

Background:

Executive Summaries for three (3) current grant projects that are eligible for continuation funding are enclosed for consideration by the Committee. Grants monitoring strategies are noted under staff recommendations which follow the grants risk assessment report.

- A. **Volar** - *Building Community Capacity through Collaboration*
- B. **Texas Tech University** – *Support for Project SEARCH*
- C. **Light & Salt** – *Culturally Appropriate Family Supports*

At the November meeting, staff expect to bring three (3) projects to be considered for continuation funding.

- **Community Healthcare** - *Building Community Capacity through Collaboration*
- **Disability Rights Texas** – *Stakeholder Training on Guardianship Alternatives*
- **Reaching Families Advocacy and Support Group** – *Culturally Appropriate Family Supports*

Grants Risk Assessment Report (Tab 3) — the Grants Risk Assessment Report enclosed summarizes the risk assessment matrix for consideration of grant awards and provides more detail about monitoring activities for all TCDD funded projects.

Important Terms:

Continuation Grant Awards: For each grant project funded by TCDD, the Council authorizes the number of years of funding available (usually 3-5 years), but projects must reapply and be approved for funding each year.

Executive Committee — Agenda Item 10

Expected Action:

The Executive Committee will review the information provided and consider approving funding for each continuation award.

Council — Agenda Item 13. A.

Expected Action:

The Council will receive a report on the Executive Committee decisions.

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ITEM: A

Date: 8/3/16

Grantee: Volar Center for Independent Living

Year: 3 of 5

Project Title: Building Community Capacity through Collaboration

Project Location: El Paso

Website: www.volarcil.org

TCDD RFP Intent: The project intent is to establish and/or strengthen a network of appropriately diverse organizations to develop a strategic plan to build the capacity of that community to provide community-based services that will decrease the need for individuals with developmental disabilities to be served in an institution.

Authorized Funding: TCDD has approved up to \$150,000 for up to five years.

Expected Results: The Upper Rio Grande Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Community Support Network will identify, enhance, and expand community supports for people with disabilities in order to prevent and reduce admissions of people with developmental disabilities to institutions.

Project Goals for Year 1–2:

Goal: To prevent and reduce admissions of people with developmental disabilities to State Supported Living Centers or other institutionalized settings by strengthening the capacity of community supports and developing additional resources.

Year 1: The network includes representation from 55 agencies and organizations and implemented five approved initiatives to provide a variety of services including emergency respite, supported employment, transition planning, youth leadership, and post-secondary education. Received 32 referrals for transition planning initiative and 21 families received support. One student helped by the planner was in the process of being admitted to a State Supported Living Center (SLLC). Under the post-secondary initiative, 18 students were referred and 6 students selected to participate in the first cohort of the 2015 fall semester at El Paso Community College (EPCC). The Youth Leadership Development (YLD) Assistant provided leadership and advocacy training to 30 young people with disabilities. As result of the training, some of the YLD participants met with legislators on Capital Day in Austin. The project also provided 391 hours of emergency respite assistance.

Year 2: The network is comprised of 81 partners from public and private organizations and individuals and family members which implemented five approved initiatives to provide a variety of services including 1) behavioral support, 2) supported employment, 3) transition planning, 4) youth leadership development, and 5) post-secondary education. Six students enrolled in the first cohort of post-secondary education resulted in enrollment in the Machinist Certificate program, Information and Technology in Business program, Office Assistant program; and, in the Travel Counselor/Airline Reservations certificate program. These students received educational coach support and specialized support services to address their individual academic and personal needs. One student experienced a crisis and the El Paso Police Department was initially called. Therefore, with the intervention of the Project Higher educational coach, the student received the necessary services and supports to deal with the issues that were creating a volatile situation. For the 2016-2017 academic year, seven students was selected to participate in the second cohort of the fall semester for Project Higher. Since the beginning of the project, 328 people attended presentations provided by the Youth Development Coordinator which provided information on adult and community services, leadership, advocacy, self-determination, career and employment, and transition planning to include postsecondary goals and resources. Under the I/DD transition planning initiative which provides comprehensive/interagency linkage, transition planning and family support, the initiative has received 40 referrals, seven did not qualify and 33 new families are being served. One 18-

year-old individual which had no services and prior medical history in the United States is now enrolled in high school, linked to a primary doctor, receives speech, occupational and physical therapy, receives Medicaid and enrolled in the interest list of the Medicaid waiver programs and DARS. The behavioral support initiative conducted two seminars geared to understanding children's behavior and had 116 participants. Thirty students are being served under the leadership development program.

Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 3:

Goal 1: Same as above

Objectives: 1) Assist families and young adults that have I/DD and a co-occurring mental health diagnosis, between the ages of 13-21 with a comprehensive person centered transition plan; 2) The I/DD Institute will establish a project advisory committee of community and provider representatives to provide input and support to identify provider staff training needs, existing resources and training in the community; 3) Provide Educational Coach Model as a support service for students with I/DD in need of intensive and wraparound services at EPCC; and, 4) The Youth Leadership Development program will provide advocacy and leadership skills to 30 students ages 16-22 in high school or college to participate in post-secondary education, and/or employment, and participate in the community.

Staff Recommendations:

Grant Management Considerations: Considerable risk monitoring (awards within awards; award amount).

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

Continuation Budget Detail Summary

Year	Federal Amount Expended	Match Amount Expended	Expended Total Amounts
Expended Year 1 (12 months) (Consultant: \$82,915)	\$125,000/\$125,000	\$14,483/\$25,408	\$139,483/\$150,408
Expended Year 2 (8 months) (Consultant: \$(103,274))	\$150,000/\$92,124	\$18,174/\$17,818	\$168,174/\$109,942

Amounts Requested for Year Three Budget

Expense Item	Federal Amount Requested	Match Amount Requested	Total Amount Requested
1. Personnel Services	\$39,989	\$39,989	39,989
2. Travel	\$1,153	\$0	\$1,153
3. Purchased Services (Consultants: \$105,025)	\$105,025	\$7,500	\$112,525
4. Property/Materials	\$1,411	\$0	\$1,411
5. Rental/Leasing	\$1,881	\$3,370	\$5,251
6. Utilities	\$541	\$0	\$541
7. Other (Indirect Costs)	\$0	\$5,988	\$5,988
Budget period totals:	\$150,000	\$16,858	\$166,858

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ITEM: B

Date: 8/3/16

Grantee: Texas Tech University

Year: 5 of 5

Project Title: Project SEARCH

Project Location: Statewide

Website: www.projectsearch.us

TCDD RFP Intent: The project intent is to provide support for school districts, businesses, and/or other entities who wish to contract with Project SEARCH. Project SEARCH is a business-led school-to-work transition model with demonstrated success in developing internships for students with developmental disabilities.

Authorized Funding: TCDD has approved up to \$175,000 for up to five years.

Expected Results: TechWorks for Texas (TWT) will support the development of 10 newly certified Project SEARCH sites in Texas by the end of Year 5 of this grant

Project Goals and Accomplishments for Year 1-4:

Goal: 1) Develop the infrastructure and leadership team who will be responsible for the development and implementation of a strategic plan. 2) Develop a marketing plan to identify and recruit communities who wish to establish a site. 3) Assist entities across the state indicating an interest to establish a site to receive technical assistance and training. 4) Provide evaluative information on the implementation of Project SEARCH in Texas community sites to TCDD, DARS and other relevant stakeholders.

Accomplishment per goal: Texas has 11 sites through support from this project. Preliminary numbers indicate that 83% of students who completed the program obtained employment. Final data will be announced at the Project SEARCH National Conference in August. There were 10 programs that graduated Project SEARCH interns in 2014-2015, with an estimated 90 students completed the program. A total of 36 student interns were employed throughout the state from the TCDD supported sites. The project has arranged for 7 new programs that will start students in fall 2016.

Project Goals and Objectives for Year 5:

Goal 1: TechWorks for Texas (TWT) will continue to support the 10 newly certified Project SEARCH sites in Texas by the end of Year 4, 2) Assist entities across the state indicating an interest to establish a Project SEARCH site to receive technical assistance and training; 3) Provide evaluative information on the implementation of Project SEARCH in Texas community sites to TCDD, DARS, and other relevant stakeholders

Objectives: 1) TechWorks for Texas (TWT) will support the development of up to 3 newly certified Project SEARCH sites in Texas by the end of Year 5 of this grant; 2) Assist entities across the state indicating an interest to establish a Project SEARCH site to receive technical assistance and training; and 3) Provide evaluative information on the implementation of Project SEARCH in Texas community sites to TCDD, DARS, and other relevant stakeholders

Council Considerations:

Grant Management Considerations: The project did not conduct a first quarter PAC meeting; Risk Assessment: Considerable.

Staff Recommendation: TCDD staff recommends continued funding for this project.

Continuation Budget Detail Summary

Year	Federal Amount Expended	Match Amount Expended	Expended Total Amounts
Expended Year 1 (Consultant: \$45,000)	\$174,854/\$174,854	\$58,784/\$59,523	\$233,638/\$234,377
Expended Year 2 (Consultant: \$45,000)	\$174,666/\$174,666	\$58,751/\$58,751	\$233,417/\$233,417
Expended Year 3 (Consultant: \$45,000)	\$174,716/\$174,715	\$58,768/\$58,768	\$233,484/\$233,483
Expended Year 4 (7 months) (Consultant: \$51,780)	\$174,656/\$55,159	\$58,748/\$18,553	\$233,404/\$73,712

Amounts Requested for Year Three Budget

Expense Item	Federal Amount Requested	Match Amount Requested	Total Amount Requested
1. Personnel Services	\$82,821	\$0	\$82,821
2. Travel	\$21,039	\$0	\$21,039
3. Purchased Services (Consultants: \$53,000)	\$53,000	\$0	\$53,000
4. Property/Materials	\$1,636	\$0	\$1,636
5. Rental/Leasing	\$0	\$0	\$0
6. Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
7. Other (Indirect Costs)	\$15,850	\$58,643	\$74,493
Budget period totals:	\$174,346	\$58,643	\$232,989

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ITEM: C

Date: 8/3/16

Grantee: Light and Salt Association

Year: 2 of 4

Project Title: Project SMILE

Project Location: Harris, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Brazoria, Galveston

Website: www.light-salt.org

TCDD RFP Intent: The project intent is to help selected organization(s) build on the work done during the previous project from TCDD to help individuals with developmental disabilities and their families receive culturally appropriate community-based services and supports.

Authorized Funding: TCDD has approved up to \$75,000 for up to 4 years.

Expected Results: At least one conference or training and other activities to support at least 100 families or individuals to get their needs from service providers met; support at least 3 leaders from the individuals being trained and provide information to TCDD to change programs or policies to promote culturally appropriate services and supports; and, grow the organization.

Project Goals and Accomplishments for Year 1:

Goal: To improve the quality of life among Asian Americans (AA) affected by developmental disabilities and to increase public awareness about developmental disabilities.

Accomplishment per goal: Outreach strategies were implemented to increase public awareness of developmental disabilities through television and radio programs, seminars, newsletters and musical performances; 46 classes were held in which 16 students with developmental disabilities attended; through the individual assistance services, a student has obtained employment with Walmart; 19 monthly support groups were held throughout the Houston area with a total of 302 participants, three online support group meetings with 27 families participating; 50 units of one-to-one counseling sessions and individual assistance to parents with children with developmental disabilities; and, two parents with children with developmental disabilities attended the Texas Transition Conference.

Project Goals and Objectives for Year 2:

Goal: Same as above

Objectives: Increase public awareness of DD; improve the life of at least 100 individuals with DD by providing culturally and linguistically personalized counseling and/or language assistance during the IEP meeting for family members of DD-impacted children; empower at least 100 Asian American family members with better knowledge, resources, and skills to raise children that have DD; and, recruit and train at least three individuals with DD or their family members to become advocates for individuals with DD.

Staff Recommendations:

Grant Management Considerations: No concerns; moderate risk monitoring (award within awards).

Staff Recommendation: TCDD staff recommends the Council to consider continued funding.

Continuation Budget Detail Summary

Year	Federal Amount Expended	Match Amount Expended	Expended Total Amounts
Expended Year 1) (7 months) (Consultant: \$10,278)	\$75,000/\$34,445	\$36,262/\$23,030	\$111,262/\$57,475

Amounts Requested for Year Three Budget

Expense Item	Federal Amount Requested	Match Amount Requested	Total Amount Requested
1. Personnel Services	\$54,685	\$19,200	\$73,885
2. Travel	\$500	\$0	\$500
3. Purchased Services (Consultants: \$53,000)	\$12,770	\$4,500	\$17,270
4. Property/Materials	\$1,045	\$0	\$1,045
5. Rental/Leasing	\$6,000	\$2,600	\$8,600
6. Utilities	\$0	\$360	\$360
7. Other (Indirect Costs)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Budget period totals:	\$75,000	\$26,660	\$101,660