



COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Consider/Discuss/Act on the Funding Allocations for the Community Support Grant Funding Requests Considered by the Community Grants Advisory Commission on October 27 and 28, 2010

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2010

DEPARTMENT: Community Services Department

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RECOMMENDED COMMISSION ACTION: Discuss all Community Support Grant funding requests and recommend funding allocations for City Council's consideration and approval on December 7, 2010.

ITEM SUMMARY:

- City Council established the Community Support Grant program to establish a process for evaluating requests from non-profit agencies that provide activities, programs, and services to residents of McKinney. Organizations, which can be reasonably categorized under the heading of providing a public service that promotes the health, safety and welfare of McKinney residents, are eligible for funding.
- In May 2006, City Council approved Resolution No. 2006-05-086 establishing a policy for prioritizing Community Support Grants for qualified entities serving the City of McKinney and its residents. In April 2010, City Council approved Resolution No. 2010-04-041 further defining the grant application prioritization.
- Applications shall be analyzed for funding in accordance with the following priority of needs based on service impacts to the community, duplication of services from other agencies, other sources of agency funding, and presentation critique:
 - a. Disaster aid: relief to victims of disaster and to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies

- b. Basic needs: food and clothing
 - c. Housing/Shelter: non-financial assistance
 - d. Health and medical treatment, including mental health
 - e. Housing: financial assistance
 - f. Transportation: the sole service being provided
 - g. Recreation and athletics/sports
- With Resolution No. 2010-04-041, City Council also approved a minimum grant award to an organization to be \$3,000. There shall be no maximum grant award amount.
 - On October 27 and 28, 2010 the Community Grant Advisory Commission conducted public hearings to consider requests for Community Support Grant funding from 24 non-profit agencies.
 - The 24 agency application funding requests represent a total of \$647,622, when only \$119,700 is available for funding.
 - Taking these factors into consideration, please review staff's recommendations for the use of Community Support Grant funds. Please consider these recommendations as only a starting point for your deliberations.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS:

AGENCY	REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
American Red Cross	\$10,196	\$7,157
Assistance League of Greater Collin County	\$7,000	\$0
CASA of Collin County	\$17,000	\$7,957
Children and Community Health Center	\$7,872	\$7,657
Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County	\$25,000	\$8,000
Collin County Committee on Aging	\$17,328	\$8,000
Community Dental Care	\$15,000	\$6,500
Community Food Pantry	\$16,300	\$11,000
Community Lifeline Center	\$14,000	\$9,000
Communities in Schools	\$5,400	\$0
Family Outreach	\$8,772	\$0
Health Services of North Texas	\$6,250	\$4,000
Hope's Door	\$40,232	\$6,436
Journey of Hope Grief Support Center	\$5,000	\$4,000
Life Path Systems	\$33,000	\$4,500
Maurice Barnett Geriatric Wellness Center	\$9,990	\$4,400
McKinney Soccer Association	\$5,000	\$0
North Collin County Habitat for Humanity	\$20,000	\$6,436
River Ranch Educational Charities	\$300,000	\$0
The Salvation Army	\$12,000	\$6,657
The Samaritan Inn	\$7,000	\$6,000
Seed Sowers Ministry	\$32,570	\$4,000

The Turning Point	\$20,000	\$4,000
YMCA	\$12,712	\$4,000
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$647,622</i>	<i>\$119,700</i>

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The Community Support Grant Program is designed to establish a process for evaluating requests from non-profit agencies for direct funding assistance.
- As proposed, the Council would consider an annual budget per capita from the General Fund for support of non-profit organizations.
- Other sources of funding for similar projects, such as CDBG, Tourism, and Arts, would not be affected by this program.
- Non-profits must meet the following requirements to apply for funding:
 - Proposed use of funds must benefit residents of the City of McKinney.
 - Must have been operating for at least one year prior to the application deadline.
 - Must be a non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization, in good standing with the State of Texas, and must have an active Board of Directors in compliance with IRS Section 501(c)(3).
 - Organization must procure and maintain insurance, as required by the City of McKinney.
 - Any property taxes or other liabilities due to the City of McKinney must be paid in full.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Although the review format for Community Support Grant funding requests is similar to CDBG funding requests, funding recommendations are not subject to public service caps or to Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

- Spreadsheet for Commissioners Allocation