

MRS Total Number of Clients Served

(FY2018 Appropriation Act - Public Act 107 of 2017)

March 1, 2018

Sec. 804. (1) *From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan rehabilitation services, the department shall allocate \$50,000.00 along with available federal match to support the provision of vocational rehabilitation services to eligible agricultural workers with disabilities. Authorized services shall assist agricultural workers with disabilities in acquiring or maintaining quality employment and independence.*

(2) *By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office on the total number of clients served and the total amount of federal matching funds obtained throughout the duration of the program.*



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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES

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Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) served 32 individuals through the MRS Farm Rehab Program by assisting agricultural workers with disabilities in acquiring or maintaining quality employment and independence. MRS utilized the \$50,000 in state appropriated funds to secure an additional \$184,742 in federal matching funds to support the provision of vocational rehabilitation services to eligible agricultural workers with disabilities.

Funding was used for:

1. Devices to assist workers in improving communication with employees and sales; Ex. Hearing aids
2. Farm rehabilitation engineering evaluations to identify the assistive technology or accommodations the worker needed to perform their work duties.
3. Accommodations or assistive technology to assist with mobility or lower extremity limitations; Ex. Outdoor mobility carts, walker cart, electric scooter, stand up wheelchair, man lift, spreader, anti-fatigue floor mat, rolling sit/stand stool, modified tractor steps, handrails on equipment, vegetable cooler ramp and deck, pallet jack, cattle handling system, rechargeable heated boot insoles, and folding foot rest.
4. Accommodations or assistive technology for upper extremity limitations; Ex. Rearview camera systems, special tractor seats to reduce vibration, lever door knobs, tractor door modifications, electric shears, wide strap picking bags, cordless impact wrench, easy hitches, dolly, electric hose reel, self-propelled bale handling accumulator, skid steer loader, weigh scale indicator, watering pipelines, stub hoses, greenhouse tug, ID the calf feeder, swivel produce racks, powering steering, and power drive kit for trailer hitches.