



THE BEACON PROJECT
AT MANEGAIT



ManeGait is called to shine brighter and serve more!

The Need:

- Address growing **waitlist of 400+** (double capacity)
- Expand as a **Knowledge Center**
- Grow as a **Community Center**
- Serve the McKinney community for the next **50+ years!**

Annual Impact of The Beacon Project

Community Center

- 4,000 Event Attendees
- 1,200 Adult Volunteers
- 800 Student Volunteers
- 500 Corporate / Service Orgs.

Equine Therapy & Brain-Building Center

- 750 Family Members
- 400 Riders with Disabilities
- 50 Veteran Participants
- 40 Therapy Horses

Knowledge Center

- 375 instructors, therapists, and nonprofit professionals trained at ManeGait



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The Plan:

- 2nd Riding Arena
- Admin Building
- Brain-Building Therapy Center
- 32-Stall Barn
- 75-seat Conference Space
- Patriot's Patio
- **Community Event Plaza and Walking Trail**

Total Budget: \$10,229,746 (56% Raised)



COMMUNITY EVENT PLAZA

MCDC Grant Request:

- \$500,000
- .4-acre Community Event Plaza
- .3-mile walking trail

Includes:

- artificial turf
- concrete surround
- shade sails
- picnic tables and benches
- sensory playboards

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Community Event Plaza (cont.):

- relocating 3 mature live oaks to enhance Plaza with West sun protection - otherwise these trees would be enveloped by new buildings
- lighting, electricity, audio system
- temporary stage for smaller events
- landscaping and deconstructed granite walking trail

Designed with maximum flexibility to utilize the space



Timeline

- Jan - Mar '24 - prep work for arena construction
- Mar '24 - **site work for event plaza**, trails, and arena
- April - May '24 - new arena construction
- May '24 - Aug '24 - site work for barn and new admin building
- Sept '24 - Aug '25 - construction of new admin building and barn
- Aug - Nov '25 - **event plaza construction**, landscaping, trails, driveways

Two-Year Grant Spend
March '24 to Nov '25



Alignment with MCDC Goals

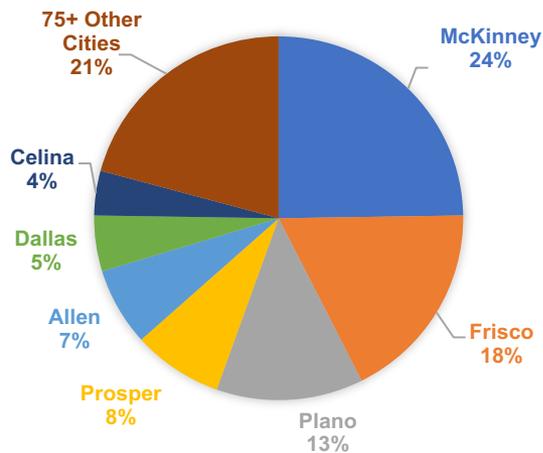
- **Sports and athletic facilities**
 - equestrian sports facility - serving youth & adults with disabilities
 - venue for Special Olympics and equestrian competitions
- **Projects related to recreational or community facilities**
 - community event plaza
 - venue for festivals, school outings, picnics, and corporate retreats
 - individual and group (corporate) volunteer opportunities
- **Public parks and open space improvements**
 - like McKinney, ManeGait is "Unique by Nature"
 - refuge for the entire community, pastoral setting (not residential/commercial)
 - open for public use during ManeGait operating hours & special events
- **Entertainment, tourist, and convention facilities.**
 - host industry workshops and conferences (national)
 - ManeGait community events (regional)
 - visitors from North Texas & all over the U.S.
 - refer guests to McKinney lodging and dining



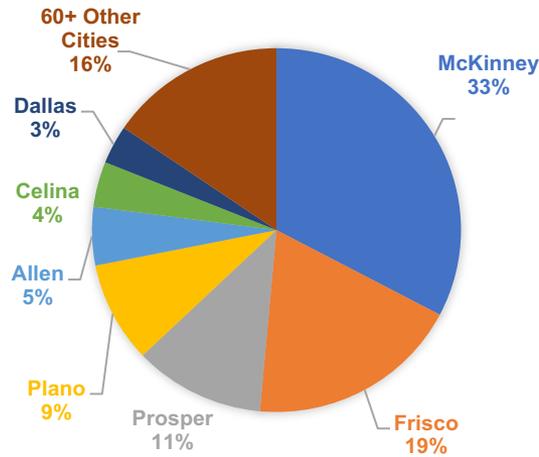
Service to the McKinney Community

- McKinney residents make up the largest population currently served

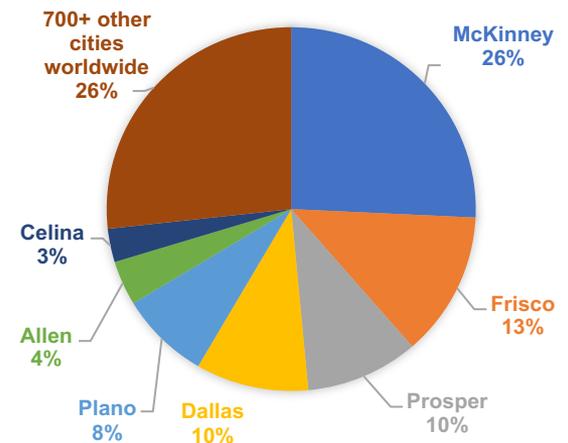
ALL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS



TOTAL MANEGAIT COMMUNITY



The Community Event Plaza will give more McKinney residents the opportunity to experience the unique beauty, nature, and peace of Manegait.



Who is supporting The Beacon Project?

- SRS Distribution / Raise the Roof Foundation (McKinney)
- Independent Financial (McKinney)
- The Mabee Foundation (Midland) - **\$1.64M Challenge Grant**
- Hillcrest Foundation (Dallas)
- The Meadows Foundation (Dallas)
- Amon G. Carter Foundation (Ft. Worth)
- Horizon Foundation (Plano)
- RAM Foundation (Paris)
- Town of Prosper
- 100% of ManeGait Board of Directors
- Individual donors across the U.S.

***Investment from
foundations
across Texas***



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