

# **Attachment 3**

<b>Applicant:</b>	The Sower Foundation	<b>Length of time in existence:</b> 11 years
<b>Group Size:</b>	65	<b>Geographic Location:</b> Harris and Fort Bend Counties
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	\$10,000	
<b>Meeting Frequency:</b>	Monthly	
<b>Ethnic/Cultural Group Served</b>	Black/African American; Hispanic/Latino	
<b>Organization Mission:</b>	To enhance the abilities of the underserved.	
<b>Planned Activities:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Offer training for disability service providers to make their services more culturally-appropriate. This will be done by hosting a resource fair, small conference, or awareness event every 3 months, targeting service providers and Black and Latino persons with disabilities. The events will include open forums for people with disabilities to express their need for more culturally competent services and provide service providers with information. The information will be distributed to multiple service providers.</li> <li>2. Promote culturally competent resources to encourage healthy eating and physical activity by people with disabilities who are black and/or Latino.</li> </ol>	
<b>Public Policy Implications:</b>	<p>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.</p>	
<b>Staff Recommendations:</b>	<p>The intention of the RFP is to support groups that are trying to help people receive culturally competent services and supports. The Sower Foundation, Inc. will provide culturally-appropriate trainings to disability service providers to improve health-outcomes for people with disabilities who are black and/or Latino. The project will work with MHMRA of Harris County, MHMRA of Fort Bend County and providers contracted through DADS. There is a potential for TCDD to learn some of the barriers to accessing services and challenges faced by individuals receiving services, to connect to individuals with whom we currently have no contact, and to better understand cultural and support needs.</p> <p>The budget allocates TCDD funds for allowable costs of hourly employees, consultant services, printing/copying and travel. The project did not include totals for match. This issue would need to be addressed prior to grant award.</p> <p><b>Staff recommend the Executive Committee consider funding of this proposal.</b></p>	

**Note:** This proposal was received in August 2011, after funding of projects for this RFP was temporarily suspended.