

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 28, 2013

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the Housing & Community Development Conference Room, 314 South Chestnut, Suite 101, McKinney, Texas on February 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Jeremiah Hammer, Chairperson; Myra Cisneros Taylor, Rachelle Campbell, Kim Hubbard-Hall, Co-Chairperson; Tiffany Russell, and Debra Carr. Staff included Shirletta Best, Community Services Administrator and Janay Tieken, Grants Administrator. Guests included Dana Riley, Executive Director of Volunteer McKinney. Absent: Commissioner Celso Martinez.

Chairperson Hammer called the meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. after determining a quorum present.

CONSENT ITEMS

- 13-208** Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Regular Meeting of November 28, 2012. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Rachelle Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Myra Cisneros Taylor, to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2012 regular meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 13-209** Chairperson Hammer called for Review/Discuss Meeting Calendar and Community Program Updates. Ms. Best provided updates to the Commission's meeting calendar to prepare for the next grant cycle under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 2013-14 program year. Ms. Best briefed members regarding possible federal budget sequestration and its potential impact.
- Ms. Best stated the impact to the City's CDBG funding, could be a reduction of funding to programs including public services, housing rehabilitation and other activities. It is estimated that the national CDBG program under the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development could receive an estimated 12% across-the-board reduction in funding for all housing and community development

programs. Staff and city leaders continue to advocate for local level, while understanding the need and taking action to prepare accordingly.

13-210 Chairperson Hammer called for Review/Discuss/Act on De-obligation of Embrace Waiting Children Funding, Community Support Grant in the Amount of \$9,900. The nonprofit agency, Embrace Waiting Children, under the mission of serving McKinney foster children and their families was awarded funding in this current program year. At this time, the agency is in the process of restructuring operations and also the Board of Directors. As the agency is restructuring capacity, staff recommends the Community Grants Advisory Commission to de-obligate the \$ 9,900 funding award for Embrace Waiting Children under the current fiscal year; with the understanding the agency would be eligible to apply for funding in the next grant fiscal cycle, when Board restructuring is expected to be complete. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Rachelle Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Tiffany Russell, to de-obligate funding under the agency, Embrace Waiting Children.

13-211 Chairman Hammer called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on Reallocation of 2012-2013 Community Support Grant Funding. Staff presented to Commissioners two separate city-wide, unfunded partnership activities for use consideration of a portion of the de-obligated funds:

Say YES TO Youth Summit

A request of \$5,000 to assist with Keynote speaker fees and program printing costs for the McKinney "Say YES to Youth Summit," April 19, 2013. The summit held for first time will bring together service providers, educators, city and community leaders, and other adults who care about at-risk youth (age 13-18) residing in McKinney. The purpose is a call to action to identify resources, shape strategies, and determine opportunities for collaboration.

Cities of Service: Together We Serve Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative

A request of \$3,000 was submitted for volunteer support resources on Together We Serve Community Day, Saturday, April 27, 2013. Approximately 500 volunteers, residents and community leaders are expected to participate. The Together We Serve initiative is a part of the National Cities of Service program – a bipartisan coalition of mayors who work together to engage volunteers in service to their community. The project highlights local interest from National mayors to coordinate and expand service locally.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commission Rachelle Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Kim Hubbard-Hall, to reallocate and award \$5,000 in funding to Volunteer McKinney for the McKinney "Say YES to Youth Summit."

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Myra Cisneros Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rachelle Campbell, to reallocate and award \$3,000 to Mayor's Cities of Service Initiative: Together We Serve.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Chairperson Jeremiah Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Tiffany Russell, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

JEREMIAH HAMMER
Chairperson