

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

MAY 10, 2012

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the City of McKinney Council Chambers, 222 North Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas on May 10, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

Commissioners Present: Brenda Carter, Celso Martinez, William Wehunt, Jeremiah Hammer, Myra Taylor, Kim Hubbard-Hall. Staff present included Shirletta Best, CDBG Administrator; Christine Lawton, CDBG Coordinator and Janay Tieken, Grants Administrator. Absent: Rachelle Campbell.

12-318B Continue a Public Hearing to Consider Public Comments for CDBG FY 2012-13 Funding Requests. Co-Chair Martinez resumed the Public Hearings for funding under the Community Development Block Grant

12-320 Consider/Discuss/Act on CDBG Funding Requests with the Following Agencies Presenting their Requests to the Commission (in order as listed): The first presenter of the evening was Susan Williams, Executive Director for Journey of Hope Grief Support Center. Ms. Williams stated the agency's \$5,000 fund request would allow the agency to provide no cost peer groups for children, teens, young adults and their families when there has been a death or an impending death of a loved one.

The second presenters were Teresa Keenan, Jennifer Patten and Linda Goodman, City House, Inc. Ms. Patten stated the agency's \$19,635 fund request would allow the agency to expand the length of time they could serve runaway and homeless youth ages 10-17 in their emergency shelter from 21 days to approximately three months. The agency also requested in a second proposal funding in the amount of \$15,336 for their transitional living program to serve youth ages 16-21. Ms. Goodman stated that the Transitional Living in Preparation for Success (TRIPS) program serves homeless youth for up to 18 months either residentially or non-residentially.

Mr. Dale McEowen, Medical Case Manager, Health Services of North Texas was the next presenter. Mr. McEowen stated the \$6,500

fund request will provide mental health services to 15 McKinney residents living with HIV/AIDS.

The next presenter was Paul Hoffmann, Executive, Dental Health Programs, Inc. dba Community Dental Care. Mr. Hoffmann stated the \$20,000 fund request will allow low income McKinney children, teens and seniors to receive comprehensive dental care at the McKinney Dental Center.

Susan Etheridge, Executive Director, CASA of Collin County was the next presenter. Ms. Etheridge gave a brief overview of the organization and stated the \$15,000 funding request would be used for training of volunteers. Ms. Etheridge further stated the training program is one of the most important aspects of the agency's programs in addition to the direct advocacy and services provided for abused children in the foster care system.

The next presenter was Empress Drane, Recreation Supervisor, Old Settlers Recreation Center. Ms. Drane stated the \$18,221.40 fund request is for the Teen Leadership & Community Service Initiative. The program would partner with Municipal Courts, local businesses and civic leaders, to provide skill development and community service opportunities for at-risk low-moderate McKinney teens.

The next presenter was Kelly Vaughan, Director of Development, Hope's Door, Inc. Ms. Vaughan stated the \$10,000 fund request would be used for domestic violence intervention services for McKinney residents. The program would provide a continuum of care that assists victims of domestic violence to recover from abuse and establish lifestyles free from abuse.

Sandra Duncan, Board of Directors, Family Promise of Collin County, presented and gave a brief overview of the organization and stated the agency's request of \$5,598 would fund the partial salary of a part time case manager.

The last presenter was Shirletta Best, CDBG Administrator with the City of McKinney. Ms. Best explained the \$157,129 CDBG allocation increase received by the City bringing the total amount of funds allocated to the city to \$668,386. Funding would be used for Grants Administration, Public Services, Non-Public Services and Housing Activities.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commission Brenda Carter, seconded by Commissioner Myra Taylor, to close the public hearings

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Jeremiah Hammer, seconded by Commissioner Myra Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

CELSO MARTINEZ
Co-Chairperson