

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

MAY 7, 2014

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on May 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners Present: Carla Bolds, Debra Carr, Tiffany Russell-Costa, Amy Evans, Trae Gardner, Mark Phillips, and Myra Cisneros Taylor.

Staff Present: Shirletta Best, Community Services Administrator; Tara Olden, Community Services Coordinator; Will Honea, Community Services Coordinator; and Christine Lawton, Housing Services Coordinator.

Guests Present: Louise Weston-Ferrill, Jim Malatich, Alex Wilson, Christine Hockin-Boyd, Leon Veazey, Celeste Cox, Stella Uribe, Dean Aslinia, Sandy Dickey, Will Henderson, Zella Tyson, Dorothy Tyson, Sally Henderson, Dorothy Robinson, Peggy Smolen, Carolyn Rice, Lee Stark, Lori Greer, and Reuben Ndomahina.

Chair Cisneros Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

14-431 Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Meeting of April 16, 2014.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Carr, to approve the Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Meeting of April 16, 2014.

REGULAR AGENDA

14-432 Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Funding under the FY 2014-15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Chair Cisneros Taylor opened the public hearing at 6:34 p.m. The first presenter of the evening was Louise Weston-Ferrill, Director of Programs for Health Services of North Texas. Ms. Weston-Ferrill has requested \$6,500 for her agency to support the salary of the licensed clinical social worker providing health counseling services to persons

living with HIV/AIDS.

Jim Malatich, Director of Operations for The Samaritan Inn was the second presenter. Mr. Malatich requested \$13,500 to support the salary of the case manager providing services to McKinney shelter residents.

Mr. Alex Wilson, Director of Development for Communities in Schools North Dallas Region presented next. Their \$15,000 request would provide comprehensive academic and support services for at-risk students during the 2014-15 year.

Community Lifeline Center was represented by Christine Hockin-Boyd, Executive Director. The agency requested \$10,000 to be used for emergency rental and utility assistance for McKinney residents dealing with the impact of a short crisis.

Leon Veazy, Client Service Coordinator for the Salvation Army-DFW Metroplex, Command-McKinney Corps was the next presenter. The agency requested \$20,000 which would be used to provide emergency rental, utility, and mortgage assistance for McKinney residents.

Celeste Cox, Executive Director of the North Collin County Habitat for Humanity presented next. Ms. Cox requested \$50,000 on behalf of the agency to be used to allow the agency to acquire five lots to build affordable homes for low income McKinney residents.

Stella Uribe representing McKinney ISD was the next presenter. MISD is requesting \$8,000 to be used for "Unidad en la Comunidad-Unity in the Community" program. The program provides bilingual mental health services to MISD students, families and relatives.

The next presenter was Sandy Dickey, Executive Director of the Children and Community Health Center of McKinney. The agency is requesting \$15,000 to provide salary support for a nurse practitioner who provides health services for uninsured McKinney residents.

Will Henderson representing the McKinney Housing Authority presented next. The agency is requesting \$250,000 to be used to

demolish the Newsome Homes multifamily development in East McKinney which consists of 64 units and 21 buildings. This will make way for a new Newsom Home development being built for the elderly.

The next presenter was Zella Tyson, Director of Senior Services for the Collin County Committee on Aging. The \$31,536 the agency is requesting would provide meals to home-bound-at-risk McKinney residents.

Sally Henderson and Dorothy Robinson of Community Dental Care presented next. The agency is requesting \$12,000 to support salaries of those providing dental services for low to moderate income seniors and children living in McKinney.

The next presenter was Peggy Smolen representing the Volunteer McKinney Center. The center is requesting \$21,000 to be used to support the intern salary whose primary responsibility is to organize and implement the Youth Summit.

Lee Stark, Social Worker for the Maurice Geriatric Wellness Center was the next presenter. The \$12,132 requested will be used to support the salary of a social work-case manager who will provide in-home services to McKinney residents 62 and older which will allow them to remain independent.

The next presenter was Lori Greer, Development Director of CASA of Collin County. The agency has requested \$15,000 which would support the salaries of CASA Recruiters and Trainers who provide supervision and training for CASA volunteers.

The last presenter of the evening was Shirletta Best, Community Services Administrator for the city of McKinney. Ms. Best gave a brief summary of the CDBG funding for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The funding is as follows:

City of McKinney Grant Administration: \$146,149

City of McKinney Public Services: \$109,612

City of McKinney Economic Development: \$474,986

(Rehabilitation, Acquisition, and Infrastructure)

After completion of the presenters, Chair Cisneros Taylor thanked all those in attendance and opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Best commented that the Commission will hold deliberations on the funding requests on May 21, 2014. The recommendations from the Commission will go the Council on July 3, 2014.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BOARD OR COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to close the public hearing, and Commissioner Evans seconded. The public hearing was closed and the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

MYRA CISNEROS TAYLOR
Chairperson

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