



McKinney Youth Theatre

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MCDC Grant Request – Letter of Inquiry

Organization Information

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Project Title: McKinney Youth Theatre "No Place Like Home" Total Amount Requested \$100,000

Mission: To develop the character of youth by providing quality performing arts education and family entertainment.

Vision: To make our programs desirable and accessible to all.

Project Description: By the fourth quarter of 2015, McKinney Youth Theatre desires a 4,000 – 6,000 square foot performance/rehearsal space of its own in McKinney to meet the demand of McKinney and Collin County Youth for arts education and family entertainment. MYT is a dba of Plano Children's Theatre, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization which has been serving North Texas since 1991.

The space would house a 150-200 seat theatre, several rehearsal rooms, an art room, two dressing rooms, a lobby, a costume room, and several small offices for administration.

In 2015, McKinney Youth Theatre will produce eight major productions(64 performances) at McKinney Performing Arts Center, and Heard Craig Hall, afterschool, and summer programs. With a dedicated space, MYT will offer a year round program with at least twelve productions.

Currently 20,000 patrons walk through our doors in McKinney for performances, rehearsals, free workshops, after school, and summer classes. Having rehearsals and performances in McKinney allow patrons to shop for groceries, purchase gas, and dine in McKinney; thereby providing income for local businesses and tax income for the City.

MYT patrons have raised over \$30,000 for the project which is being kept in a separate savings account. The grant from the MCDC would be used to hire an architect to design the space, purchase lights, seating, sound, build a stage, signage, and renovation costs of an existing building in McKinney.