



## MCDC Grant Request – Letter of Inquiry

### ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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Project Grant Request

Promotional Activity or Community Event Grant Request

**Project Title:** Bonnie Wenk All-Abilities Playground **Total Amount Requested:** \$200,000.00

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** *McKinney Sunrise Rotary and the McKinney (noon) Rotary Clubs have established a collaboration for the purpose of raising the funds from the community necessary to build an all-inclusive playground, within Bonnie Wenk Park phase II, in which all children, focusing on those with special needs, are able to play together, build self-confidence and improve the quality of their lives. The playground's focus is to be interactive, with equipment for children of all developmental levels, and one which will also accommodate adults and parents who have disabilities. Additionally, the City of McKinney, through a resolution, is providing the site and expanding their original plans for the parking area to accommodate vans and buses, and restroom placement and design to accommodate special needs.*

*With over 10% of McKinney's school children making up MISD's special population, there is a definite need to have a local playground addressing their unique needs. One outcome of the completed project is to have this playground become one of Collin County's "destination playgrounds" for children with special needs and adults with mobility issues. Under the auspices of the McKinney Rotary Foundation, a 501(c)(3), this project will allow for tax deductible contributions from the community. The McKinney Rotary clubs' coalition will meet with interested members of the community for the express purposes of educations, marketing, and soliciting community donations and sponsorships from the businesses and citizens. The playground's poured in place rubberized surface (~8,800 sq. ft.) installed over a concrete base is extremely expensive, and is one of the primary differentials between a standard and All-Abilities playground. We are requesting the McKinney Community Development Corporation to underwrite the cost of this foundation. The goal of this project is to provide those who are often underserved an opportunity to enhance their quality of life through play and family activities in a "one-of-a-kind" McKinney playground and park.*

**McKinney Community Development Corporation**

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