

Executive Director's Report

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Background:

- **Stipends Grants Applications Approved** - TCDD Policies provide for the Executive Director to approve applications for Events Stipends and Presentation Support Stipends. Eight (8) stipend applications were approved during the quarter to the following organizations. Summaries are enclosed.
 1. **Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS)** for the *Annual ICF/DD Provider and Surveyor Conference* February 5-6, 2014, in Austin. (Presenters)
 2. **The Arc of Texas** for the *21st Annual Inclusion Works Conference* February 9-11, 2014, in Arlington. (Event Stipends)
 3. **Attention Deficit Disorders Association – Southern Region** for the *Strategies for Life with ADHD, 26th Annual Conference* February 22, 2014, in Houston. (Event Stipends)
 4. **Jewish Family Services** for the *Photography Experience for Individuals with Disabilities and Genetic Differences at Reelabilities Houston Disabilities Film Festival* Feb. 9-13, 2014, in Houston. (Presenters)
 5. **Austin Travis County Integral Care** for the *Central Texas African American Family Support Conference* February 25-26, 2014, in Austin. (Presenters)
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 7. **Family to Family** for the *Special Education and Transition Conference* March 22 & April 5, 2014, in Houston. (Event Stipends)
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- **State and Federal Affairs Update** – TCDD staff will provide updates about federal appropriations for DD Councils and other state and federal matters during the meetings.
- **Attendance Report** – A quarterly summary of attendance of Council members at meetings is also enclosed.

Important Terms:

Events Stipend Grants: Organizations may apply for up to \$6000 to pay for conference registration, hotel rooms, attendants, respite, travel expenses, etc. for self-advocates and their family members to attend conferences and other events.

Disability-Related Presentation Support Stipend Grants: Sponsoring organization of the meeting, conference, workshop, or seminar may apply for up to \$6000 per event for transportation, meals, and lodging for speakers, expenses for an attendant, respite care or other accommodations, as well as speaker fees.

Executive Committee

Agenda Item 5.

Expected Action:

The Executive Committee will review the information provided and may provide guidance to staff.

Council

Agenda Item 10.

Expected Action:

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

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Date: 12/19/13

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 8

Organization: Family to Family (Speakers)
City, State: Houston, TX

Federal: \$ 2,477
Match: \$ 300

Event: Conference: Special Education & Transition Conference
Date: March 22-April 5, 2014
Hotel: Houston Baptist University
City, State: Houston, Texas

Previously Funded: **No**
Comments: A two day conference that focuses on improving advocacy skills of family members & youth with disabilities to improve post school outcomes for youth and/or educate them about the variety of options in employment, post secondary education/training and independent living using a person centered approach.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:
Speakers – 10 individuals
(Rick Broussard @ \$46, James Parker @ \$28, Sam Smith @ \$24, Mark Meadon @ \$28, Josh Beaton @ \$24, James Williams @ \$164, Laura Buckner @ \$582, DeAnn Lechtenberger @ \$738, Cheryl Grenweldge @ \$105 and Jam Page @ \$738) = \$2,477.00

Total cost (federal): = \$2,477.00

Applicant match covers speaker fees:
Speakers – 10 individuals
(10 @ \$50/individual) = \$ 300.00

Total cost (match): = \$ 300.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to event.

Approved: yes no _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Date: 1/1 /14

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 7

Organization: Family to Family (Conference)
City, State: Houston, TX

Federal: \$ 6,000
Match: \$ 673

Event: Conference: Special Education & Transition Conference
Date: March 22-April 5, 2014
Hotel: Houston Baptist University
City, State: Houston, Texas

Previously Funded: **No**
Comments: A two day conference that focuses on improving advocacy skills of family members & youth with disabilities to improve post school outcomes for youth and/or educate them about the variety of options in employment, post secondary education/training and independent living using a person centered approach.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:
Registration - 136 individuals
(96 @ \$50.00/family member = \$4,800 & 40 @ \$30/individual = \$1,200) = \$6,000.00

Total cost (federal): = \$6,000.00

Applicant match covers conference materials:
Conference materials - 136 individuals
(136 @ \$2) = \$ 272.00

Refreshments - 136 individuals
(136 @ \$0.65) = \$ 88.00

Printing & Reproduction of Conference materials - 136 individuals
(136 @ \$2.30) = \$ 313.00

Total cost (match): = \$ 673.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to event.

Approved: yes no _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Date: 12/4/13

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 6

Organization: Austin Travis County Integral Care
City, State: El Paso, TX

Federal: \$ 6,000
Match: \$ 6,000

Event: Conference: Central Texas African American Family Support Conference
Date: February 25-26, 2014
Hotel: Hilton Austin Hotel
City, State: Austin, Texas

Previously Funded: Yes: 2013

Comments: The conference provides information and educational opportunities to consumers, families and the community about mental health, developmental and intellectual disabilities, chemical dependence, co-occurring disorders, and physical health issues.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:

Registration - 50 individuals (50 @ \$10.00/individual)	= \$ 500.00
Meals - 50 individuals (50 @ \$45.00/day for 2 days)	= \$4,500.00
Transportation - 50 individuals (50 @ \$10/day for 2 days)	= \$1,000.00
Total cost (federal):	= \$6,000.00
Applicant match covers lodging and travel:	
Lodging - 23 individuals (23 @ \$211/day)	= \$4,853.00
Transportation - 23 individuals (23 @ \$50.00/person)	= \$1,150.00
Total cost (match):	= \$6,000.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to event.

Approved: yes no _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Date: 12/2/13

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 5

Organization: Austin Travis County Integral Care
City, State: Austin, TX

Federal: \$ 6,000
Match: \$ 1,500

Event: Conference: Central Texas African American Family Support
Conference
Date: February 25-26, 2014
Hotel: Hilton Austin Hotel
City, State: Austin, Texas

Previously Funded:

Comments: The conference provides information and educational opportunities to consumers, families and the community about mental health, developmental and intellectual disabilities, chemical dependence, co-occurring disorders, and physical health issues.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:

Speakers – 3 individuals
(@ \$5,000 and @ \$500) = \$ 6,000.00

Total cost (federal): = \$ 6,000.00

Applicant match covers speaker fees, travel and lodging expenses:

Speakers – 3 individuals = \$ 1,500.00

Total cost (match): = \$1,500.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to the event.

Approved: yes no _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Date: 12/2/13

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 4

Organization: Jewish Family Service
City, State: Houston, TX

Federal: \$ 6,000
Match: \$ 4,600

Event: Conference: Photography Experience for Individuals with Disabilities and Genetic Differences at Reelabilities Houston Disabilities Film Festival
Date: February 9-13, 2014
Location: Nicole Longnecker Gallery & Jewish Community Center
City, State: Houston, Texas

Previously Funded: No
Comments: Jewish Family Service in Houston, TX, is collaborating with Rick Guidotti, in order to bring this cultural awareness opportunity focused on promoting inclusiveness for people with disabilities to the Houston community. The overall goal of this unique event is to bring about a systemic change in the culture of our families, institutions, places of work and communities to become more inclusive of adults and children with disabilities.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover speaker fees, travel, meals and lodging:
Speaker Fee – 1 individual
(1 @ \$3,000.00) = \$3,000.00
Speaker Travel, Meals & Lodging – 1 individual
(1 @ \$1,150.00) = \$1,150.00
Projector/Presentation for Exhibition and Signage for Event
(1 @ \$1,850.00) = \$1,850.00
Total cost (federal): = \$6,000.00

Applicant match covers speaker fees, travel, meals and lodging:
Speaker – 1 individual
(1 @ \$4,600.00/individual) = \$ 4,600.00
Total cost (match): = \$ 4,600.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to the event.

Approved: yes no _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Date: 11/20/13

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 3

Organization: Attention Deficit Disorders Association-Southern Region
City, State: Houston, TX

Federal: \$ 5,912
Match: \$ 1,008

Event: Conference: 26th Annual ADDA-SR Conference
Date: February 22-23, 2014
Hotel: Double Tree Hotel
City, State: Houston, Texas

Previously Funded: **Yes:** 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1996, 1995

Comments: This conference is designed for those with ADHD, family members and those who impact the lives of these children and adults. Those coping with this disability will learn consumer empowerment and community integration skills to improve their quality of life.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:

Registration –30 individuals (30 @ \$100.00/individual/day for 1 days)	= \$ 3,000.00
Lodging –14 individuals (14 @ \$89.00/night + \$15 tax for 2 nights double occupancy)	= \$ 2,912.00
Total cost (federal):	= \$ 5,912.00

Applicant match covers registration fees:	
Registration – 8 individuals (8 @ \$100.00/individual/day for 2 days)	= \$ 800.00
Lodging – 2 individual (2 @ \$89.00/night + \$15 tax for 1 nights)	= \$ 208.00
Total cost (match):	= \$1,008.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to the event.

Approved: **yes** **no** _____ **Date:** _____

Comments: _____

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Date: 11/13/13

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 2

Organization: The Arc of Texas
City, State: Austin, TX

Federal: \$ 5,982
Match: \$ 2,400

Event: Conference: The Arc of Texas 21st Annual Inclusion Works Conference
Date: February 9-11, 2014
Hotel: Sheraton Arlington and Arlington Convention Center
City, State: Arlington, Texas

Previously Funded: 2012, 2013
Comments: The Arc of Texas Inclusion Works Conference will provide opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and family members of people with developmental disabilities to learn about inclusive education practices for students with developmental disabilities in Texas.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:
Lodging –24 individuals
 (24 @ \$80.88/individual for 2 nights) = \$3,882.00
Registration – 21 individuals
 (21 @ \$100/individual) = \$2,100.00
Total cost (federal): = \$5,982.00

Applicant match covers registration expenses:
Registration –24 individuals
 (24 @ \$100.00/individual) = \$2,400.00
Total cost (match): = \$2,400.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to the event.

Approved: yes no _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Date: 10/30/13

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 1

Organization: Department of Aging and Disability Services
City, State: Austin, TX

Federal: \$ 1,983
Match: \$ 220

Event: Conference: Annual ICF/IID Provider and Surveyor Conference
Date: February 5-6, 2014
Hotel: Commons Conference Center
City, State: Austin, Texas

Previously Funded: No
Comments: DADS ICF/IID Provider & Surveyor Conference is mandated by law to be held annually and has an estimated 300 registrants each year.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:

Speakers – Dr. Richard Smith, Carla Smith, BCBA & Dr. Karen Toussaint = \$ 1,983.00
(1 @ \$869.00, 1 @ \$607 and 1 @ \$507)
Total cost (federal): = \$ 1,983.00

Applicant match covers break sponsorship:
Break Sponsorship @ \$220 = \$ 220.00
Total cost (match): = \$ 220.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to the event.

Approved: yes no _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

**TCDD QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETINGS
ATTENDANCE REPORT
February 2012 – October 2013**

Council Member	10/13	8/13	5/13	2/13	10/12	7/12	5/12	2/12
H. Adkins	P	P	EA	P	P	P	P	P
K. Blackmon	P	P	EA	P	P	EA	P	P
K. Clark	EA	EA	P	EA	P – Th EA – Fr	P	EA	P
G. Cortez	P	P	P	P	EA	P	P	P
K. Cox	P	EA	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Crim	P	P	EA	EA	P	EA	P – Th EA – Fr	P
M. Delgado	EA	EA	P	EA	P	P	EA	EA
M. Durham	P – Th EA – Fr	P	P	P	P	P	P	EA
S. Gersuk	P – Th EA – Fr	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	NA
C. Johnston	EA	P	P	EA	EA	P	P	P
D. Kern	P	EA – Th P – Fr	P	P – Th EA – Fr	P	EA	P	EA
S. McAvoy	P – Th EA – Fr	P	P	P	EA	P	P	NA
J. Morris	P – Th EA – Fr	EA	P	P	P	P	EA	P
D. Perry	EA	P	EA	EA	EA	P	P	P
J. Rivas	P	P	P – Th EA – Fr	P	P	P	P	P
D. Taylor	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA
L. Taylor	EA	EA	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Tisch	P	EA	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Vardell	P – Th EA – Fr	EA	EA	EA	P – Th EA – Fr	P	P	P
DRT (AI)	P	P	P	P	P	P	EA	P
UT CDS	P	P	P – Th EA – Fr	P	P	P	EA	P
A&M CDD	EA – Th P – Fr	P	EA	P	P – Th EA – Fr	P	EA	P
DADS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
DARS	P	P	P	P	P	P	EA	P
DSHS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
HHSC		P	P	P	P	P – Th EA – Fr	P	P
TEA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Key: P = Present
A = Absent
EA = Excused Absence
NA = Not Applicable