

## COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

MAY 9, 2019

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in Council Chambers, City of McKinney Municipal Building, 222 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas on May 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Randy Hubbard, Commissioners Samuel Franklin, Jennifer Mott, Donna Loughmiller, and William Wehunt

Absent: Adriana Pedraza, Essie Hennie

Staff Present: Community Services Administrator Shirletta Best; Administrative Assistant Judy Hawkins

Chairman Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. after determining the presence of a quorum.

**19-0371** Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider McKinney Consolidated Grant Funding Requests for FY 2019-2020. Chairman Hubbard opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m. Agencies provide a verbal summary of their application submittal for funding, however the agencies were not required to attend.

Hope's Door, represented by CEO Jim Malatich, requested a grant of \$15,000 to support the cost of a full time licensed domestic violence counselor. Executive Director Joy Hinkleman, representing the Wellness Center for Older Adults, asked for \$30,000 to support their mental health counseling program. The Wellness Center also requested for \$25,500 to provide funding for a social worker under the Gatekeeper Program. The Gatekeeper Program provides individualized case management services including issues such as financial crises, elder abuse, potential homelessness, and costs of medications. Meals on Wheels, represented by Program Manager Ebony Creighton, is seeking a grant of \$50,000 to support the Meals for Homebound Seniors program. They also requested \$10,000 in funding for the Senior Safety Net program; This program provides for services such as medical and financial

assistance, utility assistance, hygiene products, and medical devices and equipment.

No representative was present for The Turning Point. Paige Flink, CEO, addressed commissioners on behalf of The Family Place. The agency requests \$24,000 to help pay for transportation of domestic violence victims living in McKinney, rental costs of the McKinney facility, and childcare. The Salvation Army, represented by Program Manager Vernita Smith, is requesting \$30,000 to fund emergency assistance with rent, mortgage payments, and utilities. Director of Programs Heather Molsbee spoke on behalf of The Samaritan Inn. The agency requests \$21,000 to support funding for youth caseworkers. Direction 61:3 was represented by Executive Director Myron Wilson; the agency requests \$8,500 to be used to support transitional housing for youth aging out of foster care.

Community Services Administrator Shirletta Best, City of McKinney provided the summary of city funded programs and activities under the use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Consolidated Grants Process. First, she explained the use of funds designated under the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The program uses CDBG funds to provide emergency repairs, interior and exterior minor repairs, and major repairs such as roofing for residents who have low to moderate income levels. In FY 2019-2020, \$495,309 is allotted for this program, which includes funds for repairs, support costs for the repairs, operations, and housing services staffing.

Administrator Best explained the use of 2019-2020 funding for CDBG grant administration costs, which supports operations of the CDBG Grant, including monitoring of funded programs and activities, general operating costs including supplies, audit, legal notices, consolidated planning and the salary of the administrator. Only 20% of the total grant

can be used for administration costs by statutory program law of the program. Of the total CDBG funding allocation, a statutory cap of 15% can be used for public service grants. Ms. Best also presented a new pilot program called L.I.F.T. (Landlord Individual & Family Tenants), in partnership with tenants, landlords, and the McKinney Housing Authority to assist renters unable to use housing vouchers and/or are on the verge of homelessness, due to lack of landlord acceptance. Funding will be provided from public services funds (\$20,000) and from Community Support Grant funds (\$40,000).

Under the Consolidated Grant Process, the city-funded CDBG program budgets of Housing Rehabilitation, Public Services and Grant Administration total the FY 2019-2020 CDBG funding allocation of \$761,993. The CDBG program allocation has been confirmed under the U.S. Department of Housing & Community Development. Funding is used to impact housing and community development efforts by the city and benefit must primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons and households.

The City leverages its CDBG funding with local funds through the Community Support Grant (CSG). Funded under the City's General Fund by City Council, the FY 2019-2020 funding request by staff is \$179,300.

At the May 30 Community Grants Advisory Commission meeting, commissioners will deliberate funding for CDBG public service grants and Community Support Grants. On August 6, City Council will hold their public hearing for CGAC funding recommendations and city-funded programs under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) prior to submission of the City's Annual Action Plan. The recommendations under the Community sum These items will be voted on by City Council at their September meeting.

Chairman Hubbard closed the Public Hearing at 8:14 p.m.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Loughmiller, seconded by Commissioner Franklin, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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RANDY HUBBARD  
Chairman