

**MINUTES
CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011
6:30 PM-CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Community Grants Advisory Commission (CGAC) of the City of McKinney, Texas, held a Public Hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, 222 N. Tennessee, May 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Commission members present were Brenda Carter, Celso Martinez, William Wehunt, Kim Hubbard-Hall, Ada Simmons and Aaron McMahon. Rachelle Campbell was unable to attend as scheduled. Christine Lawton, CDBG Coordinator represented City staff.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson McMahon.

Chairperson McMahon asked if the commission members had changes or additions to the minutes from the March 17, 2011, Regular Meeting. Chairperson McMahon asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve and Ms. Simmons seconded. The vote passed unanimously 6-0.

Next, Chairperson McMahon officially opened the Public Hearing to consider the CDBG funding requests for the 2011-2012 grant year, and explained the process of the agency presentations. Each agency would receive up to 10 minutes for their presentation, including questions to follow from the Commission.

The first presenter was Jim Malatich, Director of Operations for The Samaritan Inn. Mr. Malatich requested \$10,000 for support services to benefit homeless shelter residents. Services include case management, individual and group counseling, employment services. Support also includes food, utility and shelter costs to take care of resident operations. Mr. Malatich further stated the agency projects approximately one-hundred and thirty-five (135) individuals and families that currently reside in McKinney will find themselves homeless. Ms. Simmons asked how the shelter was progressing in getting the residents to become financially independent with the slow job market. Mr. Malatich replied the only real change has been an increased length in the stay of some residents; however it provided additional time to find work and expanded participation in the shelter's programs.

The next presenter was Jackie Bromley a Volunteer and former board member of Community Lifeline Center. Ms. Bromley stated the agency requested \$9,000 in funds to provide emergency housing assistance to qualified McKinney residents one time per year. Ms. Bromley further stated funds would assist forty (40) households with rental and utility assistance by paying the apartment, landlord or utility company directly. Case workers conduct follow-up phone calls to determine if clients are meeting financial goals and requirements after assistance is provided. Mr. Martinez asked about the length of time in which the agency will follow-up with the clients, landlords and apartments. Ms. Bromley replied the caseworker typically allows sixty (60) to ninety (90) days before the follow-up phone call.

The next presenter was Louise Weston-Ferrell, Lead Mental Health Counselor at Health Services of North Texas, Inc. She stated the \$6,500 fund request will pay a portion of salary for the Mental Health Counselor to provide counseling to McKinney clients living with HIV/AIDS. Ms. Weston-Ferrell elaborated

that people living with HIV/AIDS need help dealing with depression, life skill challenges and grief coping skills. Last year one-hundred and sixty-one (161) people in the North Texas area were diagnosed with HIV/ Aids, thirteen (13) of those were McKinney Residents. Ms. Simmons asked the presenter if the services are extended to the client's family members and she stated yes – it was important to the wellbeing of the client to assist family members with knowledge and acceptance.

Next was Ms. Betsy Holland with Communities in School Dallas Region, Inc. Ms. Holland stated the \$10,000 fund request would support the "One Student at a Time" program at Malvern Elementary School. Ms. Holland explained the funding request will positively affect the physical and emotional wellness of one-hundred (100) at-risk students by improving attendance, academic performance, and student behavior.

The next presenter of the evening was Kate Pennington, Director of Senior Services of Collin County Committee on Aging. Ms. Pennington stated the agency is the only home food delivery program for seniors in Collin County. The request of \$20,000 would provide assistance for seventy-three (73) McKinney seniors, just released from the hospital, with a meal at 12 Noon. Ms. Pennington further stated the agency's goal is to serve all seniors immediately without putting them on a waiting list.

The next presenter was Dan Powers, Senior Vice President of Clinical Studies for the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County. Mr. Powers briefly discussed the services of the agency and stated the \$90,248 fund request is to support the Clinical Therapy Services program for children victims of physical, sexual abuse or neglect. Mr. Powers further stated that medical services are also provided to McKinney residents with two nights a week in a space provided at no charge by E-Care of McKinney located at Harding and Eldorado.

The next presenter was Mary Helen Franko, Associate Vice President of the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas - Collin County Adventure Camp. Ms. Franko stated the agency's requests of \$5,700 would provide program and staffing support under their summer day camp services for 20 McKinney Housing Authority youth between the ages of six to twelve. When asked, Ms. Franko confirmed the question of Commission member Simmons that the agency also serves children with disabilities.

Within the scheduled hearings, LifePath Systems did not provide a presenter. Chairperson McMahan closed the Public Hearing at 8:13 p.m. and thanked all the nonprofit agencies for their presentation. He then asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Martinez made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Hubbard-Hall seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Aaron McMahan, Chairperson