

Options for Initiating Projects

Activity	Possible Implementation Processes	Monitoring Process
<p>Idea 1: Free Training for Individuals TCDD pays for time-limited training for stakeholders on various topics. Funded when funds are available. Ideas for topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Travel/mobility training ▪ Community organizing ▪ Use of social media and internet-based marketing ▪ Person-centered thinking ▪ Public Policy and/or advocacy ▪ How to increasing & support diversity in groups or organizations (relates to requirement to support cross-disability and cross-cultural leadership coalitions) 	<p>Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicit interests from stakeholders re: possible training needs. • On an annual or biennial basis, choose trainings to be made available. • Identify possible subject experts / organizations; solicit proposals; establish contracts, IAC or appropriate renewable for 3-4 annual periods. • Determine process to find/choose/prioritize people to receive training. <p>Option 2 Develop grantee/contractor to solicit requests from stakeholders for specific training they'd like to attend; grantee/contractor coordinates reimbursement/payment for those approved.</p> <p>Procedures / Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council determines funding limits yearly or biennially. • Staff determine funding amount to be obligated yearly depending on balance of funds to be obligated. • Council , Committee or staff determine topics and trainee selection process and set priorities. • Requests solicited year round. • Council or staff approve vendors based on review instrument to be developed and using a modified review panel process. • Determine how many requests for training by individuals working for the same organization will trigger a review of a possible formal collaboration with that organization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainer submits invoice to TCDD and reports on training provided prior to TCDD paying funds. • Stakeholders complete evaluation & report.
<p>Idea 2: Topical Summits Fund topical summits hosted by other organizations (like the DPC housing summit) to bring together stakeholders, provide information; gather stakeholder input to be provided to TCDD.</p>	<p>Procedures / Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council determines funds available yearly and any priorities. • Sponsor organizations submit short application (who, what, where, when, how much, and what benefit to the Council exists and/or how it supports the Council's mission). • Council / Executive Committee review and approve recipients. <p>Intention would be to solicit applications from organizations that can do 100% of the work to host a summit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small grant with streamlined reporting procedures; monitored by staff. • Evaluation and report submitted to TCDD.

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<p>Idea 3: Information gathering, analysis Contract for literature review, internet research, analysis of information to supplement existing staff resources.</p> <p>Examples activities to be evaluated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goals 1, 4, or 5 in the State Plan ○ Strength of “self-advocacy” in Texas ○ Follow-up with past projects to determine long-range outcomes or sustainability ○ Emerging issues / concerns such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Under-identification of autism in Hispanic children ✓ Quality and availability of health care for women with IDD (such as gynecology & breast cancer prevention or treatment) ✓ Diet and obesity 	<p>Procedures / Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council approves process, sets funding limits. ● Solicit bids for contractor using TEA contract procurement process. ● Vendor approved by Exec Director, or by Chair / Executive Committee? ● Staff administratively determine to fund contract (or not) based on availability of funds and quality of bids. ● Activity would be related to state plan goals and objectives or possible state plan amendments. <p>Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council Policies provide that “TCDD funds shall not be used to conduct clinical research.” ● This process would not include any projects that require review by an Institutional Review Board (for research involving live subjects). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Content / products monitored by staff for whom research or evaluation is done. ● Operations Director also monitors reimbursement. ● Contractor paid in response to invoice.
<p>Idea 4: Informational Products Provide funds for Webinars, podcasts, guides on various topics; develop template for such activities / products that can be used by others (staff or stakeholders)</p> <p>Examples of topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Webinar on changes to waiver eligibility, UR, etc. ● Podcasts on public policy issues weekly during session. ● How to pick a school district ● How to pick a service provider 	<p>Procedures / Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council sets funding limits biennially. ● Determine list of possible topics / issues and priorities (not time sensitive). ● Develop a formal relationship (contract? MOU?) with an organization(s) that can develop the product quickly. ● Designate staff lead to coordinate with vendor and product approval, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-house subject matter expert & Communications Coordinator approve product for release. ● Contractor or grantee paid in response to invoice. ● Feedback is solicited and shared with TCDD.

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<p>Idea 5: Additional funding for grantees Offer/provide extra year of funding to existing grantees if one extra year might make a much larger impact.</p>	<p>Procedures / Considerations Develop process and criteria for staff to review projects entering the final year of funding to determine if they may merit consideration of additional year of funding for a specific activity not in the original project scope.</p>	<p>Grants Staff coordinate staff review (including Public Policy implications)</p>
<p>Idea 6: Materials/product dissemination Offer free materials/products to help others to do outreach/education.</p>	<p>Procedures / Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine process to approve products developed by others for dissemination. • Review Council / grantee products / materials for distribution. • Contract with entity to distribute approved materials. • Council approves amount of funds, priority topics, for distribution. • TCDD market on website, through partners 	<p>Operations Director and Communications Coordinator jointly monitor.</p>
<p>Idea 7: Materials translation Translate materials on request for local disability advocacy organizations to other languages.</p>	<p>Procedures / Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop application process. • Determine criteria (# per year, page limit, language options, etc.). • Amend current contract with language translation services to accommodate expected demand. • Council approve funding amount / priorities. 	<p>Operations Director and Communications Coordinator jointly monitor.</p>
<p>Idea 8: Scholarships or Internships Offer annual scholarships or internships for people with IDD, their family members, and selected others, based on available funds. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to complete/support thesis or dissertation on disability-related topics. • Support for people to become trainers on various topics, to attend intensive leadership training, etc. 	<p>Procedures / Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify organizations willing to have interns or “scholars.” • Develop process to solicit applications from individuals. • Develop application(s). • Determine selection process, develop criteria. <p>Funding Mechanism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual contracts with individuals for internships / scholarships. • Contracts with training entities if groups are approved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recipient and supervising organization submit invoice based on deliverables. • Final product/report submitted to TCDD.