

Background:

The quarterly Grants and Projects Report is enclosed for review by Committee members. TCDD staff may also provide updates to the Committee of notable achievement or items of concern. Items included in this report are:

- TCDD Projects Training Schedule – This calendar of training events planned by TCDD grant projects during the next six months is included as general information for Committee and Council members.
- Grant Project Highlights – The quarterly Grant Project Highlights Report is enclosed for review by Committee members. This report provides highlights of grantee accomplishments for a number of current TCDD funded projects. Different grantees are highlighted each quarter.

Important Terms:

Bilingual: In two languages, usually English and Spanish.

**Project Development
Committee**

Agenda Item 5.

Expected Action:

No action anticipated; information item only.

TCDD Projects' Training Schedule

November 2011 – April 2012

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Financial Literacy and Resources in the Community: Building Self-Sufficiency
Education Service Center-Region 19
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Border Conference on Special Education
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Post Secondary Education and Assistive Technology
El Paso Community College Day
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Children's Disabilities Information Coalition Conference
El Dorado High School (El Paso)
Date and Time to be Determined
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Career Awareness and Resources in the Community
Workforce Solutions Upper Rio Grande
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**TCDD Project Highlights
Outreach and Development Projects**

November 2011

Apalachicola Creek Indians

Project Title: Outreach and Development Project
Project Location: Mabank

Year: 1 of 1
TCDD Budgeted: \$ 10,000

RFP Intent: The project intent is to better understand the values, cultures and customs that exist in Texas, and how cultural issues may impact how services should be provided. The project anticipates improving self esteem, better nutritional health and cooking skills, and quality opportunities for community involvement for persons with intellectual disabilities and/or developmental disabilities. TCDD approved funding of up to \$10,000 per year for up to 1 year.

Accomplishments: 25 satisfaction surveys completed with persons with disabilities who use Tribal Referral and Information Services. As a result of the surveys, individuals awaiting Home and Community-Based Services (HCS) independent living services partnered with Mosaic Inc.; participated in nutrition and cooking training, and a reading program.

Products:
Satisfaction survey results

The Arc of Greater Houston

Project Title: Parents as Partners in Special Education/Spanish Speaking
Project Location: Houston

Year: 1 of 1
TCDD Budgeted: \$7,170

RFP Intent: The project intent is to better understand the values, cultures and customs that exist in Texas, and how cultural issues may impact how services should be provided. The project will translate materials and a Resource Guide to Spanish; and provide culturally appropriate training to Spanish speaking families. TCDD approved funding of up to \$10,000 per year for up to 1 year.

Accomplishments: 187 families received culturally appropriate training on advocacy, guardianship, Special Education, and Medicaid Waiver services; translated all training materials in Spanish; and held a Spanish Resource and Advocacy Conference on September 17, 2011. The project was interviewed on a Spanish radio station for the purpose of educating the community about the changes anticipated from the 82nd Legislative Session.

Products:
Spanish language training materials