

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 13, 2013

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers, 222 North Tennessee St., McKinney, Texas on November 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Myra Cisneros Taylor, Carla Bolds, Trae Gardner, Mark Phillips, Tiffany Russell Costa, and Debra Carr. Commissioner Celso Martinez was absent. Staffs present included Shirletta Best, Community Services Administrator, and Christine Lawton, Housing Services Coordinator, and Tara Olden, Community Services Coordinator.

13-1173 Public Hearing to Consider Funding Requests under the FY 2013-14 Community Support Grant

Chairperson Myra Cisneros Taylor called to order and opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. The first presenter of the evening was Lindsey Waddell from Embrace Waiting Children. Ms. Waddell requested \$25,075 for her agency to execute programs for foster/adoptive family support and transitional Services for emancipated youth.

The second presenter was Patricia Nelson from Mane Gait Therapeutic. Ms. Nelson made a request for \$10,000 to create a sensory trail for disabled clients that allows therapeutic opportunities to increase a rider's independence and growth.

Leon Veazey presented for the Salvation Army requesting \$10,000 to provide low to moderate men, women, and families with emergency financial assistance for rent/mortgage and utility payments.

Jennifer Spugnardi from the Turning Point Rape Crisis Center was the next presenter. Ms. Spugnardi requested for the Center \$8,500 for direct operating costs for counseling program that would provide comprehensive mental health services for survivors of sexual violence.

Celeste Cox was the next presenter from the North Collin County Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Cox requested \$10,000 to be used for a

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portion of the salaries for the Program Director and the Family Services Director who oversees the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative.

The Children Advocacy Center for Collin County was represented by Erica Stanley. Ms. Stanley requested \$15,000 to be used for emergency assistance for basic needs, and for counseling services for children and families that have been victims of abuse or neglect.

Christine Hockin-Boyd presented for the Community Lifeline Center. The Center is requesting \$43,900 to be used for emergency rent and utility assistance. The money would also be used for basic needs for non-SNAP items, Lifesteps education training program, and group counseling services.

Louise Weston-Ferrill presented for the Health Services of North Texas. Ms. Weston-Ferrill asked for \$12,500 to be used to provide support for nutrition/food, hygiene and personnel costs for low to moderate residents living with HIV/AIDS.

McKinney Independent School District was represented by Dr. Stella Uribe. Dr. Uribe requested on behalf of the school district \$10,000 to be used for program services under the McKinney Parent University.

Susan Williams presented for the Journey of Hope Grief Support. Ms. Williams requested \$5000 to be used to fund a portion of the salary for the Program Director. The center provides bereavement support groups and counseling for children, teens, and families.

The last presenter of the evening was Sandy Dickey from the Children and Community Health Center of McKinney. Ms. Dickey requested \$15,000 to be used to increase the salary of the Nurse Practitioner who provides services to underinsured or noninsured patients free of charge.

Chairperson Myra Cisneros Taylor recessed the public hearing at 9:18 p.m. to resume the evening of November 14, 2013.

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MYRA CISNEROS TAYLOR
Chairperson

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