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KEY FACTS

- ◆ **Agency:** TX Council for Developmental Disabilities
- ◆ **Application Guide:**
<http://bit.ly/1nwOiwP>
- ◆ **Award:** Up to \$67,500/organization per year for up to 2 years
- ◆ **Deadline:** May 9, 2016
- ◆ **Contact Information:**

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SUMMARY

TCDD invests in general, broad-based leadership and advocacy training for Texans with DD and their families so they can advocate for their right to be fully included in community life and exercise control over their own lives. While it is important to continue these efforts, it is equally important to ensure that new policy-focused professionals receive training and mentoring that will help them to collaborate with self-advocates and families to develop future policies and procedures.

DESCRIPTION

TCDD hopes to fund up to two Texas organizations to select, hire, train and employ a paid full-time TCDD Policy Fellow for up to two years. Two years after the project ends, the Fellows are expected to be employed in positions that impact public policy that addresses issues important to individuals with DD. The majority of the Fellow's work should be on issues important to people with DD; however, the Fellow may work on some cross-disability issues. For more information about this grant and access to other materials, please visit: <http://bit.ly/1nwOiwP>

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Eligible grant applicants include public agencies, private not-for-profit agencies, schools, and private for-profit organizations. Fellows must be (A) recent graduates of post-graduate programs in law, social work, public policy or other related programs, or (B) self-advocates or siblings of persons with disabilities who have demonstrated post-graduate level skills and knowledge in public policy advocacy.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The majority of the Fellow's work should be on issues important to people with DD; however, the Fellow may work on some cross-disability issues. The Fellow, in collaboration with the organization (grantee), will be able to select their core areas of focus. The Fellow must use research and data to justify the particular policy they choose as their focus. When proposing the issues they will work on, and the specific policy activities they will engage in, the Fellow must demonstrate how strategic progress in their work constitutes a "win" or significant incremental accomplishment on the way to a longer-term public policy goal that is consistent with TCDD's Mission and Guiding Principles.