

Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

Executive Committee

Date: 4/4/2014

Review of Proposed Activities & Budget

ITEM: G

Grantee: Texas A&M University

Year: 3 of 3

Project Title: Leadership Development and Advocacy Skills Training Projects

Project Location: Brazos County

Website: <http://projectlead.tamu.edu/>

TCDD RFP Intent: The project intent is to continue development of a network of training programs and resources to assist Texans with developmental disabilities and their families to have support and training needed to be strong leaders and advocates.

Authorized Funding: TCDD has approved up to \$75,000 for up to 3 years.

Expected Results: At least 300 individuals, including at least 125 self-advocates and 100 family members, will receive training regarding advocacy, leadership, and community organizing through project activities during the three years.

Project Goals and Accomplishments for Year 2:

Goal: To increase the leadership and advocacy skills of 102 people (67 high school students and 35 parents of students with disabilities) by providing training in high school classrooms in phase 1, taking over 3 months, presenting support information to parents at parent organizations, providing ongoing mentoring for skill practice to 30 selected high school students in phase 2, taking place over a second 3 month period, and providing an end of the school/project year 3-day celebration/reflection/future planning session.

Accomplishments per goal: The project worked in 4 schools in the Bryan and College Station school districts. There are 102 students with varying disabilities and instructional settings participating in the project and all are at risk of dropping out of school. These students participate in 15 weekly classroom sessions using a self-determination curriculum. All of the students will participate in the second phase which will consist of completing a community or school leadership project. The students that complete their project will then be invited to attend a camp training. Parents are also expected to participate in the 6 parent seminars. To date, 3 parent seminars have been held and 70 parents have participated in these seminars.

Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 3:

Goal: Same as above

Objectives: Successfully organize and provide phase 1 training on leadership and advocacy during a semester period; provide information to parents of students with disabilities concerning the support of leadership and advocacy skills of their students; upon completion of phase 1 training, project staff, advisors, and mentors will provide regular and ongoing mentoring to participants during phase 2 to facilitate practice of the learned leadership and advocacy skills through community projects; and, upon completion of skills practice, project staff will provide a follow-up celebratory event to include participants who complete their community projects.

Staff Recommendations:

Public Policy Considerations: The curriculum used in this project, 1-2-3 Break, includes a focus on self-determination, disability advocacy, public policies, rights and responsibilities and ends with a community leadership project. THIS is how policy change happens: change to the individual's awareness - to civic participation - to policy change that corrects injustice. **Grants Management Considerations:** No concerns; moderate risk grantee required to submit RAR's monthly. **Staff Recommendations:** TCDD staff recommends the Council to consider continued funding.

Continuation Budget Detail Summary			
	Federal	Match	Totals
Expended Year 1 (Consultants: \$3640)	\$75,000/\$75,000	\$24,886/\$24,746	\$99,886/\$99,746
Expended Year 2 (6 months) (Consultant: \$3030)	\$75,000/\$30,344	\$25,000/\$10,105	\$100,000/\$40,449
Amount requested for Year 2 budget:			
I. Personnel Services	61,382	795	62,177
II. Travel	392	0	392
III. Purchased Services (Consultants: \$2200)	5528	0	5528
IV. Property/Materials	880	0	748
V. Rental/Leasing	0	0	0
VI. Utilities	0	0	0
VII. Other (Indirect Costs)	6818	24,205	31,023
Budget period totals	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$100,000