



Highlights

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Announcement of Five Requests for Proposals Regarding Community Living, Employment, All Children Belong, Education

The Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities announces the availability of funds to be awarded by the Texas Rehabilitation Commission on its behalf for the following projects:

1. Local/Regional Community Living Systems Change Projects

— The Council is requesting proposals for projects that will promote the inclusion of children and adults with developmental disabilities into their communities and have implications for changing the state system of community living services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families. The purpose of this RFP is to address the Council goal: "To increase the availability and stability of community living options and appropriate support services" and the Council activity to "advocate for changes in community living policies and programs...which ensure that all programs are responsive to individual needs and preferences and are provided in integrated community settings."

2. Local/Regional Employment Systems Change Projects

— The Council is requesting proposals for projects in the area of community integrated employment that have implications for changing the system in Texas of providing employment services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families. The purpose of this RFP is to address the Council goal: "To promote the development of

integrated employment options for people with developmental disabilities" by the support of projects in three priority areas:

- 1) Conversion of Sheltered Workshop or Day Activity Programs
- 2) New Supported Employment or Other Community Integrated Employment Programs
- 3) Cooperative Projects with Employers

3. All Children Belong Demonstration Projects

— The Council will fund field-initiated community living demonstration projects that identify children and adolescents (ages 0-18) living in residential facilities and move them into homes with families. The projects will identify children, their service and support needs and find homes for children living in: a state school; nursing homes in a local area; residential facility placements; hospitals in a local area; large intermediate care facilities; and in other institutions or congregate living arrangements.

4. Inclusive Education Demonstration Projects

— The purpose of this RFP is to fund projects that will demonstrate innovative ways to provide fully inclusive educational programs for students eligible for special education services, consistent with the Council's Education Position Statement. Eligible applicants are limited to public independent school districts, including districts in cooperatives.

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5. Inclusive Education Systems Change

Project — The purpose of this RFP is to promote the inclusion of all children in regular school environments across Texas. The major goals of the project are: a) to promote awareness of inclusive education concepts, practices and resources for all Texas school campuses; b) to provide technical assistance to local demonstration projects; c) to provide a forum for discussion and recommendations for the adoption and implementation of laws, funding, policies and procedures that support inclusive education at the national, state and local levels; and d) to develop a statewide strategic plan for inclusive education. Partial funding for this activity will be provided by the Texas Education Agency.

Terms:

The total of \$1,000,000 per year is estimated to be available for multiple projects funded under these RFPs, except Inclusive Education Systems Change Project which is estimated at \$225,000 to \$300,000 per year available for one project. All funding is contingent on availability of funds. A minimum of 25% nonfederal match, 10% in designated poverty areas, is required for all funded projects. The initial budget period will be December 1, 1992 through May 31, 1993.

Application Process:

For the application packet containing the five full requests for proposals, application forms and instructions, please submit a written or fax request to:

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Deadline:

Proposals will be accepted at the Texas Planning Council Office, 4900 North Lamar Blvd., Office #4141, 4th Floor, Austin, Texas until 4:00 p.m. on the deadline dates indicated in the proposal kit. Deadlines vary from September 11 through October 30, depending on the RFP. No fax copies of proposals will be accepted. Copies of application kit may not be faxed to applicants.

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