Budget Request:	1,500,000 per year total in line item 415-511
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Increased Impact

Since previous state funding was achieved, the network of CILs has been able to serve more people each year, and has achieved an increase of over 50% additional successful outcomes. In the next biennium we will **continue this success and expand into additional counties in Ohio.**

Over the last two years, over 200 individuals have been transitioned to the community, creating a cost-savings of over \$10,400,000 for the state.

Comprehensive IL Services	2018	2019	2020	2021
New Intakes	1,547	1,465	2,056	2,428
Active Plans	3,931	4,127	4,923	5,677
Successful Outcomes	2,213	2,454	3,477	4,969

Comparing to States in the Region

Within our region, Ohio ranks last in state support for Independent Living. The average state support in our region for Centers for Independent Living is around \$2,600,000. This allowed for CILs in neighboring states to achieve statewide services, expand services offered, and hire individuals with disabilities with competitive wages and benefits.

State	Funding from State for Program
Michigan	\$ 4,300,000.00
Indiana	\$ 2,462,384.00
Illinois	\$ 3,952,297.00
Wisconsin	\$ 1,583,500.00
Minnesota	\$ 3,011,000.00
Ohio	\$ 500,000.00

Impact of Request

Of the total ask, 1,200,000 will go toward the critically needed services offered by the Centers for Independent Living. This funding will allow CILs to operate at a capacity to provide comprehensive services in their regions, expand their hiring of individuals with disabilities with competitive wages, and be more responsive to growing needs of the disability community. **The services will create opportunities for individuals to live and work in their communities, expand self-sufficiency, and better reach underserved communities.**

The remaining funding will go toward the expansion of the network statewide. **This investment will for the first time create availability of services in rural areas across the state.** There are currently 38 Ohio Counties that do not have access to all CIL services. Blank areas on map are unserved counties.



CIL funding enables individuals with disabilities to **live in their homes with their families where they can work, attend school, worship, and participate in other community activities**. CILs are hubs of disability information, resources, services, and advocacy. CILs are vital to the whole community. **It also creates tremendous savings for taxpayers. For each individual we help stay in the community or transition, we save at least \$31,000 per person, annually.**