

Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

Executive Committee

Review of Proposed Activities & Budget

Date: 4/4/2014

Item: E

Grantee: SafePlace

Year: 4 of 4

Project Title: Meaningful Relationships

Project Location: Austin, Seguin, Travis and Guadalupe Counties

Website: None

TCDD RFP Intent: The project intent is to try to ensure that people with developmental disabilities will become more satisfied and happier with their personal relationships after participating in project activities and organizations will change their policy and/or procedures to improve their ability to provide support to people with developmental disabilities to establish and maintain meaningful relationships.

Authorized Funding: TCDD has approved up to \$125,000 for up to 3 years. After successfully completing three years and achieving the outcomes stated above, the grantee may apply for funds for one additional year.

Expected Results: At least 60 people with developmental disabilities will indicate that they have more satisfied and happier personal relationships; and 3 organizations will change their policy and/or procedures to improve their ability to provide support to people with developmental disabilities to establish and maintain meaningful relationships at the end of the project period.

Project Goals and Accomplishments for Year 3:

Goal: To create lasting change for community inclusion by demonstrating a replicable, sustainable, successful and self-directed model for adults with developmental disabilities to develop lasting and meaningful relationships with other people based on shared interests.

Accomplishments per goal: 3 agencies were chosen to participate in year 3 activities; 46 adults were identified and recruited to participate and currently there are 33 that are actively participating; 12 participate on a regular basis in self-chosen recreational activities; 7 of the year 2 participants regularly participate in self-chosen activities and are provided follow-along services.

Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 4:

Goal: Same as above

Objectives: Support at least 20 people with developmental disabilities to increase their satisfaction and happiness with personal relationships based on self-chosen common interests; at least 1 disability service provider organization will change or develop (and institutionalize) new policies and/or procedures to improve its ability to provide support to people with developmental disabilities to establish and maintain meaningful relationships with others; up to 5 disability service provider agencies, 20 project participants with developmental disabilities, and other stakeholders will participate in focus groups and roundtable discussions to identify creative solutions to barriers among residential and community based services to support adults with developmental disabilities in developing personal relationships through integrated and self-selected activities and social contact with community members with shared interest; and, provide education, training, technical assistance and coaching to partner agency staff to increase their capacity to work with recreational, volunteer, faith-based, leisure, civic or other organizations chosen by project participants to gain access to integrated activities and programs, which will increase opportunities for people with developmental disabilities now and in the future to connect with others who have common interests.

Staff Recommendations:

Public Policy Considerations: Despite organizational commitment on the part of LTSS providers, staff turnover, staff shortages and rate reductions severely curtailed the inclusion of individuals in their communities. At the same time, the grantee noted the value of peer consultants and their institutional knowledge in mitigating staff turnover. This will be useful in developing the case to expand peer to peer opportunities in the LTSS system. The grantee also mentioned working on grief and loss training modules. The grantee might like to know that the Institute for Person Centered Practices is engaging in similar activities.

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

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

Continuation Budget Detail Summary

	Federal	Match	Totals
Expended Year 1 (Consultants: \$17,250)	\$105,475/\$105,475	\$35,176/\$35,176	\$140,651/\$140,651
Expended Year 2 (Consultant: \$8700)	\$117,022/\$117,022	\$48,571/\$48,571	\$165,593/\$165,593
Expended Year 3 (based on 6 months) (Consultant: \$8700)	\$123,527/\$54,809	\$45,744/\$21,531	\$169,271/\$76,340
Amount requested for Year 4 budget:			
I. Personnel Services	96,619	35,200	131,819
II. Travel	3150	120	3270
III. Purchased Services (Consultants: \$8320)	14,660	1641	16,301
IV. Property/Materials	600	60	660
V. Rental/Leasing	0	541	541
VI. Utilities	0	1522	1522
VII. Other (Indirect Costs)			
Budget period totals	\$115,029	\$39,084	\$154,113