

Attachment 2

Applicant:	Centro di Mi Salud	Length of time in existence: 13 years
Group Size:	12	Geographic Location: Dallas and Collin Counties
Amount Requested:	\$10,000	
Meeting Frequency:	Twice a month	
Ethnic/Cultural Group Served	Hispanic/Latino	
Organization Mission:	To assist our consumers to identify and meet their needs with respect for diversity. We empower our consumers to help themselves.	
Planned Activities:	Work with families and service providers to assist disability service providers to understand the Latino-Hispanic cultural background and how the level of acculturation impacts decisions and access to health-care services. The organization will provide presentations for school counselors, non-profit agencies and for profit agencies; organize a radio talk show; provide an open house to help people access services in the community; and develop flyers in Spanish and Portuguese with information about resources in the community.	
Public Policy Implications:	This project is not targeting activities that are likely to have a large public policy impact directly. However, information sharing and advocacy skills training have the potential to complement TCDD Public Information and Public Policy activities, particularly when the applicant targets a distinct group of individuals and includes issues identified as a result of the Council's public input efforts. Any time the TCDD network grows, TCDD's impact grows, and TCDD has the potential to learn more about the issues people are facing. This project may bring new issues or strategies to TCDD to consider for future projects, and TCDD has the potential to gain more advocates-in-arms.	
Staff Recommendations:	<p>The intention of the RFP is to support groups that are trying to help people receive culturally competent services and supports. It appears that the Centro de Mi Salud proposal meets this intention by training disability service providers about the Latino-Hispanic culture; helping 10 families access services; creating printed materials in Spanish and Portuguese; and working with numerous organizations in the community to include media outlets. There is a potential for TCDD to learn some of the barriers to accessing services and the challenges faced by individuals seeking services, to connect to individuals/organizations with whom we currently have no contact, and to better understand the cultural and support needs of this group.</p> <p>The budget allocates TCDD funds for allowable costs of hourly employees, consultant services, printing/copying and travel. The totals for the line items and amount requested from TCDD are incorrect (hourly rates, respite, travel, and other). The project did not include match (donated by others and/or organization). These issues would need to be addressed prior to a grant award.</p> <p>Staff recommend the Executive Committee consider funding of this proposal.</p>	

Note: This proposal came to TCDD as a result of the Public Input forum held in Dallas at TCDD's May meeting. The applicant attended that meeting.