

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

July 12, 2018

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the South Multipurpose Room, Old Settler's Recreation Center, 1201 E. Louisiana Street, McKinney, Texas on July 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Vice Chairman Essie Hennie, Commissioners Kelly Buettner, Samuel Franklin, Jennifer Mott, and Stella Stevens. Absent: Chairman Randy Hubbard, Commissioner Adriana Pedraza.

Staff Present: Shirletta Best, Community Services Administrator; and Camille Smith, Community Services Coordinator.

Vice Chairman Hennie called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. after determining the presence of a quorum.

Vice Chairman Hennie called for the Consent Items. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Franklin, seconded by Commissioner Buettner, to approve the following minutes:

- 18-564** Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Meeting of May 31, 2018
- 18-565** Vice Chairman Hennie called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on the Public Hearing for FY 2018-2019 for Annual Action Plan Recommendations for Community Development Block Grant Recommendations to City Council. Administrator Best provided a summary of the FY 2018-2019 Consolidated Application Process that included CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and city funded Community Support Grants, that began February, 2018, with a non-mandatory pre application meeting. The City of McKinney receives federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The city's general fund supports the Community Support Grant. For the first time, the city consolidated two grant application cycles to an annual basis for October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. The FY 2018-2019 CDBG Grant Allocation is \$758,756. The grant allocation under the McKinney City Council is undetermined at this

time, as Council prepares for its August Board Budget Retreat meeting and staff has requested an increase. (The grant allocation in the current year is 119,700)

The Process: Applicants attended a non-required pre-application meeting; interested agencies submitted applications in April and the CGAC held two public hearings on May 9 and May 10, 2018. The CGAC deliberated May 31, 2018 at their regular meeting to prepare funding recommendations for City Council.

As required, The CDBG Annual Action Plan will have a Public Comment period from July 6th - August 6th, 2018. During the public comment period, the public can make comments at the hearing, in writing, or at the City Council Public Hearing on August 6, 2018. If the city receives any written comments, it will be inserted in the final draft that will go to HUD after August 15, 2018. HUD will provide final approval of the plan in late November. For the Community Support Grant under the city's General Fund, funding will not be approved until the city's entire budget adheres to an additional series of public hearings under City Council, where the budget is anticipated in September, 2018 for an effective date of October

Funding benefits programs including Public Services, Housing Rehabilitation and Grant Administration. As the public also requested updates about transportation, Ms. Best introduced Transit Administrator, Anthony Cao to provide updates.

Administrator Cao advised that he oversees the Collin County transit program, which is a subsidized taxi-voucher program for residents of Celina, Lowry Crossing, Melissa, McKinney and Princeton. Administrator Cao explained that older adults 65 and older, disabled and low-income individuals, apply for the program, are qualified and receive a reloadable debit card. Every dollar a resident puts in out of

pocket, will be matched 3 to 1. For example, if Jane Doe decides to put in \$25, we will match that with \$75, for a total of \$100 to use for taxi service for anywhere in Collin County. We don't restrict trips, they can use to go to the doctor, grocery store or senior center. Hours of service are Monday through Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday's from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Administrator Best concluded, thanked the Community Grants Advisory Commission for volunteering in the process, and thanked the organizations who went through the application process, as well as the public.

At 6:42 p.m., Vice Chairman Hennie opened the floor for the public comment period, in reference to the organizations recommended for grant funding. Vice Chairman Hennie advised the public that the purpose of the meeting is for public comments for organizations receiving grant funding, if you would like to make a comment in reference to any of the organizations that have applied, you are welcome to make a statement or comment.

Administrator Best advised tonight's public hearing is specifically for the CDBG funding recommendations by the Commissioners and CDBG city administered programs. They include::

Community Lifeline – emergency financial assistance for those at-risk of being homeless, to receive utility or rental assistance; Communities in Schools – educational funding to assist Caldwell Elementary students; Hope's Door New Beginning Center – funds to assist abused spouses; The Salvation Army, McKinney Corps – emergency assistance, homeless prevention program; CASA of Collin County – assist abused or neglected children with court appointed volunteers; Meals on Wheels of Collin County – deliver meals to McKinney residents aged 62 and older; Samaritan Inn – assist with case management services for shelter residents; the city's Housing Rehabilitation program – to assist single

family residents with emergency, major or minor repairs; the city's Community and Economic Development Program that supports eligible commercial rehabilitation, infrastructure and other activities; and grant administration, for required monitoring and statutory program management requirements.

As requested, Ms. Best announced the recommended Community Support Grant agencies under the City Council public hearing late September or October, after approval of the city's general fund: The Boys and Girls Clubs of Collin County; Community Health Clinic; Community Lifeline for Non-SNAP supplies; The Family Place to help abused and neglected families; Journey of Hope; Veteran's Center of N. TX; Meals on Wheels of Collin County for Senior Safety Net program, Habitat for Humanity of Collin County; TX Muslim Women's Foundation; and Wellness Center for Older Adults.

Citizen Questions/Comments: McKinney Resident, Angela Woods, asked if there was a cap on how many (agencies) could be funded; how many will be funded and would recommendations (presented to City Council) be funded. Administrator Best responded if Council approves the recommendations presented, it is likely the agencies would be funded for the Community Support Grant; Ms. Best restated the CDBG Application Process, whereby City Council approves the Annual Action Plan – which includes funding recommendations, and HUD gives final approval of the Annual Action Plan.

Ms. Woods also asked if funding approvals are based on the budget received by the city, and if it (the budget) is just divided amongst those that are determined approved, or is it based on their request. Administrator Best responded recommendations are based on varied factors, including and agency's application requests. She further stated funds are always limited under both grant resources, but agencies also can seek and have leveraged resources where they can go. Not all

agencies are funded; however, if the city is not recommended, city staff provides support when possible, to research other funding, or advocate for them with letters of recommendation for other grants - whether it's MEDC or MCDC, other grants outside the city.

McKinney resident Silvia Escamilla, advised that she had help from CDBG in previous years and is grateful and very blessed for what she has now. She also advocates for the program to help other residents in the community.

Board Comments: Commissioner Buetter stated that it's an honor to do this. It's not easy, as we have to make some hard decisions, but it's an honor to serve. Commissioner Stevens thanked the agencies for all the hard work, they are vital to the community. Vice Chair Hennie stated that she has learned a whole lot from many of the organizations that have presented before the Commission. The agencies truly are a service to the community, we thank you on their behalf.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Buettner, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

ESSIE HENNIE
Vice Chairman