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TO: MEDC
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RE: MCDC Update

COVID-19 Emergency Relief

MCDC staff has been working with a team led by Assistant City Manager Kim Flom, to identify potential ways to provide relief/support for McKinney small businesses and nonprofits who have experienced a hardship related to Covid-19. Program outline will be presented to Council at the meeting on April 21st and to the MCDC board at the April 23rd meeting.

#McKinneyStrong – MCDC provided funding for production of the first 500 #McKinneyStrong t-shirts. Shirt sales and fulfillment of orders are facilitated through McKinney Main Street. Visit McKinney funded production of a second order of 500 shirts. Sales have been strong. Proceeds will be available, through a grant process, for businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19. Funds generated to date are approximately \$20,000

FY 20 Grants

The second cycle for Project Grants opened March 1st. Applications were accepted through March 31st at 5:00 p.m.

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)

Project grant applications received, and under review to determine eligibility for funding, are:

20-05	Parks Foundation – storage facility and tools	\$5,924.89
20-06	Hugs Café Greenhouse – equipment and infrastructure	\$13,324.90
20-07	Historic Downtown McKinney Cultural District & Main Street - Better Block in a Box	\$66,000.00
20-08	District 121 – development of a park/pavilion within mixed-use Development at Alma and 121	\$2,040,250

Public Hearings will be conducted on the grant requests at the MCDC board meeting on April 23rd.

A Retail Development Infrastructure Grant application was received from East End Salvage Ltd. for infrastructure and site improvements, in the amount of \$25,000. A public hearing was held on the application at the February 27th meeting. Board action will be scheduled for the April 23rd board 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.

FQHC – Virginia Family Health Center. MCDC approved funding, in the amount of \$800,000 for this project in 2019. Board members were interested in learning about the number of patients served in 2019 – and the cities/locations where they live. Attached is report that provides that information for the period from March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020.