

**Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities`  
Executive Committee**

**Date:** 10/23/13

**Review of Proposed Activities & Budget**

**Item: E**

**Grantee:** West Central Texas Regional Foundation

**Year: 3 of 3**

**Project Title:** Inclusive Faith-Based Communities Symposium

**Project Location:** Abilene (Callahan, Jones, & Taylor Counties)

**Website:** [www.wctcog.org](http://www.wctcog.org)

**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.

**Authorized Funding:** TCDD has approved up to \$75,000 per year for up to three years

Year 1: \$74,894    Year 2: \$74,322    Year 3: \$74,988

**Expected Results:** Faith communities will understand the benefit of inclusion.

**Project Goals and Accomplishments for Year 2:**

**Goal:** To work with faith-based community organizations, community partners and persons with disabilities to more fully include underserved people with disabilities in outreach and programming across the rural region and within the metropolitan area, ensuring active participation within faith-based communities for all.

*Accomplishments per goal:* Held first faith inclusion symposium on April 13, 2013. Several media were developed for this event: program of events, booth registration form, attendee registration form, and a satisfaction survey. Staff secured a keynote speaker for the event as well as sign language interpreters and community members to lead the required breakout sessions. Developed a self-evaluation survey to distribute to representatives of faith-based organizations. Turnout to the symposium was lower than expected; therefore, project staff worked with the Project Advisory Committee to develop a corrective action plan to address difficulties in reaching project goals. The action plan includes hosting several smaller events leading up to the next symposium (April 2014) as well as an information session for community members and the leadership of faith-based organizations.

**Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 3:**

**Goal:** Same as above.

**Objectives:** Hold a series of good quality workshops as well as a symposium that encourages attendance from faith based and community based organizations in an effort to advocate for and support Faith based Organizations that currently have programming for the disability community or those organizations that are attempting to create such programming.

**Staff Recommendations:**

**Public Policy Considerations:** Increasing exposure of members of faith communities to persons with developmental disabilities will make it more likely that members of faith communities will have awareness about issues important to persons with disabilities. Having people who are not connected with the service delivery system in the lives of persons with developmental disabilities also is a significant protective factor. Finally, faith leaders typically also are leaders in the broader community with access to decision makers.

**Grant Management Considerations:** The project is not in compliance with some requirements of the Request for Proposal (RFP). Project staff have developed a comprehensive corrective action plan to address these concerns. **Goals relating to the action plan were established by the Grants Specialist and the grantee was unable to meet all of these goals. Staff Recommendation: TCDD staff does not recommend continuation funding for this project.**

<b>Continuation Budget Detail Summary</b>			
	Federal	Match	Totals
<b>Expended Year 1</b> (Consultant: \$0)	\$74,894/\$74,894	\$20,193/\$20,794	\$95,087/\$95,688
<b>Expended Year 2</b> (4 months) (Consultant: \$748)	\$74,322/\$22,822	\$24,576/\$7,113	98,898/\$29,935
<b>Amount requested for Year 2 budget:</b>			
<b>I. Personnel Services</b>	58,731	16,518	75,249
<b>II. Travel</b>	750	0	750
<b>III. Purchased Services</b> (\$748 consultants)	4,112	7,551	11,663
<b>IV. Property/Materials</b>	500	460	960
<b>V. Rental/Leasing</b>	4,122	450	4,572
<b>VI. Utilities</b>	900	0	900
<b>VII. Other (Indirect Costs)</b>	5,873	0	5,873
Budget period totals	\$74,988	\$24,979	\$99,967