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Grant to Help People with Disabilities In Coastal Bend Area



Pictured left to right: Jerry Romero, TSAHC Board Member, David Long, TSAHC President, Joe Flores, CBCIL Executive Director, State Rep. Connie Scott, Judy Telge, CBCIL Development Director, and Kathleen Porche, CBCIL Independent Living Specialist.

(Corpus Christi)—Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living (CBCIL) has received a \$50,000 grant from the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) to provide home modifications for low-income people with disabilities. Accepting the grant on behalf of CBCIL at a check presentation today was Joe Flores, CBCIL Executive Director. The grant was presented by Texas State Representative Connie Scott and David Long, TSAHC President.

“Low-income individuals with a disability face many challenges on a daily basis, but being able to enter and leave their own home shouldn’t be one of them,” said State Representative Connie Scott. “This grant will allow CBCIL to make much needed home modifications, such as wheelchair ramps, to the homes of low-income people with disabilities. These repairs will provide independence for many families and will make their homes much more livable and accessible.”

CBCIL is a nonprofit organization designed to assist people with cross disabilities establish independent lives. The grant will be used to expand CBCIL’s Resources for Access & Mobility for People (RAMP) Project. The RAMP Project assists individuals with disabilities by providing home accessibility features such as wheelchair ramps and minor home modifications. It is estimated that 18 households residing in the 12-county Coastal Bend area of South Texas will be assisted.

“We are thrilled to have been awarded this grant by the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation,” said Joe Flores, CBCIL Executive Director. “This funding will help us assist many families in the rural communities of the Coastal Bend area that have a family member with a disability and need a ramp or other home repairs to access their home.”

“We are impressed by the great work and success CBCIL has had with the RAMP Project,” said David Long, TSAHC President. “The services provided by CBCIL are invaluable to the Coastal Bend area. I applaud the Center’s work and look forward to our continued partnership.”

CBCIL received one of six grants awarded this year by TSAHC as part of the Texas Foundations Fund Program.

About Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living

The Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living (CBCIL) is a 501(c)(3) organization. We are consumer-controlled, non-residential, non-profit and cross-disability oriented, providing core services of information and referral, advocacy, peer counseling, and independent living skills training. We are a service organization designed specifically to assist people with cross disabilities who themselves have been successful in establishing independent lives. These people have both training and the personal experience to know exactly what is needed to live independently. In addition, they have deep commitment to assisting other people with disabilities in becoming more independent. For more information about Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living, please visit www.cbCIL.org.