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TO: MEDC Board and Staff  
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FROM: Cindy Schneible

RE: MCDC Update

**FY20 Grants**

The board approved funding for the following Promotional and Community Event grant requests, in the amount listed, at the January meeting:

| Application # | Organization               | Event                      | Amount Requested |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 20-01         | Odysseus Chamber Orchestra | Spring Concert Series      | \$4,000          |
| 20-02         | Heritage Guild             | Farmers Mkt and Crank off  | \$7,000          |
| 20-03         | SBG Hospitality            | St. Patrick's Day Festival | \$8,500          |
| 20-04         | St Peter's                 | Empty Bowls                | \$5,000          |
| 20-05         | Collin Co. History Museum  | 2020 Then & Now            | \$6000           |
| 20-06         | Tupps Brewery              | Music Fest                 | \$9,500          |
| 20-07         | Game Day Foods             | Salsa Fest                 | \$4,500          |
| 20-08         | McKinney Main Street       | Spring 2020 Events         | \$12,000         |
| 20-09         | McKinney Lacrosse Club     | 2020 Turlaxin'             | \$6,000          |
| 20-10         | ManeGait                   | Country Fair               | \$4,400          |
| 20-11         | McKinney Garden Club       | Garden & Home Tour         | \$4,100          |
| 20-12         | Ovation Academy            | 5 Spring Shows             | \$4,000          |
|               |                            |                            | <b>\$75,000</b>  |

Public Hearings were conducted on three Project Grant applications submitted for consideration in Cycle I.

Collin County Habitat for Humanity - \$773,224

- Low income home repair (A Brush with Kindness program) \$120,000
- Land acquisition for low income resident home construction \$300,000
- Amenity Center at the Cotton Groves community \$250,000

- Foundation engineering – Cotton Groves Amenity Center \$ 7,200
- Park Land Dedication Fees – Cotton Groves community \$ 61,854
- Tree Trimming \$ 9,800
- Concrete surface, playground \$ 23,420
- Engineering for shade structure \$ 950

ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship - \$6,800 for wayfinding signs

MCDC - \$36,800 for the purchase and installation of eight benches around MPAC.

Project categories eligible for consideration under the Texas Local Government Code include:

- Projects Related to Recreational or Community (city-owned) Facilities
- Projects Related to Affordable Housing
- Professional and Amateur sports and Athletic Facilities, including children’s sports
- Entertainment, Tourist and Convention Facilities
- Public Parks and Open Space Improvements
- Projects Related to the Creation or Retention of Primary Jobs (defined in the Local Government Code)
- Mass Transit-Related Facilities or Equipment
- Certain Airport Facilities
- Infrastructure Improvement Projects Necessary to Develop New or Expanded Business Enterprises (water, sewer, utilities)

The applications received were reviewed by MCDC’s legal counsel and confirmed to be eligible for board consideration for funding. Board action will be scheduled for the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Applications for the first cycle of Retail Development Infrastructure Grants were accepted January 1 through January 31, 2020.

One grant application was received from East End Salvage Ltd. for infrastructure and site improvements. A public hearing will be held on the application at the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Retail Development Infrastructure Grants provide resources for “landmark retail” - defined as buildings within the historic downtown area with boundaries that coincide with the “Cultural District” designation; retail redevelopment opportunities at locations that are viewed as gateways into the city (e.g. Highway 5 and Spur 399 – and other locations along Highway 5; Virginia Parkway and 75).

The grants may be used to fund infrastructure improvements that are **exterior** to a property, necessary to promote or develop new or expanded business enterprises, and include:

- Sewer
- Water
- Electric Utilities
- Gas Utilities
- Drainage
- Site Work

The maximum award for any single grant will be 50% of total cost of the infrastructure improvements proposed, up to a maximum of \$25,000. The amount requested, must be matched by the property owner or tenant. Funds secured from other City of McKinney sources (TIRZ, Community Grants, etc.) may not be used for the owner/tenant match. If awarded, funds are provided on a reimbursement basis.

### **Quality of Life Award**

MCDC will present three Quality of Life Awards at the McKinney Chamber's Community Awards Celebration on February 21<sup>st</sup>:

#### Individual Award:

Mary Carole Strother, Executive Director, Collin County History Museum

#### Organization Awards:

McKinney Fire Department - Community Health Program

McKinney Police Department - Neighborhood Police Officer Unit

