

**Background:**

Executive Summaries for four (4) 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. Texas SILC — “Accessible Transportation Summits”
- B. Region 17 Education Service Center — “Family Involvement in Schools”
- C. Family to Family Network — “Leadership Development and Advocacy Skills Training”
- D. National Disability Institute — “Understanding Employment Options and Supports”
- E. At the August meeting, staff expect to bring five (5) projects to be considered for continuation funding:
  1. Easter Seals of Central Texas — “Leadership Development and Advocacy Skills Training”
  2. Light and Salt — “Culturally Appropriate Family Supports”
  3. Paso del Norte Children’s Development Center — “Leadership Development and Advocacy Skills Training”
  4. Texas Advocates — “Grassroots Community Organizing”
  5. Volar Center for Independent Living — “Building Community Capacity through Collaboration”

**Executive Committee — Agenda Item 9****Expected Action:**

The Executive Committee will consider this information and make final decisions on the project proposals.

**Council — Agenda Item 9. A.****Expected Action:**

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

**Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities  
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**ITEM: A**

**Date:** 5/3/2017

**Grantee:** Texas Statewide Independent Living Council (TX SILC)

**Year:** 2 of 3

**Project Title:** Accessible Transportation Summits

**Project Location:** Waco

**Website:** txsilc.org

**TCDD RFP Intent**

The intent of the Accessible Transportation Summits RFP is for a project to provide opportunities for a wide range of community organizations, agencies, and individuals to come together in learning environment where they can share as well as receive technical assistance and information from recognized experts so they can create change in their communities.

**Authorized Funding:** TCDD has approved up to \$150,000 for up to three years, up to \$125,000 in the fourth year, and up to \$100,000 in the fifth and final year.

**Expected Results:**

- 1) The grantee will survey stakeholders to gather information about their experiences and goals, share this information with TCDD, and use this information to plan the first and/or second summit (short range).
- 2) The grantee will coordinate and host at least 3 transportation summits for organizations and individuals who will actively collaborate with others in their community to address local transportation issues (medium range).
- 3) The grantee will maintain contact with local groups between summits to assist them to access any additional information, training, or technical assistance they need to reach their goals (medium range).
- 4) At least two of the local communities will create a measurable increase in the percent of people with developmental disabilities who report on a survey that they have better access to the transportation they need (long range).
- 5) Throughout and after this project, the grantee will provide TCDD with up-to-date information and recommendations that can be used to develop further policy actions and future projects.

**Project Goals and Objectives for Year 1**

**Goal:** Perform a needs assessment survey on the population of individuals with disabilities

to determine service, infrastructure gaps, and barriers to the use of existing transportation systems. Facilitate communication and provide technical assistance to transportation providers and Texans with disabilities, their families, and organizations that serve this population in strategic Texas locations to increase Texans with disabilities participation with transportation planning entities. Recommend improvements and additions to existing public transportation services and infrastructure that will better serve individuals with disabilities.

**Objectives:**

- 1) Through research, a needs assessment, and public forums, Transportation Works will identify service gaps, infrastructure shortfalls, and barriers that hinder the use of accessible transportation options.
- 2) Provide opportunities for local transportation providers and representatives from Centers for Independent Living, including consumers with disabilities, to participate in community summits to be held in various parts of the state. These regional and statewide summits will offer a public forum for participants to share ideas, concerns, ask questions, develop partnerships, and create solutions that increase accessible transportation.
- 3) Transportation Works will provide an updated database of transportation resources and a resource guide in various formats to individuals seeking transportation options in Texas.
- 4) Transportation Works will educate and provide technical training for Center for Independent Living leadership and regional transportation providers seeking to implement transportation-related services with the intent to increase and improve the engagement and advocacy among individuals with disabilities.
- 5) Transportation Works will allow the Texas SILC to compile a comprehensive report on the aggregate findings of the survey responses, PAC guidance, progress of the 30 CATs, and feedback from Texans with disabilities and transportation providers.
- 6) Transportation Works will allow the Texas SILC to work with partners in regional transportation to develop recommendations in work groups for presentation at the final statewide Transportation Works summit in the spring of 2020.

**Accomplishments per Goal:** Texas SILC recruited 36 Consumer Advocates in Transportation (CATs). Member Daniel Curtis facilitated a volunteer ridesharing program to assist his wheelchair rugby teammates in attending practices, games, and social events. The organization developed a pre- and post-survey as well as a Needs Assessment. Texas SILC received consulting services from Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) on the three documents. Texas SILC has begun to collect and organize transportation resource information in an accessible format via the organization's website. Transportation Works newsletters have been published to provide the latest transportation and mobility news to

the Independent Living Community. The project also launched a website. The first accessible transportation summit was held March 1-2, 2017 in Austin, for which 151 individuals registered. Of those, over half were Texans with disabilities. Contributors included Disability Rights Texas, Arc of Texas, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Texans with disabilities, and family members. Survey and needs assessment data was collected and is being analyzed.

**Project Goals and Objectives for Year 2**

**Goal:** Transportation Works will increase accessible transportation for Texans with disabilities by removing barriers. Texans with disabilities will have increased knowledge, skills, and abilities to access transportation options in their community.

**Objectives:**

- 1) Identify service gaps, infrastructure shortfalls, and barriers that hinder the use of accessible transportation in the targeted service area (Waco);
- 2) Facilitate communication and provide technical assistance to transportation providers and Texans with disabilities, their families, and organizations that serve this population in strategic Texas locations to increase Texans with disabilities participation with transportation planning entities;
- 3) Recommend improvements and additions to existing public transportation services and infrastructure that will better serve individuals with disabilities.

**Council Considerations**

**Grant Management Considerations:** Grantee often misses deadlines for required reports and/or application materials.

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

**Continuation Budget Detail Summary**

Year	Federal Amount Expended	Match Amount Expended	Expended Total Amounts
<b>Expended Year 1</b> (7 months) (Consultant: \$24,455)	\$150,000/\$82,513	\$38,632/\$15,185	\$188,632/\$97,698

## Amounts Requested for Year Five Budget

<b>Expense Item</b>	<b>Federal Amount Requested</b>	<b>Match Amount Requested</b>	<b>Total Amount Requested</b>
<b>1. Personnel Services</b>	\$102,908	\$0	\$102,908
<b>2. Travel</b>	\$1,421	\$0	\$1,421
<b>3. Purchased Services (\$18,242 consultants)</b>	\$33,016	\$16,666	\$49,682
<b>4. Property/Materials</b>	\$252	\$0	\$252
<b>5. Rental/Leasing</b>	\$9,504	\$40	\$9,504
<b>6. Utilities</b>	\$2,899	\$0	\$2,899
<b>7. Other (Indirect Costs)</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Budget period totals</b>	\$150,000	\$16,666	\$166,666

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**ITEM: B**

**Date:** 5/3/2017

**Grantee:** Region 17 Education Service Center

**Year:** 5 of 5

**Project Title:** Family Involvement in Schools

**Project Location:** Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, King, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Gaines, Dawson, Borden

**Website:** none

**TCDD RFP Intent**

The intent of the Family Involvement in Schools proposal is for one project to recruit, engage, empower, and support families of children with special needs attending schools in the Region 17 Educational Service Center (ESC) to become involved with their child's public school.

**Authorized Funding:** TCDD has approved up to \$300,000 for up to five years.

**Expected Results:** At least 2,220 parents or other family members (including fictive kin) who have children attending schools in the Region 17 ESC will be actively engaged in schools and other education-focused community collaborative efforts because they receive training and other necessary services to support that involvement.

**Project Goals and Objectives for Year 1–4**

**Goal:** Build collaborations within ESC 17 to demonstrate ways to create measurable improvement in at least 2 identified indicators of educational success for students with developmental disabilities. The percentage of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement will increase. The long-term goal is that 1 family member for every 4 students with disabilities will be actively engaged in schools.

**Objectives:**

- 1) Provide training and coaching to support active engagement by at least 1 family member for every 4 students who have developmental disabilities in ESC 17;
- 2) Increase the number of home and school activities that participating districts provide to families of students with disabilities within the school year;
- 3) Increase the attendance of parents/family members at ARD meetings;
- 4) Increase the attendance of parents/family members at training and events; and

- 5) Increase parents' level of satisfaction with the school environment, communication between parents and school and ARD/IEP participation.

**Accomplishments per Goal:** A total of 4 school districts (Slaton, Roosevelt, Wilson, and Southland ISD) were recruited to participate in training and coaching for Cohort 1. Cohort 2 consists of Brownfield ISD (6 campuses total) and 2 other campuses in Levelland ISD and Denver City ISD. ESC 17 has utilized a coaching model that will enable districts to continue utilizing strategies acquired through the trainings and collaborations. A library of resources is provided for parents and professionals to each campus. In year 3, the grantee continued to work with the Academic Beginnings Center in Levelland, Kelley Dodson Elementary in Denver City and added the elementary campuses in Floydada ISD and all campuses in Seminole ISD. Cohort 4 included South Elementary in Levelland ISD, and Upland and Legacy Elementary Schools in Frenship ISD. Some support continues with all campuses from previous years. A Hippotherapy (horses) experience was provided as well as BLOCKfest trainings and events including Inclusion Works! And Building Strong Families conferences.

### **Project Goals and Objectives for Year 5**

**Goal:** same as above for Years 1–4.

#### **Objectives:**

- 1) Provide training and coaching to support active engagement by at least one family member for every four students who have developmental disabilities in the selected cohort school districts within the geographic boundaries of Region 17 ESC;
- 2) Increase the number of home and school activities that participating districts provide to families of students with disabilities within the school year;
- 3) Increase the attendance of parents/family members at ARD meetings; and
- 4) Increase the attendance of parents/family members at trainings and events.

### **Council Considerations**

**Grant Management Considerations:** No concerns.

**Staff Recommendation:** TCDD staff recommends a Year 5 focus on data collection strategies that will inform student outcomes, and promote sustainability and replication in other regions. Specifically, TCDD staff recommends continued funding pending additional detail and negotiations related to 1) Cohort 5 supplies budget, and 2) proposed evaluation and goal of measurable improvement at least 2 identified indicators of educational success for students with developmental disabilities.

### Continuation Budget Detail Summary

Year	Federal Amount Expended	Match Amount Expended	Expended Total Amounts
<b>Expended Year 1</b> (Consultant: \$95,500)	\$300,000/\$300,000	\$35,715/\$33,333	\$335,175/\$333,333
<b>Expended Year 2</b> (Consultant: \$97,912)	\$300,000/\$300,000	\$35,715/\$33,333	\$333,333/\$333,333
<b>Expended Year 3</b> (Consultant: \$80,000)	\$300,000/\$300,000	\$35,715/\$33,333	\$333,333/\$333,333
<b>Expended Year 4</b> (8 months) (Consultant: \$70,000)	\$300,000/\$162,375	\$33,333/\$17,460	\$333,333/\$179,835

### Amounts Requested for Year Five Budget

Expense Item	Federal Amount Requested	Match Amount Requested	Total Amount Requested
<b>1. Personnel Services</b>	\$101,133	\$0	\$101,133
<b>2. Travel</b>	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
<b>3. Purchased Services</b> (\$18,242 consultants)	\$89,550	\$17,346	\$106,896
<b>4. Property/Materials</b>	\$71,390	\$2,412	\$73,802
<b>5. Rental/Leasing</b>	\$22,623	\$0	\$22,623
<b>6. Utilities</b>	\$300	\$0	\$300
<b>7. Other (Indirect Costs)</b>	\$0	\$13,575	\$13,575
<b>Budget period totals</b>	\$299,996	\$33,333	\$333,329



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**ITEM: C**

**Date:** 5/3/2017

**Grantee:** Family to Family Network

**Year:** 2 of 5

**Project Title:** Leadership Development and Advocacy Training

**Project Location:** Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Liberty, and Waller Counties

**Website:** [www.familytofamilynetwork.org](http://www.familytofamilynetwork.org)

**TCDD RFP Intent**

The project intent is to continue 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 5 years.

**Expected Results:** Training projects will train at least 100 people each year; document that at least 80% of program participants demonstrate perceived improvement in their ability to advocate for themselves and others; and, at least 10% of program participants will continue involvement in leadership roles or public advocacy after their training is complete.

**Project Goals and Objectives for Year 1**

**Goal:** To improve the self-advocacy, public policy advocacy and leadership of 100 individuals with disabilities and their families and other interested community members.

**Accomplishments per Goal:** To date, 53 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and 12 community members have been trained in advocacy skills at the Legislative Forum and, 36 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and 85 community members had a full day of training on employment in the fall of 2016. In the current class, there are 34 individuals registered for the 4-part series. One class was held before the continuation application was due with subsequent classed scheduled for March 25, April 22 and May 13. There is a Spanish day of advocacy scheduled for June 10. This class will be held in Spanish only. The project feel that they will exceed their target numbers for year one based on the numbers to date. The project collaborated with the Arc of Texas, Arc of Greater Houston, Imagine Enterprises/Project SPEAK, Disability Rights Texas Institute for Person Centered Practice, Texas Parent to Parent and Family Services to provide the training. For the Spanish only class, the project will collaborate with Arc of Greater Houston, Partners Resource Network and Houston Community College – VAST Academy.

## Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 2

**Goal:** same as above for Year 1.

**Objectives:** Coordinate a Project Advisory Committee with diverse backgrounds that represent the Houston community; determine locations and dates of training events; coordinate, organize and facilitate four full-day training sessions for participants twice per year as well as one specialized training and one resource event; conduct project evaluations; and, sustainability of project through lasting or permanent change of outcomes will be documented through one year follow-up surveys as well as relationships built and communication systems established to maintain connections with participants. Financial sustainability will be addressed through grant writing and other possible collaborative projects.

### Council Considerations

**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
<b>Expended Year 1 (7 months)</b> (Consultants: \$15,738)	\$75,000/\$25,931	\$25,029/\$10,019	\$125,029/\$35,950

### Amounts Requested for Year Two Budget

Expense Item	Federal Amount Requested	Match Amount Requested	Total Amount Requested
<b>1. Personnel Services</b>	\$35,000	\$8,000	\$43,000
<b>2. Travel</b>	\$1,231	\$0	\$1,231
<b>3. Purchased Services (Consultants: \$15,738)</b>	\$16,012	\$12,437	\$28,449
<b>4. Property/Materials</b>	\$741	\$459	\$1,200
<b>5. Rental/Leasing</b>	\$3,204	\$3,453	\$6,657
<b>6. Utilities</b>	\$2,208	\$0	\$2,208
<b>7. Other (Indirect Costs)</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Budget period totals</b>	\$75,000	\$25,029	\$100,009

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**ITEM: D**

**Date:** 5/3/2017

**Grantee:** National Disability Institute

**Year:** 2 of 3

**Project Title:** Understanding Employment Options and Supports

**Project Location:** Statewide

**Website:** ndi-inc.org

**TCDD RFP Intent**

The intent of the Understanding Employment Options and Supports is to increase the number of Texans with developmental disabilities who retain necessary benefits from SSI/SSDI programs, waiver programs, and other formal and informal supports while working in competitive positions in the community.

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

**Expected Results:** By the end of the first year, the grantee will determine training needs and acquire or adapt existing resources to meet training needs and/or develop new training. By the end of the second year, the grantee will evaluate the effectiveness of the training with target audiences; modify the training as needed based on the evaluation results; finalize and package the training for later use by individuals or by groups; and make the training available in a format that will allow TCDD to include links to the training on the TCDD website. The number of Texans with developmental disabilities gaining competitive employment and increasing their personal income and assets will continue to grow each year.

**Project Goals and Objectives for Year 1**

**Goal:** Increase the number of Texans with developmental disabilities who retain necessary benefits from the SSI/SSDI programs, waiver programs, and other formal and informal supports while working in competitive positions in the community.

**Objectives:**

- 1) Identify the needs of individuals, family members, and their support systems on public benefits, employment options, and financial capability strategies;
- 2) Increase awareness, understanding, and utilization of an array of supports to increase income and assets through competitive employment;
- 3) Expand cross-system collaboration to support project activities and outreach; and

- 4) High level management, oversight, and quality control of services are executed and program efforts and outcomes are collected and evaluated to identify trends and enhance program operations. Accomplishments per goal: The project identified the needs of individuals, family members and support systems regarding public benefit programs, employment services, and financial capability strategies. The survey of needs was designed and disseminated broadly and reached 1,394 individuals across the state. A total of 400 people completed the survey; NDI submitted a report of the findings and an action plan. With approval of the action plan, NDI will begin to develop strategies to increase awareness, understanding, and utilization of an array of supports to increase income and assets through competitive employment.

**Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 2**

**Goal:** same as above for Year 1.

**Objectives:**

- 1) Increase awareness, understanding, and utilization of an array of supports to increase income and assets through competitive employment;
- 2) Expand cross-system collaboration to support project activities and outreach; and 3) High level management, oversight, and quality control of services are executed and program efforts and outcomes are collected and evaluated to identify trends and enhance program operations. NDI proposes the following activities:
  - a. A webinar series,
  - b. 3-minute videos,
  - c. 30-second trainings, and
  - d. An online training program

**Council Considerations**

**Grant Management Considerations:** No concerns.

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

**Continuation Budget Detail Summary**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Federal Amount Expended</b>	<b>Match Amount Expended</b>	<b>Expended Total Amounts</b>
<b>Expended Year 1 (7 months)</b> (Consultant: \$53,587)	\$150,000/\$34,136	\$38,632/\$11,367	\$188,632/\$45,503

## Amounts Requested for Year Five Budget

<b>Expense Item</b>	<b>Federal Amount Requested</b>	<b>Match Amount Requested</b>	<b>Total Amount Requested</b>
<b>1. Personnel Services</b>	\$85,794	\$13,223	\$99,017
<b>2. Travel</b>	\$5,440	\$0	\$5,440
<b>3. Purchased Services (Consultants: \$42,100)</b>	\$45,375	\$0	\$45,375
<b>4. Property/Materials</b>	\$2,112	\$0	\$2,112
<b>5. Rental/Leasing</b>	\$0	\$5,280	\$5,280
<b>6. Utilities</b>	\$2,700	\$0	\$2,700
<b>7. Other (Indirect Costs)</b>	\$8,579	\$20,136	\$28,715
<b>Budget period totals</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$38,639</b>	<b>\$188,639</b>