

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

MAY 16, 2024

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 222 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas on May 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Schmitz called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. upon determining a quorum was present. Commissioners Present: DeAndre Hinton, Silvia Escamilla, Aaron Schmitz, Tammy Chewe, and Nicholas Dangerfield.

Absent: Dwan Marshall, Chris Thornton.

These Staff and City Council Members were present: Councilwomen Dr. Gere Feltus, Community Services Administrator Shirletta Best, Community Services Coordinator Camille Smith, and Administrative Specialist Lupe Armijo.

Beyond the presence of the presenters, no members of the public were present in the audience.

24-1541 Vice-Chair Aaron Schmitz opened the Public Hearing to Consider McKinney Consolidated Grant Funding Requests for FY 2024-2025. Ms. Best stated that presenters will be called in turn to present. Following each presentation, Commissioners will have a chance to ask questions. Applications for Consolidated Grants proposals presented were as follows: Assistance League, represented by Charlotte Grimm, requested \$8,000 to help fund Operation School Bell. The agency Brain Injury Network (BIND), represented by Tara Longley, requested \$33,699 for the BIND clubhouse Member Program. Common Good Medical fka Hope Clinic, represented by Vicki Northcutt, made a request of \$10,000 for their primary care program. Habitat for Humanity of Collin County represented by interim CEO Sam Lawrence, \$30,000 for neighborhood revitalization – home repair coordinator. The agency, Journey of Hope, represented by Kerri Newman, requested \$20,000 for their bereavement support program (Grief Counseling). New Jerusalem Baptist Church, represented by Pastor Deborah Bradford, requested \$119,059 for the Community Project Youth Care.

Rosa es Rojo, represented by Aide Granados, requested \$11,000 to support services under The Rojo Way Program, which is a wellness, and prevention for Hispanic women. The Texas Muslim Women's Foundation, represented by Valley Reed, requested \$10,000 to support the Peace in the Home Domestic Violence program for any McKinney women who needs services. Trusted World, represented by CEO Michael Garrett, submitted a request for \$30,000 for basic needs services program to McKinney residents facing situational poverty. The Assistance Center of Collin County, represented by Stephanie Robinson, requested \$75,000 to help fund its Rental Assistance program for McKinney residents. Communities in Schools of the Dallas Region, represented by CEO Adam Powell, requested \$50,000 to provide academic and counseling support services for elementary students & their families at Caldwell Elementary.

Family Promise of Collin County, represented by Executive Director Aubrey Pi, requested \$30,000 for their sustainable independence program (SIP). The agency God's Pantry, represented by staff members Jeanna Davis and Sylvia Martinez, presented a request of \$6,690 to help fund the food pantry. Hope Restored Missions, represented by Tamara Monroe, requested \$40,000 for their Bridge to Hope program. Metro Relief, represented by Director Charles Leavitt, requested \$27,747 for its Mobile Street Outreach Program to assist unhoused residents. The Veteran's Center of Collin County represented by Anna-Marie Welch, requested \$25,000 for the Veteran's Emergency Assistance Program (VEAP). Upwards Inc, dba Wee Care, was represented by Melanie Favre, and requested \$96,000 for their BOOST program, an economic development microenterprise program to assist low-income home childcare owners. Lastly, Meals on Wheels of Collin County, represented by Ebony Underwood and Jake Griffin, requested \$50,000 for the agency's home-delivered meals program for senior citizens.

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Ms. Best presented a final overview of the Consolidated Grants Application process for all agency applicants and an overview of city-administered programs. The Community Grants Advisory Commission will deliberate in June to agree upon agency funding recommendations to the City Council. The City Council will conduct a public hearing for each grant program in August 2024 and September 2024, respectively. The anticipated total funding pool for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public services program is \$136,862 and the estimated funding pool under the Community Support Grant Program is \$259,000. For public record, it was also announced the City of McKinney is eligible for receiving a new funding resource through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a participating jurisdiction (PJ) under the HOME program. The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides formula grants to states and localities, designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. HOME funds are awarded annually as formula grants to participating jurisdictions (PJs). The program's flexibility may include uses for direct loans, loan guarantees, rental assistance, or security deposits.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Nicholas Dangerfield, seconded by Commissioner Tammy Chewe, to close the public hearing to Consider McKinney Consolidated Grant Funding Requests for FY 2024-2025.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Nicholas Dangerfield and seconded by Commissioner Tammy Chewe, to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

SIGNED:

DWAN MARSHALL, CGAC Chair
AARON SCHMITZ, CGAC Vice Chair