

## COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**MAY 9, 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 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Board Chair Dwan Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. upon determining a quorum.

Commissioners Present: DeAndre Hinton, Chair Dwan Marshall, Silvia Escamilla, Vice-Chair Aaron Schmitz, Tammy Chew, Nicholas Dangerfield

Absent: Chris Thornton

These Staff Members were present: Community Services Administrator Shirletta Best, Community Services Coordinator Camille Smith, and Administrative Specialist Lupe Armijo.

There were 0 members of the public present in the audience.

**24-1532** Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Meeting of February 22, 2024. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Aaron Schmitz, seconded by Commissioner Nicholas Dangerfield, to approve and refer minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Meeting of February 22, 2024.

**24-1533** Edith Ruiz with City Secretary Office to give the Update on 2024 McKinney Board & Commission Member Appointments. There are two (2) members that have reached their maximum status to serve on the Commission and one (1) member that is eligible for reappointment.

**24-1534** Chairperson Marshall opened the Public Hearing on applications for the FY 2023-2024 Opioid Settlement Fund. The only agency to apply was Grace to Change. Executive Director Shannon White presented and requested \$41,000 to help with food and opioid case management. There was a motion made by Commissioner Chew to close this Public Hearing, all were in favor.

**24-1535** Chairperson Marshall opened the Public Hearing to Consider McKinney Consolidated Grant Funding Requests for FY 2024-2025. Shirletta Best gave instructions to the presenters; each will be called in turn and have up to five minutes to present. Following each presentation, Commissioners will have time to ask questions.

Applicants for Consolidated Grants proposals presented were as follows:

Janet Smith gave a presentation on behalf of All Community Outreach, with a request of \$30,000 for emergency assistance to support vulnerable McKinney residents with basic needs and rental assistance.

Catholic Charities' request was presented by Steve Wurm, in the amount of \$150,000 for Operation School Bell, to support families with supplies and clothing. Community Lifeline Center's request was presented by Michael Schwerin for two programs: The Mobile Food Program, with a request of \$40,000 and the agency's emergency rental and utility assistance program called, One Month Away.

Commissioner Schmitz recused himself prior to the presentation for CASA of Collin County, due to a registered potential conflict of interest. The agency's request was represented by CEO Tricia Clifton for \$50,000 to train and support court-appointed volunteer advocates for abused and neglected children. The agency, Emmanuel Labor, was represented by Paul Ballesteros; the agency submitted a request for \$13,000 to support the M.E.O.W.S (McKinney Emergency Overnight Warming Station) program. Family Gateway was represented by CEO, Ellen Magnis, who requested \$197,025 to help fund the agency's Rapid Rehousing Program, to assist unhoused residents. Hope's Door, an organization that assists residents affected by domestic violence, was represented by CEO Christina Coultas, with a request of \$30,000 to help support their domestic violence program.

The Wellness Center for Older Adults is being represented by Joy Hinkelman, Executive Director, with a request of \$15,000 for their senior

citizens' preventive healthcare program. My Possibilities was presented by Brenda Rozinsky, who requested \$14,036.27 for therapy services support for special needs residents. Samaritan Inn, Inc. was presented by Heather Molsbee, who requested \$90,250 for the agency's transitional homeless shelter and supportive services program.

The Community Grants Advisory Commission also hears presentations on City administered programs that do not require recommendation as they are ongoing. Shirletta Best presented the three city-administered programs under the Community Support Grant (CSG): The LIFT (Landlord Individual & Family Tenant Program), will continue to assist residents, including voucher holders, to encourage ability to rent with limited security deposit assistance and encourage landlord participation. The Emergency Water Utility Assistance Program (EWUA) will continue to assist eligible low-income residents to pay fully or a portion of their utility billing to avoid household impact due to cut-offs. The Community Development Block Grant requires the city to provide program summaries on ongoing or amended programs: Mrs. Best summarized program requirements and discussed the Housing Rehabilitation Program, a city-wide program benefiting income eligible owner-occupied single-family homes with small, emergency, or major rehabilitation. The city also has the Grant Administration program, which is used for subrecipient training, monitoring, citizen engagement and other requirements to support federal requirements.

In summary, Ms. Best also presented overview of the Consolidated Grants Application process: Under agency recommendation resources, the total anticipated funding pool is \$136,862 for the CDBG Public Services program and estimated total funding pool of \$259,000 for CSG program. 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.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Dangerfield and seconded by Commissioner Chewe to close out the Public Hearing to Consider McKinney Consolidated Grant Funding Requests for FY 2024-2025. The second night of the Public Hearing to funding requests is scheduled for May 16, 2024.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Vice-Chair Schmitz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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DWAN MARSHALL, CGAC Chair  
AARON SCHMITZ, CGAC Vice Chair