



Highlights

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Announcement of 2 RFPs Regarding Personal Assistance Services & Respite Support

This announces the availability of funds to be awarded on behalf of the Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities by the Texas Rehabilitation Commission for two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) regarding "Personal Assistance Services" and "Respite Support."

Personal Assistance Services

Expected Outcome: This statewide project will impact policy and practice in service delivery so that personal assistance services are more widely available, more accessible and provided without disruption. As a result, adults and children who need personal assistance services will be able to live, learn, work and play in the community.

Project Components: The project will investigate federal and state funding streams and funding methodologies used in the provision of personal assistance services; investigate Texas and other states' practices, procedures, regulations and service delivery systems for personal assistance services, and identify exemplary programs that might be desirable for implementation; inform policy makers and program administrators of emerging methods and practices, and develop policy recommendations for consideration by Texas decision makers; provide statewide training and technical assistance; plan and implement a statewide conference on personal assistance services; collaborate with consumers, state agencies and private organizations, and develop a strategic plan for personal assistance services delivery; establish a project advisory committee; and provide an ongoing internal evaluation of the impact of project activities.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants can be public agencies, private nonprofit agencies or private for-profit agencies.

Terms: The project will be funded for up to three years. The initial funding period is Dec. 1, 1997 to May 31, 1998. Estimated funding for the project will be determined by staff, but must not exceed \$150,000 per 12-month budget period or up to \$180,000 during the budget period which includes a statewide conference. Nonfederal match of 25% is required for the first year. A project located in counties designated as federal poverty areas requires a minimum of 10% matching resources for the first year. Funds may not be used for provision of direct services or supports to individuals.

Grant funds for this RFP were awarded to the Texas Rehabilitation Commission on behalf of the Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$150,000 (75%) in FY97. A nonfederal match in the amount of \$50,000 (25%) is expected.

For the application packet containing the full requests for proposals for both the personal assistance and respite RFPs, application forms and instructions, please submit a written or fax request to:

Lester Sanders, Grants Management Director,
Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities,
4900 North Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78751-2399,
(512) 424-4097 (fax).

Deadline: Proposals will be accepted at the Texas Planning Council Office, 4900 North Lamar Blvd., Office #5418, 5th Floor, Austin, Texas until 4 p.m. on July 11, 1997. No fax copies of proposals will be accepted. Copies of the application kit will be sent by regular mail and will not be faxed to applicants.

Respite Support

Expected Outcome: This statewide project will encourage and expand the availability of respite services in Texas. As a result, adults and children with disabilities will be able to live with their families in the community.

Project Components: The project will investigate state and federal funding streams, and funding methodologies used in the provision of respite services; investigate Texas and other states' practices, procedures, regulations and service delivery systems for respite services, analyzing such for exemplary programs that might be desirable for implementation; provide statewide training and technical assistance and disseminate materials related to respite support; plan and implement a statewide conference on respite services; collaborate with consumers, state agencies and private organizations to identify issues and problems in the delivery of respite services, and develop a strategic plan for respite services delivery; establish a project advisory committee; and provide an ongoing internal evaluation of the impact of project activities.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants can be public agencies, private nonprofit agencies or private for-profit agencies.

These Requests for Proposals were submitted for posting in the May 23, 1997, issue of the "Texas Register."

Terms: One project will be funded for up to three years. The initial funding period is Oct. 1, 1997 to May 31, 1998. Estimated funding to be determined by staff, but not to exceed \$160,000 per 12-month period or up to \$195,000 during the budget period which includes a statewide conference. Nonfederal match of 25% is required for the first year. A project located in counties designated as federal poverty areas requires a minimum of 10% matching resources for the first year. Funds may not be used for provision of direct services or supports to individuals.

Grant funds for this RFP were awarded to the Texas Rehabilitation Commission on behalf of the Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$160,000 in FY97. A nonfederal match of \$53,333 (25%) is expected.

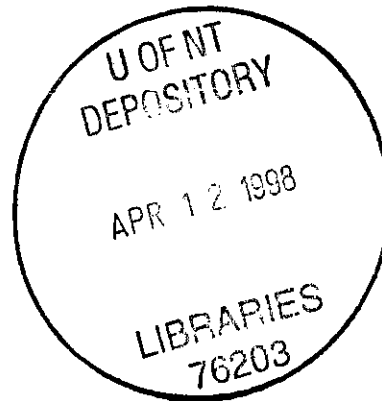
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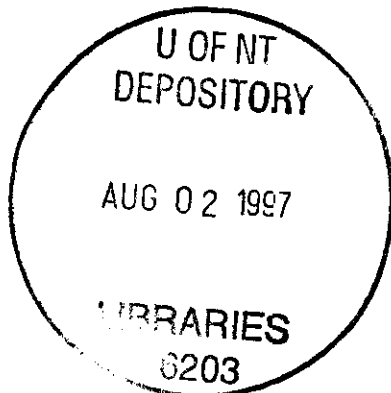
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