

MCKINNEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Grant Application

Fiscal Year 2016

IMPORTANT:

- Please read the McKinney Community Development Corporation Grant Guidelines prior to completing this application.
- The Grant Guidelines and Application are available at www.mckinneycdc.org; by calling 214.544.0296 or by emailing cschneible@mckinneycdc.org
- Please call to discuss your plans for submitting an application **in advance** of completing the form. Completed application and all supporting documents are required to be submitted electronically or on a CD for consideration by the MCDC board. Please submit the application to:

McKinney Community Development Corporation
5900 S. Lake Forest Blvd., Suite 110
McKinney, TX 75070

- *If you are interested in a preliminary review of your project proposal or idea, please complete and submit the **Letter of Inquiry** form, available at www.mckinneycdc.org, by calling 214.544.0296 or emailing cschneible@mckinneycdc.org.*

Applications must be completed in full, using this form, and received by MCDC, electronically or on a CD, by 5:00 p.m. on the date indicated in schedule below.

Please indicate the type of funding you are requesting:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Grant
Quality of Life projects that are eligible for funding in accordance with the Type B sales tax statute (refer to examples in Grant Guidelines) and that advance the mission of MCDC. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promotional or Community Event Grant (maximum \$15,000)
Initiatives, activities and events that promote the City of McKinney for the purpose of developing new or expanded business opportunities and/or tourism – and enhance quality of life for McKinney residents. |
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Promotional and Community Event Grants:

Application Deadline	Presentation to MCDC Board	Board Vote and Award Notification
Cycle I: January 4, 2016	January 2016	February 2016
Cycle II: June 30 2016	July 2016	August 2016

Project Grants:

Application Deadline	Presentation to MCDC Board	Board Vote and Award Notification
Cycle I: January 29, 2016	February 2016	March 2016
Cycle II: April 29, 2016	May 2016	June 2016
Cycle III: July 29, 2016	August 2016	September 2016

APPLICATION

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name: Especially Needed

Federal Tax I.D.: 27-2285213

Incorporation Date: 06/2010

Mailing Address: 10121 Waterstone Way

City: McKinney

ST: TX

Zip: 75070

Phone: 214.499.3439

Fax:

Email:

heather@especiallyneeded.org

Website: www.especiallyneeded.org

Check One:

- Nonprofit – 501(c) Attach a copy of IRS Determination Letter
- Governmental entity
- For profit corporation
- Other

Professional affiliations and organizations to which your organization belongs:

REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING APPLICATION:

Name: Heather Astuto

Title: President/Founder

Mailing Address: 10121 Waterstone Way

City: McKinney

ST: TX

Zip: 75070

Phone: 214.499.3439

Fax:

Email:

heather@especiallyneeded.org

CONTACT FOR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN MCDC AND ORGANIZATION:

Name: Heather Astuto

Title: Same as above

Mailing Address:

City:

ST:

Zip:

Phone

Fax:

Email:

FUNDING

Total amount requested: 9000

Matching Funds Available: no

PROJECT/PROMOTION/COMMUNITY EVENT

Start Date: 10/29/16

Completion Date: 10/29/16

BOARD OF DIRECTORS *(may be included as an attachment)*

President/Founder **Heather Astuto**

Vice President **Nechole Whitlock**

Secretary **Cristine Ruiz**

Treasurer **Carrie Strimel**

LEADERSHIP STAFF *(may be included as an attachment)*

Using the outline below, provide a written narrative no longer than 7 pages in length:

I. Applying Organization

Describe the mission, strategic goals and objectives, scope of services, day to day operations and number of paid staff and volunteers.

Disclose and summarize any significant, planned organizational changes and describe their potential impact on the Project/Promotion/Community Event for which funds are requested.

II. Project or Promotion/Community Event (whichever is applicable)

- Outline details of the Project/Promotion/Community Event for which funds are requested. Include information regarding scope, goals, objectives, target audience.
- **For Promotional Grants/Community Events** – describe how this initiative will **promote the City of McKinney for the purpose of business development and/or tourism.**
- Describe how the proposed Project/Promotion/Community Event fulfills strategic goals and objectives for your organization.
- Please also include planned activities, time frame/schedule, and estimated attendance and admission fees if applicable.
- Include the venue/location for Project/Promotion/Community Event?
- Provide a timeline for the Project/Promotion/Community Event.
- Detail goals for growth/expansion in future years.

Project Grants – please complete the section below:

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| • An expansion/improvement? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • A replacement/repair? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • A multi-phase project? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • A new project? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Has a feasibility study or market analysis been completed for this proposed project? *If so, please attach a copy of the Executive Summary.*

Provide specific information to illustrate how this Project/Promotion/Event aligns with one or more of the goals and strategies adopted by McKinney City Council and McKinney Community Development:

- Eligible for MCDC consideration under Sections 501 to 505 of the Texas Local Government Code (refer to MCDC Grant Guidelines)
- Support cultural, sports, fitness, entertainment, community projects and events that attract resident and visitor participation and contribute to quality of life, business development and growth of McKinney sales tax revenue

- Highlight and promote McKinney as a unique destination for residents and visitors alike
- Meet citizen needs for quality of life improvements, business development and sustainable economic growth for residents in the City of McKinney
- Demonstrate informed financial planning – addressing long-term costs, budget consequences and sustainability of projects for which funding is requested
- Educate the community about the impact local dining and shopping has on investment in quality of life improvements in McKinney

Indicate which goal(s) listed above will be supported by the proposed Project/Promotion/Event:

Has a request for funding, for this Project/Promotion/Community Event, been submitted to MCDC in the past?

Yes No

III. Financial

- Provide an overview of the organization’s financial status including the impact of this grant request on organization mission and goals.
- Please attach your budget for the current year and audited financial statements for the preceding two years. If audited financials are not available, please indicate why.

What is the estimated total cost for this Project/Promotion/Community Event?

\$ **See attached**

(Include a budget for the proposed Project/Promotion/Community Event.)

What percentage of Project/Promotion/Community Event funding will be provided by the Applicant? 35%

Are Matching Funds available? Yes No

Cash \$	Source	% of Total
In-Kind \$	Source	% of Total

Are other sources of funding available? *If so, please list source and amount.*

We host a resource fair during the event in which organizations and businesses that provide services to our special needs families can take part for a small registration fee. This is how we raise the remaining amount of money needed for the event.

Have any other federal, state, or municipal entities or foundations been approached for funding? If so, please list entity, date of request and amount requested.
None

IV. Marketing and Outreach

Describe marketing plans and outreach strategies for your organization, for the Project/Promotion/Community Event for which you are requesting funding – and how they are designed to help you achieve current and future goals.

V. Metrics to Evaluate Success

Outline the metrics that will be used to evaluate success of the proposed Project/Promotion/Community Event. If funding is awarded, a final report will be required summarizing success in achieving objectives outlined for the event.

Acknowledgements

If funding is approved by the MCDC board of directors, Applicant will assure:

- The Project/Promotion/Community Event for which financial assistance is sought will be administered by or under the supervision of the applying organization;
- All funds awarded will be used exclusively for the purpose described in this application;
- MCDC will be recognized in all marketing, outreach, advertising and public relations as a funder of the Project/Promotion/Community Event. Specifics to be agreed upon by applicant and MCDC and included in an executed performance agreement;
- Organization's officials who have signed the application are authorized by the organization to submit the application;
- Applicant will comply with the MCDC Grant Guidelines in executing the Project/Promotion/Community Event for which funds were received.
- A final report detailing the success of the Project/Promotion/Community Event, as measured against identified metrics, will be provided to MCDC no later than 30 days following the completion of the Project/Promotion/Community Event.
- Up to 80% of the approved grant may be provided, on a reimbursement basis, prior to conclusion of the Project/Promotion/Community Event with submission of invoices/receipts to MCDC. The final 20% may be paid following MCDC's receipt of unpaid invoices/receipts; documentation of fulfillment of obligations to MCDC; and final report on the Project/Promotion/Community Event.
- The required performance agreement will contain a provision certifying that the applicant does not and will not knowingly employ an undocumented worker in accordance with Chapter 2264 of the Texas Government Code, as amended. Further, should the applicant be convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(f), the applicant will be required to repay the amount of the public subsidy provided under the agreement plus interest, at an agreed to interest rate, not later than the 120th day after the date the MCDC notifies the applicant of the violation.

We certify that all figures, facts and representations made in this application, including attachments, are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Chief Executive Officer



Signature

Heather Astuto
Printed Name

10/29/16
Date

Representative Completing Application

Signature

Heather Astuto
Printed Name

10/29/16
Date

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS, OR THOSE RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.