

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

MAY 14, 2025

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 401 E. Virginia Street, McKinney, Texas on May 14, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Board Chair Aaron Schmitz called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. upon determining a quorum.

Commissioners Present: Silvia Escamilla, Aaron Schmitz, Tammy Chew, Nicholas Dangerfield, Andrea Harvey-Rogers, Eniola Campbell, and Barbara Kelly.

Absent: Sally Riche

These Staff and City Council Members were present: Community Services Administrator Shirletta Best, Community Services Coordinator Camille Smith.

The presenters were the only public in attendance.

25-2766 Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Meeting of April 24, 2025. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Dangerfield, seconded by Commissioner Chew, to approve and refer the minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Meeting of April 24, 2025.

25-2767 Chairman Schmitz opened the FY 2025-2026 Public Hearings, Consolidated Grants Application Process. Shirletta Best gave instructions to the presenters: each will be called in turn and have up to three minutes to present. Following each presentation, Commissioners will have time to ask questions.

Applications for Consolidated Grants proposals presented were as follows: Janet Smith gave a presentation on behalf of Allen Community Outreach DBA as All Community Outreach, with a request of \$30,000 for emergency assistance to support vulnerable McKinney residents with basic needs and rental assistance. Charlotte Grimm gave a presentation on behalf of the Assistance League of Greater Collin County, with a request for \$10,000 to help fund Operation School Bell. The agency

Brain Injury Network (BIND), represented by Diana Diaz, requested \$23,715 for BIND clubhouse Member Program. Boys and Girls Clubs of Collin County were represented by Shawn Wills and requested \$45,000 to help their Academic Success Public Services program. Catholic Charities' request was represented by Steve Wurm, in the amount of \$25,000 for Community Health Clinic. Common Good Medical, represented by Daniel Moreno, made a request for \$10,000 for their primary care program. Community Food Pantry was presented by Melody Krill for two programs; the first one was for a request of \$47,776 for their food pantry to help with operational expenses to better serve. The second one was for a request of \$500,000 for their McKinney building for customer experience improvements through site remodel. Commissioner Harvey-Rogers recused herself prior to the presentation for Community Lifeline Center, due to a registered potential conflict of interest. Wendy McMullen gave presentations on behalf of two programs: The Mobile Food Program, with a request for \$50,000 and One Month Away, with a request for \$61,000 for the agency's emergency rental and utility assistance program. Chair Schmitz recused himself prior to the presentation for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Collin County, due to a registered potential conflict of interest. The agency's request was represented by Jessica Dunn for \$55,000 to train and support court-appointed volunteer advocates for abused and neglected children. Hope Restored Missions was presented by Tamara Monroe and Melvin Randle. They are requesting \$80,000 for their Bridge to Hope program. Hope's Door New Beginnings Center, an organization that assists residents affected by domestic violence, was represented by CEO Cristina Coultas, with a request for \$30,000 to help support their domestic violence program (REACH). Lastly, Housing Connector, represented by Van Parker requested \$75,000 to assist residents through the Housing for all program:

The program seeks to work with McKinney landlords and property owners, to reduce the apartment application screening criteria, to allow for residents' approval, who find barriers to housing in these six areas: rental history, eviction history, credit score, use of subsidy/voucher, income to rent ratio, and/or legal system history.

The Commission does not provide recommendations for city-administered programs, however the city provides information for point of information and transparency. 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: Ms. Best summarized program requirements and discussed the city's 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 an overview of the Consolidated Grants Application process: Under agency recommendation resources, the total anticipated funding pool is \$136,098 for the CDBG Public Services program and estimated total funding pool of \$330,000 for CSG program. The Community Grants Advisory Commission will deliberate in June to agree to agency funding recommendations to the City Council. Ms. Best also briefed the Commission about the Consolidated Plan process for 2025-

2029, of which the recommendations will be under the first year, along with the City's CDBG funds and HOME Investment Program funds. The program will use funds for Tenant Based Rental Assistance.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Harvey-Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Chewe, to close out the Public Hearing to Consider McKinney Consolidated Grant Funding Requests for FY 2025-2026. The second night of the Public Hearing to funding requests is scheduled for May 15, 2025.

SIGNED:

AARON SCHMITZ, CGAC Chair
TAMMY CHEWE, CGAC Vice Chair