

**Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities
Executive Committee**

Date: 4/4/2014

Review of Proposed Activities & Budget

ITEM: C

Grantee: Jewish Family Service of Dallas

Year: 3 of 3

Project Title: Inclusive Faith-Based Communities Symposium

Project Location: Dallas (Dallas, Collin, Rockwall, and Denton counties) **Website:** www.jfsdallas.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.

Expected Results: Faith communities will understand the benefits of inclusion.

Project Goals and Accomplishments for Year(s) 1 & 2:

Goal 1: Continue to increase formal and informal community supports available to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through faith-based communities.

Goal 2: Continue to measure consumer satisfaction with new and increased programming to ensure that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families feel a sense of belonging in their faith community.

Accomplishments per goal: Created the Faith Inclusion Network of Dallas (FIND); Trained 175 people in formal/informal supports and reached 98 organizations as a result of Project Advisory Committee (PAC) efforts; Held first symposium in February, 2013 to discuss the challenges and benefits of inclusion and explore and develop successful models for inclusion; Over 150 participants attended the event; Attendees represented more than 20 faith-based organizations (Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Hindu faiths), 20 community service organizations, and 21 self-advocates and family members; Developed and conducted a survey to measure consumer satisfaction; Produced a 14 minute video promoting the project; Prepared FIND information packets (brochure, video, book, handouts) that will be mailed out to members of the FIND listserv; Added new subpages to the FIND website including a calendar of inclusive events; Plans to host two workshops in April on faith inclusion and current efforts being made by faith-based organizations.

Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 3:

Goal: Same as above

Objectives: Continue to implement new, and maintain existing, forums for communicating the critical need for formal and informal community supports, the inherent benefits of faith-based community inclusion, and provide a steady stream of available resources; Continue to measure the success of inclusion initiatives, both for the target consumers and the community leaders of target organizations by online vehicles such as surveys, social media, blogs, and webinars.

Staff Recommendations:

Public Policy Considerations: Per their stated goal, the grantee has connected self-advocates with faith leaders and key decision makers on faith inclusion. Building strong ties between disability organizations and faith leaders to promote inclusion and social justice should make each entity more effective in achieving their respective missions, however, the benefits of these relationships are not clearly stated by the grantee.

Grant Management Considerations: Project Director is new to the grant, so the completion of some year 2 activities was delayed. No additional concerns; moderate risk monitoring (award-within-award).

Staff Recommendation: TCDD staff recommends Council to consider continuation funding for this project.

Continuation Budget Detail Summary			
	Federal	Match	Totals
Expended Year 1 (Consultant: \$11,250)	\$75,000/\$75,000	\$25,000/\$25,000	\$100,000/\$100,000
Expended Year 2 (10 months) (Consultant: \$13,125)	\$75,000/\$30,323	\$25,000/\$10,109	\$100,000/\$40,432
Amount requested for Year 3 budget:			
I. Personnel Services	45,413	15,137	60,550
II. Travel	336	112	448
III. Purchased Services (\$14,486 consultants)	29,251	9,751	39,002
IV. Property/Materials	0	0	0
V. Rental/Leasing	0	0	0
VI. Utilities	0	0	0
VII. Other (Indirect Costs)	0	0	0
Budget period totals	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$100,000