



# Highlights

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## Announcement of 3 RFPs Regarding Housing, Employment & Conference Coordination

*This announces the availability of funds for three projects to be awarded on behalf of the Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities (TPCDD) by the Texas Rehabilitation Commission.*

### Housing

The project is expected to result in an increase in knowledge about consumer controlled housing among individuals and organizations including applicable generic housing and real estate agencies or businesses that develop, secure, market, lease, and/or sell housing; increased home ownership for people with disabilities; and increased access to consumer controlled housing.

**Project Components:** 1.) The project will collaborate with, plan with, and engage in joint activities with the Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Home of Your Own Coalition as well as other applicable generic housing and real estate agencies or businesses that develop, secure, market, lease, and/or sell housing in order to develop accessible, affordable consumer controlled housing. 2.) The project will provide training and technical assistance to organizations, groups, or coalitions to enable them to develop affordable housing options in local communities for individuals with disabilities. 3.) The project will provide training and technical assistance on home upkeep, maintenance and other issues related to ongoing consumer control of housing. 4.) The project will develop and maintain local housing coalitions. 5.) The project shall convene an ongoing work group/task force to address issues and barriers to the development of consumer controlled housing and make recommendations on needed systems change (including legislative) activities. 6.) The project will develop mechanisms for groups receiving training and technical assistance to share ideas, progress and accomplishments in developing housing for individuals with disabilities.

**Project Terms:** One project will be funded for up to three years. Continuation funding will be contingent upon an annual review of performance, availability of federal funding, and TPCDD funding priorities. The initial funding period is June 1, 1997 to May 31, 1998.

Estimated funding to be determined by staff but not to exceed \$250,000 per year. Non-federal 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. Increasing non-federal match will be required in years two and three.

### Employment

The purpose and expected outcome of this project is local level policy and practice changes that result in an increase in the number of people with developmental disabilities who are employed in community integrated jobs and a decrease in the number of people with disabilities in sheltered employment.

**Project Components:** 1.) Applicants must document plans for securing involvement from consumers and community businesses and other stakeholders in project activities. 2.) The project will provide and serve as a linkage, brokerage agency for statewide technical assistance, consultation, awareness training and other resources to supported employment and sheltered workshop providers in methods of converting from sheltered to community integrated employment. 3.) The project will provide support and resources for the Council's Community Now! conference and speakers for other conferences, workshops, and activities related to the development of community integrated employment as approved by TPCDD staff. 4.) The project will identify federal, state, and local statute, policy, regulatory, and practice changes needed to achieve the purposes of the project. 5.) The project will establish an Advisory Committee.

**Project Terms:** One project will be funded for up to five years. Continuation funding will be contingent upon an annual review of performance, availability of federal funding, and TPCDD funding priorities. The initial

funding period is June 1, 1997 to May 31, 1998. Estimated funding to be determined by staff but not to exceed \$225,000 for the first year and up to \$250,000 per year for years two through five. Non-federal 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. Increasing non-federal match will be required in years two through five.

**Conference Coordination**

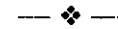
This project will provide support and assistance to the TPCDD staff for coordination of the Community Now! conference in the fall or early winter of 1997.

**Project Specifications:** 1.) The Council will maintain final authority for: content, agenda, and speakers; location of facilities; approval of training announcements and conference program; initial negotiation of contracts and agreements; and approval of all payments. 2.) The grantee will provide staff resources for support activities such as: acquiring meeting space and facilities; notification and announcement of the event; coordinating on-site facilities; coordinating pre-registration and on-site registration; coordinating equipment needs and meeting schedules; processing timely reimbursements to participants, presenters, facilities and services of costs generated for each event; arranging travel and local transportation for national presenters and statewide participants, including transportation for individuals who have various disabilities; and arranging accommodations for participants and speakers. 3.) Project personnel will be directly responsible to the Council staff identified for the conference. 4.) Project staff will have responsibility for assuring that all materials, facilities and resources are accessible to people with disabilities. 5.) Grantee records will be maintained in accordance with standards and procedures of the DD Grants Program and will be subject to

**Application Process For All Three RFPS:**

Eligible applicants can be organizations which are public agencies, private nonprofit agencies or private for-profit organizations. For the application packet containing the full request for proposals, 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, Texas 78751-2399, (512) 424-4084 phone or (512) 424-4097 Fax. Copies of application kit may not be faxed to applicants.

**Deadline:** Proposals will be accepted at the Texas Planning Council Office, 4900 North Lamar Blvd., Office #5410, 5th Floor, Austin, Texas until 4 p.m. on Dec. 19, 1996. No fax copies of proposals will be accepted.



*These Requests for Proposals were submitted for posting in the Oct. 25, 1996, issue of the "Texas Register."*

the Program's monitoring and auditing procedures. 6.) The grantee will report monthly, and a final report within 30 days after the event will include workload measures and expenditures. 7.) Funds to cover anticipated costs of the event will be provided to the grantee. 8.) Costs for goods, services and activities related to the conduct of the event must be reimbursed to the claimants by the grantee within 10 days of approved requests for payment. 9.) The successful applicant may be asked to post a surety bond for security of performance.

**Project Terms:** One project will be funded. The budget period will be June 1, 1997 to May 31, 1998. The estimated funds to be managed are \$90,000.

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