

# **Attachment 7**

# Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities`

## Executive Committee

Date: 10/24/2012

Review of Proposed Activities & Budget

ITEM: A

Grantee: Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

Year: 2 of 5

Project Title: Higher Education for People with Developmental Disabilities (Project HIRE)

Project Location: Hidalgo County

**TCDD RFP Intent:**

The project intent is to develop, demonstrate, and evaluate more inclusive models of post-secondary education through which students with severe disabilities receive the supports they need to succeed in college, iniversity, and/or or vocational/technical programs that were originally designed for students with disabilities. TCDD has approved funding up to \$225,000 per year for up to five years.

**Project Goals and Accomplishments for Year 1:**

**Goal:** Graduate or certify, by grant year five, at least ten (10) individuals with developmental disabilities from South Texas College (STC).

*Accomplishments per goal:* Contracts were developed between DARS and the University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA), STC, Dr. Paul Wehman, Access Granted, and Dr. Lynn Fischer, who, with the project advisory committee (PAC), conducted program design and planning meetings. Participant applications were developed and orientations were conducted at STC in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language. Individual meetings with potential participants and their families took place. The Lead Educational Coach and two (2) support coaches were hired. PAC members developed an applicant scoring mechanism and counselors prepared packets for the interview team, which met with each applicant along with parents and school personnel. Assistive Technology (AT) Evaluations were completed for each of six (6) initial participants and six (6) alternates. All twelve (12) completed the summer training and began classes at STC on 8/27/2012. The project has presented at hearings, conferences, and has garnered considerable publicity.

**Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 2:**

**Goal:** Same as above.

**Objectives:** Continue to work with project partners to provide assistive technology and mentors; Continue the post-secondary programs; and Select twelve (12) Cohort 2 participants using the application and selection process developed in Year 1.

**Council Considerations:** Public Policy Considerations: This grantee has had remarkable success in garnering significant community interest, including area elected officials, a strong indicator that project success will translate to community success. Maintaining community stakeholders will be key to sustainability and potential expansion in Texas. TCDD should continue to ensure the grantee attributes proper funding credit to TCDD in media relations and in developing products such as fliers, training curriculum, PSAs and other marketing materials. No staff concerns; Council to consider continued funding for this project.

### Continuation Budget Detail Summary

	Federal	Match	Totals
<b>Amount expended in Year 1</b> (\$190,884 consultants) (based on 6 months) Award amount \$225,000	\$12,484	\$17,122	\$29,606
<b>Amount requested for Year 2 budget:</b>			
<b>I. Personnel services</b>	0	0	0
<b>II. Travel</b>	0	0	0
<b>III. Purchased services</b> (\$197,723 consultants)	200,167	14,760	214,927
<b>IV. Property/Materials</b>	4,378	0	4,378
<b>V. Rental/Leasing</b>	0	300	300
<b>VI. Utilities</b>	0	0	0
<b>VII. Other (Indirect Costs)</b>	20,455	0	20,455
Budget period totals	\$225,000	\$15,060	\$240,060