

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

MAY 13, 2021

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in Council Chambers at 222 N. Tennessee St., McKinney, Texas on Wednesday May 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Lent Keeler, Jennifer Mott, Todd Burton, Dwan Marshall, DeAndre Hinton, Jennifer Yeager, Aaron Schmitz. Absent: Chairperson Donna Loughmiller

Staff Present: Community Service Administrator Shirletta Best, Community Service Coordinator Camille Smith.

Vice Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. after determining the presence of a quorum.

21-0380 Vice Chairperson Mott called for a Public Hearing to Consider McKinney Consolidated Grant Funding Requests for FY 2021-2022. Applicants for Consolidated Grants presented as follows:

Wellness Center for Older Adults, represented by Joy Hinkelman, is requesting \$16,000 to support salary benefits for the Preventive Healthcare Services (PHC). This program provides health, mental counseling, and social services to older adults.

Meals on Wheels of Collin County submitted two applications for funding. They are requesting \$50,000 to support the Home Delivery Meal Program and provide meals to 580 McKinney residents. The second application seeks \$10,000 to support the Senior Safety Net which provides financial assistance to eligible residents during times of crises. Depending on the level of need, they project to serve 100 McKinney residents. Michelle Borckardt presented on their behalf.

Rosa es Rojo, presented by Aide Granados, is requesting \$15,000 to support their Community Wellness Center / Cancer Center for eligible McKinney Latinas/Latinos residents to receive services.

The Salvation Army, represented by Suzzanne Kanon and Jennifer Delacruz, is requesting \$33,658 to fund the fresh food distribution program that operates out of the food pantry.

Commissioner Schmitz recused himself prior to The Samaritan Inn presenting. They were presented by Rick Crocker with a request of \$38,884 to support the Transitional Homeless Shelter Program.

Shiloh Place, presented by Eppy Thern, is requesting \$20,000 to support the Life Changer Program for single-family mothers and children.

Veterans Center of North Texas, presented by Paul Hendricks is requesting \$15,000 to support the VEAP - Veterans Emergency Assistance Program.

Prelude Clubhouse participated virtually via Zoom, with a presentation by agency member Mary Taddikan. They are requesting \$7,975, which it was noted the amount presented was than they originally requested in the application. This will help support their Clubhouse Work Ordered Day Program. Ms. Taddikan apologized for her nervousness with the incorrect amount, as she was standing in for the Executive Director and stated she would clarify the amount.

Texas Muslim Women's Foundation also attended via Zoom, presented by Syeda Ali and Mona Kafeel. They are requesting \$10,000 to support Peace in the Home Domestic Violence Intervention Program.

Ms. Best presented an overview of the Consolidated Grants Application process. The agencies will present their proposed applications over two public hearings in May and the Community Grants Advisory Commission will deliberate in June to agree upon agency funding recommendations to City Council. The two sources of funding include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Community Support Grant (CSG). Ms. Best gave a summary of the city programs that will continue under the grants: The Housing Rehabilitation Program, funded under CDBG, will assist income eligible owner-occupied single-family homes with small, emergency, or major rehabilitation and the program is available citywide. The LIFT (Landlord Individual & Family Tenant) program will be funded under the Community Support Grant to assist

residents, including voucher holders, to encourage ability to rent with security deposit assistance and encourage landlord participation. The Emergency Water Utility Assistance program under the Community Support Grant will assist eligible low-income residents to pay fully or a portion of their utility billing to avoid household impact due to cut-offs. The city is also preparing to expand housing and community development programs that resulted from public input and the city's housing needs assessment report. Proposed new activities may include: a Neighborhood Improvement Program for older communities; a rental housing repair program and a land acquisition program. These programs will be presented to the public for public comment under two additional hearings in the next few months. The CDBG Annual Action Plan will be presented to city council under a public hearing in August and the Community Support Grant Plan will be presented in October.

The second night of the Public Hearings will continue May 19, 2021.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commission Jennifer Yeager, seconded by Commissioner DeAndre Hinton, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The Public Hearing for May 12, 2021 was cancelled due to a lack of quorum and will resume on May 19, 2021.

Donna Loughmiller
Chairperson

Jennifer Mott
Vice Chairperson