

Summary
Draft 2025-2027 State Plan for Independent Living
April 2024

Key Terms

- The time period of the SPIL is Fiscal Years 2025- 2027. This is October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027.
- Designated State Entity (DSE): The DSE receives, monitors, and distributes federal funds, as described in the SPIL. In MA, the DSE is the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC).
- 723 State: 723 States are states where funding to CILs is the same as or more than federal funding. In 723 States, the DSE has a bigger role in monitoring funds. The SPIL designates MA as a 723 State.
- Funding:
 - Federal Part B: Federal funds that pass through the state.
 - Federal Part C: Direct grants to CILs from the federal government. (Because MA is a 723 State, these funds are also passed through the state)
 - State funding:
 - State funding comes from the MA state budget which MA legislators pass each year.
 - State funding also comes from MRC’s budget.

SPIL Goals

These are the goals the Independent Living Network has set for the year period of the SPIL:

1. Increase access to available, affordable, accessible housing across Massachusetts
2. Increase the capacity of CILs to engage in transportation advocacy in MA
3. Increase CIL services to underserved populations
4. Increase support for Independent Living Centers in MA

What is the plan for accomplishing these goals?

1. Access to affordable accessible housing:
 - CILs will advocate for more housing vouchers for people with disabilities
 - CILs will advocate for better policies improving the accessibility standards for new and renovated housing
2. Increased capacity to engage in transportation advocacy
 - CILs will recruit riders to sit on Regional Transit Authority (RTA) advisory boards
 - CILs will form a committee to collaborate on accessible transportation goals across the state
3. Increased CIL services to underserved populations
 - All CILs will have an outreach plan focused on underserved consumers in the service area
 - Increased training to CIL staff and Boards focused on underserved populations, particularly Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) populations
4. Increased support for CILs in MA
 - CILs will advocate for \$5 million more funding, and funding for nursing home transition work.

Learn more about SPIL Goals on pages 3-7 of the SPIL.

Funding for MA Independent Living

Where does the funding come from?

Source	Amount
Federal: Part B	\$385,492.00
Federal: Part C	\$1,731,410.00
State	\$8,043,034.80
TOTAL	\$10,159,936.80

How is the funding spent?

Amount	Funding Source	Agency(ies)	Description
\$155,950.50	Part B	CILs and Deaf Inc	Direct services for consumers at CILs and DEAF Inc. to support Independent Living Goals
\$60,000	Part B	CILs	Support services and coordination required for the support of Independent Living Services.
\$6,000	Part B	DEAF Inc.	Support services and coordination required for the support of Independent Living Services.
\$32,000	Part B	Massachusetts Commission for the Blind	Direct services for consumers at MCB (legally blind persons with the most significant secondary disabilities) to support Independent Living Goals
\$ 112,696.20	Part B	MASILC	SILC Resource Plan including General operations and the support of developing, implementation, and monitoring the SPIL
\$18,845.30	Part B	Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission	Administrative Costs
\$1,731,410	Part C	CILs	Direct funding of IL services through CILs
\$43,034.80	State Funds	MASILC	SILC Resource Plan
\$8,000,000	State Funds	CILs	Direct funding of IL services through CILs
TBD	Innovation and Expansion Funds	MASILC	SILC Resource Plan
\$10,159,936.80	TOTAL		

The SILC and Massachusetts CILs determined that the minimum level of funding for a center is \$800,000. Currently, all CILs in Massachusetts are funded above this level.

If new funds become available (Part B, Part C, State IL funds or one-time funds):

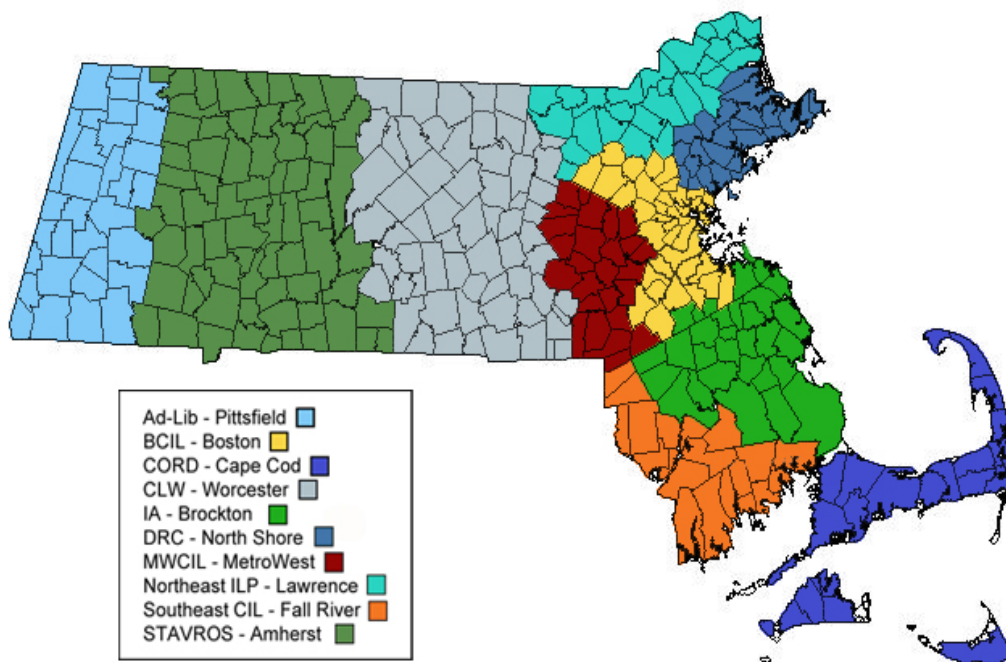
Part C and State IL funds: Funds will be split 12 ways, with the Boston Center for Independent Living (BCIL) receiving 3 shares to address their larger service area, and the remaining 9 CILs receive 1 share each.

Part B funds: Funds will be divided equally between the CILs and Deaf Inc. for client services

The SPIL also includes a process for what happens if a CIL closes. Learn more on page 18.

Statewide Services

All cities and towns in Massachusetts are served by an independent living center.



Underserved individuals with disabilities

“In Massachusetts underserved individuals are individuals with disabilities who could benefit from Independent Living Center Services, but do not access or are not able to fully access them due to barriers of language and culture, ethnicity or race, gender identity, geographic location and or disability status. Massachusetts does not currently have any cities or towns that are unserved, but recognizes the above barriers impact an individual’s ability to access services.”

Some underserved groups identified in the SPIL include:

- Rural areas, and other areas outside major cities and towns
- Individuals with mental health disabilities
- Immigrant and non-English-speaking communities

For more details about underserved individuals, please see pages 12 and 13

Other Section of The SPIL

- Section 4 explains the responsibilities of the DSE.
 - The DSE distributes Part B and Part C federal funds to CILs, Deaf Inc, and MCB, following the process laid out in the SPIL.
 - MRC has oversight responsibilities for funds received by the SILC and CILs.
 - Learn more on pages 19-24
- Section 5 explains how the SILC is appointed and funded
 - The responsibilities of the SILC, including developing and monitoring the SPIL, are described.
 - The SILC is independent of a state agency.
 - Learn more on pages 24-27
- Section 6 is a legal section. It explains that:
 - The SILC is authorized to submit the SPIL
 - The SILC and the CILs will carry out the provisions in the SPIL
 - The DSE will provide the administration authorized by the SPIL
- Section 7 reviews the assurance of the DSE (pages 28-29)
- Section 8 reviews the assurances of the SILC (pages 29-32)
- Section 9 is the signatures of the SILC Chairperson and the CIL Director.