

# **Attachment 3**

# Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

## Executive Committee

Date: 4/02/13

Review of Proposed Activities & Budget

ITEM: C

Grantee: The Arc of Greater Tarrant County

Year: 2 of 3

Project Title: Inclusive Faith-Based Communities Symposium

Project Location: Fort Worth

**TCDD RFP Intent:**

The project intent is to collaborate with leaders of faith-based organizations in order to compare experiences and share resources so that formal and informal community supports available to people with developmental disabilities may be increased. TCDD has approved funding up to \$75,000 per year for up to three years.

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

**Goal:** The faith-based and IDD Communities will collaborate to increase inclusive opportunities for individuals and their families with IDD to worship in a location and manner of their choosing.

*Accomplishments per goal:* Secured venue and speakers for the 1<sup>st</sup> Inclusive Faith-Based Communities Symposium scheduled for May 28, 30, 2013. Arranged accessible complimentary transportation for event attendees. Identified key topics for symposium, including transportation, People First Language (PFL), inclusiveness, bullying and respite. Educated planning leaders on PFL and helped staff develop PFL materials for distribution at symposium and beyond. Faith leaders in planning and advisory roles are committed to leading their communities in creating more welcoming, inclusive atmospheres in places of worship. A toolkit for faith organizations is being developed to serve as a resource manual for including and ministering to individuals with developmental disabilities. The toolkit will include information on PFL, communication/sensory differences, a guide to navigating services and local resources.

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

**Goal: Same as above**

**Objective:** Build a partnership between the faith-based and IDD communities. Hold a minimum of two symposia dedicated to educating and developing inclusion practices in the faith community. A minimum of ten faith-based community groups will initiate work plans with the goal to become inclusive to individuals and their families with IDD through the initiation of an activity. Increase number of area faith-based communities involved in project during year two. Conduct a 3-year research project measuring the success of this project through iCAP grant.

**Council Considerations:** Public Policy Considerations: The project has identified goals of providing opportunity for religious leaders to understand and support their community of people with disabilities and eliminate physical and communication barriers. There also is a goal specific to individuals with cognitive disabilities having faith teaching in a manner that is understandable to them. A universal policy implication is awareness and policy change – as faith communities involved in the project learn the barriers to inclusion they will then need to plan for and implement physical, program and policy changes. Taking it a step further, setting the expectation that project participants will plant the seeds of change in additional houses of worship beyond those that participated will extend the project's reach to more persons with disabilities. No staff concerns; Council to consider continued funding for this project.

### Continuation Budget Detail Summary

	Federal	Match	Totals
Amount expended in year 1 (\$19,530 consultants) (based on 8 months) Award amount \$75,000	\$20,000	\$6,667	\$26,667
<b>Amount requested for next year budget:</b>			
<b>I. Personnel Services</b>	52,617	5475	58,092
<b>II. Travel</b>	0	0	0
<b>III. Purchased Services</b> (\$22,000 consultants)	18,000	31,000	49,000
<b>IV. Equipment/Supplies</b>	4383	0	4383
<b>V. Rental/Leasing</b>	0	0	0
<b>VI. Utilities</b>	0	0	0
<b>VII. Other</b>	0	0	0
Budget period totals	\$75,000	\$36,475	\$111,475