

MRS Total Number of Clients Served

(FY2019 Appropriation Act - Public Act 207 of 2018)

March 1, 2019

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.*



VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES

FY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) served 22 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 customers, which includes hearing aids.
2. Farm rehabilitation engineering services to include evaluations to identify the assistive technology or accommodations the worker needed to perform work duties. This includes follow up services to ensure all accommodations were complete and workers knew how to safely use the technology or accommodation.
3. Accommodations or assistive technology to assist with mobility or lower extremity limitations. Examples of this type of accommodation include outdoor mobility carts, powered loader, powered hive cart, walker cart, stand-up wheelchair, man lifts, skid loader steps, lift seat, rolling sit/stand stool, modified tractor steps, handrails on equipment, tractor hand controls, electric pallet jacks, and drive thru gates.
4. Accommodations or assistive technology for upper extremity limitations. Examples of this type of accommodation includes rearview camera systems, special tractor seats to reduce vibration, soil handling systems, power door modifications, skid loader grab bars, shop heater, crowding tub swing gate and chute, sawmill grab bars, and greenhouse tug.