



TITLE: Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider/Discuss/Act on an Application Submitted by Hugs Café, Inc. (#20-06) in the Amount of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Four and 90/100 Dollars (\$13,324.90) for the Purchase and Installation of Greenhouse Heaters, Electrical Infrastructure and Misters. Amount Requested Represents 33.88% of Total Project Cost.

COUNCIL GOAL: Enhance the Quality of Life in McKinney
Direction for Strategic and Economic Growth

MEETING DATE: May 28, 2020

DEPARTMENT: McKinney Community Development Corporation

CONTACT: Cindy Schneible, President

ITEM SUMMARY:

- McKinney Community Development Corporation will conduct a public hearing on a project grant application submitted by Hugs Café Inc. for the purchase and installation of electrical infrastructure and equipment for Hugs Greenhouse.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- MCDC has allocated \$1,563,985 to fund community projects eligible for consideration under sections 501 to 505 of the Texas Local Government Code in FY 20.
- The mission of Hugs Café Inc. is to enhance the lives of adults with special needs through training and employment.
- Hugs' goal is to provide a place of competitively-paid training and employment for adults with special needs - that teach valuable skills and provide an ability-conscious career pathway.
- Hugs Greenhouse recognizes food service may not be for every person or every ability and has created a business enterprise that trains and educates adults with

special needs on gardening, retail sales and provides a revenue stream for the organization.

- The Greenhouse project proposal is for the investment of heating and final propagation infrastructure for two greenhouses.
- Hugs self-financed and began construction of the greenhouses which were completed in 2019. Funding of this application will allow the project to be completely finished.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- The request is eligible for MCDC consideration under Section 505.152 of the Texas Local Government Code - Projects Related to Recreational or Community Facilities.
- The project will support development of a business enterprise for Hugs Café and training opportunities for the community served by Hugs.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

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