



**MCDC Written Grant Report
Hugs Cafe Inc for Hugs Greenhouse propagation technology**

Finances

Hugs Greenhouse- Greenhouse Development Project Budget				
Item	Cost	% of Project	Funding Source	% by Funder
2- 30' x 90' covered greenhouses	\$25,000.00	63.57%	Hugs Cafe Inc.	
Greenhouse concrete and flooring	\$1,000.00	2.54%	Hugs Cafe Inc.	66.12%
	\$26,000.00			
4 heaters and propane installation	\$4,185.30	10.64%	MCDC	
Electrical infrastructure and install	\$7,805.00	19.85%	MCDC	
Misters	\$1,334.60	3.39%	MCDC	33.88%
	\$13,324.90			
Total	\$39,324.90	100.00%		100.00%

The original grant request was for the total amount of \$13,324.90. After the completion of the entire project, \$13,313.52 was submitted and reimbursed by MCDC. This leaves a remaining balance of \$11.38 of unused funds.

Goal Achieved

- Heating was installed in greenhouses
- Propane tank was installed to power heaters
- Drip lines installed
- Six propagation tables were built

The Process

- Electricity and plumbing were dug for the greenhouses
- Electrical and plumbing lines were installed
- Heaters were installed and connected
- Drip lines were installed and connected



By October 1st, all heating and drip lines were installed and operational. Our fall greenhouse season was supported by the use and resources of this investment in propagation equipment.

The Impact

- 425 poinsettias
- 1,744 perennials
- 2 new employees

The propagation technology at Hugs Greenhouse has provided some huge returns in its two seasons of use. We were able to grow our entire spring crop of perennials from seedling or cuttings. This reduced the cost of our plant materials and allowed us to expand our employment opportunities. In addition, we were able to grow all of our holiday poinsettias from cuttings, and provide more employment during the winter months. In March of 2021, Hugs Greenhouse hired two new workers to grow and tend to our plants. Our new employees, Patrick and Serena, make a great addition to our growing group of gardeners.

Media

Blog post was shared on our website and social media on June 5, 2020. A Facebook post of the ribbon cutting was also done on October 8, 2020.



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MCDC AWARDS HUGS GREENHOUSE FUNDS TO COMPLETE PROPAGATION INFRASTRUCTURE



Hugs Cafe inc has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$13,324.90 to complete the propagation infrastructure for the Hugs Greenhouse program. Located at 3054 CR 205 in McKinney, this tranquil setting provides meaningful employment opportunities for adults with special needs. The funds awarded by McKinney Community Development Corporation will allow the Hugs Greenhouse program to begin growing perennials year-round using existing plant cuttings. This will teach a valuable skill to the Hugs Greenhouse team and reduce product cost.

At the McKinney Community Development Corporation meeting on May 28th, after the motion to approve the grant request passed unanimously, MCDC Treasurer Angela Richardson had this to say, "It made me proud as a McKinney resident to be able to support this business...Support these team members and their work and quality of life... I just think



Hugs Greenhouse is at Hugs Greenhouse.

Posted by Lauren Ford

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It was a beautiful morning as we celebrated the propagation technology ribbon cutting at Hugs Greenhouse, made possible by [McKinney Community Development Corporation](#).

MCDC members toured the greenhouses and got their hands dirty in a fun planting activity! 🌱🌹

