texas 78711
Pat D. Westbrook, Executive Director
512-459-2586
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$206,518.00

Within Texas, it is a priority of the Texas Commission for the Blind to pursue development of a statewide network of independent living services to people who are blind and visually impaired with or without multiple handicaps and who are not eligible for vocational rehabilitation services. In Texas, as well as throughout the nation, the trend toward increased longevity and the high incidents of blindness associated with the aging process has resulted in a dramatic increase in older persons with serious visual loss. The services of this grant included, but were not limited to, the following: counseling/education prevention of blindness through screening, surgery and hospitalization, adaptive skills, orientation and mobility services, reader services, coordination of services, and provision of eye glasses and other visual aids.

VERMONT

Agency of Human Services
Division for the Blind and
Visually Impaired
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, Vermont 05676
Gretchen B. Morse, Secretary
David M. Mentasti, Director
802-241-2211
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$220,601.00

This program addressed a significant service need that has been identified as a priority issue for older Vermonters who are blind and visually impaired. Since Vermont is such a rural State with a scattered, low density population distribution and inadequate public accommodation systems, most independent living services are built around an itinerant mode. This grant proposal funds a mobile, low vision, rehabilitative project in Southern Vermont, expanded the coverage area to include the entire State, as well as enhanced rehabilitative services and skill training of the population served. Traditional services include a van that is fully accessible to clients who are handicapped. Staff were hired, including an optometrist and acknowledged authorities in the field of low vision to conduct continuing education seminars on this subject. A high emphasis was placed upon the education of personnel in this particular grant. The grant was statewide.

VIRGINIA

Virginia Department for the
Visually Impaired
Rehabilitation Services Division
397 Azalea Ave.
Richmond, Virginia 23227
Donald L. Cox, Commissioner
Contact Person: Ms. Audrey A. Davis
804-371-3112 or 371-3123
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$206,548.00

This grant provided employment, education, personal adjustment and social services to promote the attainment of social, economic and personal independence for citizens of Virginia who are legally blind and visually impaired. To be eligible for the program, the clientele had to not only be legally blind and visually impaired but had to be 55 years of age or older. The services provided include the following: outreach, referral, visual screening, vision aids and information, among many others.

WASHINGTON

Washington State Department
of Services for the Blind
521 E. Legion Way, 1st Floor
Olympia, Washington 98504
Shirley Smith, Director
Contact Person: John A. Olson
206-721-4273
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$206,518.00

This grant provided independent living services for individuals who are older blind. Funds were used to provide a comprehensive array of independent living services to the residents who are elderly blind in the State's 35 rural counties. The grant included development of independent living services statewide. With such an approach, this grantee believes that the best results occur by connecting clients with local concomitant resources in their communities and with locally supported networks of service providers. This project was for Americans who are older blind who are 55 years of age or older.

WISCONSIN

Department of Health and
Social Services
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
P.O. Box 7852
Madison, Wisconsin 53707
Timothy F. Cullen, Secretary, DHSS
John Conway, Director
Contact Person: Michael Nelipovich
608-266-5600
10/1/88 - 09/30/91
\$206,516.00

This project had three purposes. The first was to strengthen the link between the aging network and the Wisconsin Rehabilitation Teachers for the Blind, who are employed by the State agency. The second purpose was the continuance of the program of teaching assistance for seniors who are blind and visually impaired. The third purpose was the provision of adaptive aids and devices, orientation and mobility instruction and transportation services to individuals who are elderly and visually impaired. This was a statewide program. To be eligible for the project, the clientele had to have a disability of blindness and be 55 years of age or older.

FINAL GRANT AWARDS -FISCAL YEAR 1990
BASIC STATE GRANT PROGRAM
TITLE I, SECTION 110

REGION/ STATE/ TERRITORY	STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES		
	GENERAL	BLIND	U.S. TOTAL
TOTALS	\$1,396,762,643	\$127,914,357	\$1,524,677,000
I.			
*Connecticut	10,632,379	1,857,560	12,489,939
Maine	9,351,166	-----	9,351,166
*Massachusetts	26,334,727	4,647,304	30,982,031
New Hampshire	6,020,666	-----	6,020,666
*Rhode Island	4,963,618	1,000,295	5,963,913
Vermont	4,529,146	617,610	5,146,756
II.			
*New Jersey	26,114,739	6,528,686	32,643,425
*New York	76,173,748	14,509,283	90,683,031
Puerto Rico	26,698,181	-----	26,698,181
Virgin Island	1,076,091	-----	1,076,091
III.			
*Delaware	4,367,815	770,792	5,138,607
Dis. of Columbia	8,971,206	-----	8,971,206
Maryland	22,362,932	-----	22,362,932
*Pennsylvania	70,667,088	7,163,564	77,830,652
*Virginia	29,929,586	4,472,238	34,401,824
West Virginia	16,560,200	-----	16,560,200
IV.			
Alabama	35,261,844	-----	35,261,844
*Florida	55,396,453	11,346,262	66,742,715
Georgia	42,294,235	-----	42,294,235
*Kentucky	26,760,806	4,720,914	31,481,720
*Mississippi	20,569,027	5,375,783	25,944,810
*North Carolina	41,080,583	7,952,677	49,033,260
*South Carolina	24,287,850	3,855,043	28,142,893
Tennessee	37,860,910	-----	37,860,910
V.			
Illinois	59,856,333	-----	59,856,333
Indiana	38,297,073	-----	38,297,073
*Michigan	46,468,178	6,957,601	53,425,779
*Minnesota	21,316,354	4,679,200	25,995,554

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Region/State/ Territory	STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES		
	GENERAL	BLIND	U.S. TOTAL
V. (cont.)			
Ohio	72,497,767	-----	72,497,767
Wisconsin	31,932,144	-----	31,932,144
VI.			
*Arkansas	19,075,009	1,703,866	20,778,875
Louisiana	35,510,237	-----	35,510,237
*New Mexico	9,567,973	2,280,186	11,848,159
Oklahoma	23,965,387	-----	23,965,387
*Texas	83,249,124	20,812,280	104,061,404
VII.			
*Iowa	15,037,190	3,527,241	18,564,431
Kansas	14,789,212	-----	14,789,212
*Missouri	30,837,933	3,988,426	34,826,359
*Nebraska	8,347,462	1,514,394	9,861,856
VIII.			
Colorado	17,698,310	-----	17,698,310
Montana	6,040,764	-----	6,040,764
North Dakota	5,082,256	-----	5,082,256
*South Dakota	4,637,525	1,008,039	5,645,564
Utah	12,855,966	-----	12,855,966
Wyoming	4,812,256	-----	4,812,256
IX.			
American Samoa	422,715	-----	422,715
Arizona	19,953,601	-----	19,953,601
California	125,001,735	-----	125,001,735
Guam	1,506,391	-----	1,506,391
Hawaii	5,647,604	-----	5,647,604
Nevada	5,173,536	-----	5,173,536
Northern Marianas	247,134	-----	247,134
X.			
Alaska	5,110,348	-----	5,110,348
*Idaho	6,734,065	832,299	7,566,364
*Oregon	15,178,591	2,305,515	17,484,105
*Washington	22,173,474	2,881,300	25,054,774

*State with Separate Blind Agency

Appendix B

FINAL GRANT AWARDS - FISCAL YEAR 1990
SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
TITLE VII, SECTION 631

REGION/ STATE/ TERRITORY	STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>U.S. Total</u>
	\$25,687,000	\$1,943,000	\$27,630,000
I.			
*Connecticut	272,981	48,173	321,154
Maine	251,542	--	251,542
*Massachusetts	504,778	87,749	592,527
New Hampshire	251,3389	--	251,389
*Rhode Island	225,000	25,000	250,000
Vermont	220,713	30,000	250,713
II.			
*New Jersey	621,484	155,371	777,855
*New York	1,517,284	284,642	1,801,926
Puerto Rico	109,761	--	109,761
Virgin Island	41,949	--	41,949
III.			
*Delaware	213,240	37,605	250,845
Dis. of Columbia	250,000	--	250,000
Maryland	465,045	--	465,000
*Pennsylvania	1,187,150	20,340	1,207,490
Virginia	527,528	77,676	605,204
West Virginia	251,990	--	251,990
IV.			
Alabama	412,726	--	412,726
Florida	1,030,109	210,986	1,241,095
Georgia	629,990	--	629,990
*Kentucky	362,096	8,130	370,226
*Mississippi	208,958	54,655	263,613
*North Carolina	543,315	109,580	652,895
*South Carolina	299,886	44,810	344,696
Tennessee	492,513	--	392,513
V.			
Illinois	1,168,550	--	1,168,550
Indiana	551,911	--	551,911
*Michigan	807,721	110,144	917,865

*Minnesota	356,340	77,011	433,351
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Region/State Territory	STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>U.S. Total</u>
Ohio	1,089,805	--	1,089,805
Wisconsin	482,278	--	482,278
VI.			
*Arkansas	235,350	17,715	253,065
Louisiana	437,873	--	437,873
*New Mexico	207,500	42,500	250,000
Oklahoma	326,196	--	326,196
*Texas	1,338,336	334,583	1,672,919
VII.			
*Iowa	228,029	53,489	281,518
Kansas	250,000	--	250,000
*Missouri	495,455	2,068	497,523
*Nebraska	226,965	2,508	229,473
VIII.			
Colorado	331,409	--	131,409
*Montana	250,000	--	250,000
North Dakota	250,853	--	250,853
*South Dakota	236,000	14,756	250,756
Utah	251,792	--	251,792
Wyoming	250,000	--	250,000
IX.			
American Samoa	41,949	--	41,949
Arizona	346,584	--	346,584
California	2,848,834	--	2,848,834
Guam	41,949	--	41,949
Hawaii	250,000	--	250,000
Nevada	251,349	--	251,349
Northern Marianas	41,949	--	41,949
Palau	4,894	--	4,894
X.			
Alaska	250,671	--	250,671
*Idaho	248,771	2,513	251,284
*Oregon	240,504	37,899	278,403
*Washington	414,563	53,097	467,660

*State with Separate Blind Agency

FINAL GRANT AWARDS - FISCAL YEAR 1990
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM
TITLE VII, SECTION 701, PART A

REGION/ STATE/ TERRITORY	STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES		
	<u>U.S. Total</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Blind</u>
	\$11,872,782	\$1,065,218	\$12,938,000
I.			
*Connecticut	176,000	24,000	200,000
Maine	200,316	--	200,316
*Massachusetts	171,542	30,000	201,542
New Hampshire	200,284	--	200,284
*Rhode Island	200,000	**	200,000
Vermont	150,068	50,023	200,091
II.			
*New Jersey	207,564	51,892	259,456
*New York	506,275	95,539	601,814
Puerto Rico	200,000	--	200,000
Virgin Island	16,173	--	16,173
III.			
*Delaware	170,173	30,000	200,173
Dis. of Col.	200,000	--	200,000
Maryland	201,210	--	201,210
*Pennsylvania	403,280	**	403,280
*Virginia	175,928	26,199	202,127
West Virginia	200,304	--	200,304
IV.			
Alabama	201,075	--	201,075
Florida	344,039	70,466	414,505
Georgia	211,454	--	211,454
*Kentucky	174,000	26,606	200,606
*Mississippi	158,686	42,000	200,686
*North Car.	179,113	38,944	218,057
*South Car.	174,000	26,909	200,909
Tennessee	201,283	--	201,283

appendix C (cont.)

Region/State/ Territory	STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>U.S. Total</u>
V.			
Illinois	390,276	--	390,276
Indiana	200,000	--	200,000
*Michigan	201,171	107,829	309,000
*Minnesota	164,925	36,203	201,128
Ohio	363,692	--	363,692
Wisconsin	200,000	--	200,000
VI.			
*Arkansas	186,583	14,044	200,627
Louisiana	200,000	--	200,000
*New Mexico	166,000	34,395	200,395
Oklahoma	200,894	--	200,894
*Texas	453,622	112,302	565,924
VII.			
*Iowa	150,282	50,000	200,282
Kansas	200,000	--	200,000
*Missouri	175,347	26,000	201,347
*Nebraska	177,819	22,600	200,419
VIII.			
Colorado	200,864	--	200,864
*Montana	200,000	--	200,000
North Dakota	200,108	--	200,108
*South Dakota	200,116	**	200,116
Utah	200,275	--	200,275
Wyoming	200,000	--	200,000
IX.			
Amer. Samoa	16,173	--	16,173
Arizona	200,914	--	200,914
California	948,651	--	948,651
Guam	--	--	16,173
Hawaii	200,000	--	200,000
Nevada	200,000	--	200,000
Nor. Marianas	***	--	***
Palau	***	--	***
X.			
Alaska	200,137	--	
*Idaho	100,213	100,050	
*Oregon	175,000	25,000	
*Washington	177,000	24,217	

* State with Separate Blind Agency

** Combined Agency For IL Program

*** Trust Territories that did not participate in IL Program in 1990

FINAL GRANT AWARDS - FISCAL YEAR 1990
CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)
TITLE I, SECTION 112

REGION/
STATE/
TERRITORY

DESIGNATED AGENCIES FOR CAP AWARDS²

	<u>U.S. Total</u>
	\$7,883,220
I.	
Connecticut	88,271
Maine	76,038
Massachusetts	165,860
New Hampshire	75,232
Rhode Island	75,000
Vermont	75,000
II.	
New Jersey	217,457
New York	504,395
Puerto Rico	92,111
Virgin Island	45,000
III.	
Delaware	70,500
Dis. of Col.	75,531
Maryland	130,175
Pennsylvania	338,000
Virginia	169,409
West Virginia	76,616
IV.	
Alabama	111,994
Florida	307,784
Georgia	173,157
Kentucky	104,969
Mississippi	75,000
North Car.	137,170
South Car.	95,484

² Agencies designated by the State Governor for CAP serving all disabilities independent of VR agencies as required.

appendix D (cont.)

REGION/STATE/
TERRITORY

DESIGNATED AGENCIES FOR CAP AWARDS

	<u>U.S. Total</u>
V.	
Illinois	327,103
Indiana	156,482
Michigan	260,240
Minnesota	121,016
Ohio	296,376
Wisconsin	132,559
VI.	
Arkansas	77,062
Louisiana	122,852
New Mexico	76,000
Oklahoma	88,317
Texas	464,313
VII.	
Iowa	77,377
Kansas	73,800
Missouri	144,794
Nebraska	68,000
VIII.	
Colorado	90,834
Montana	75,000
North Dakota	47,500
South Dakota	75,152
Utah	75,361
Wyoming	75,000
IX.	
Amer. Samoa	45,000
Arizona	95,261
California	773,061
Guam	45,000
Hawaii	75,946
Nevada	75,908
Nor. Marianas	45,000
Palau	--
X.	
Alaska	75,000
Idaho	75,000
Oregon	77,931
Washington	130,908