

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

APRIL 20, 2023

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 222 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas on April 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Todd Burton, Vice-Chairperson Lent Keeler, Aaron Schmitz, DeAndre Hinton, Dwan Marshall, Chris Thornton, Silvia Escamilla.

Absent: Chairperson Jennifer Mott

Staff Present: Community Services Administrator Shirletta Best, Community Services Coordinator Camille Smith, Administrative Assistant Lupe Armijo, and City Secretary Empress Drane.

23-0283 Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Meeting of February 23, 2023. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Burton, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to approve and refer the Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Meeting of February 23, 2023.

23-0284 Update on 2023 McKinney Board & Commission Member Appointments was given by City Secretary Empress Drane. She told the board that deadline date to apply is June 16; interview dates are from July – August; and addressed changes that were made for this board, which are that max term limit is 2 terms. Terms will be from October 2024 – September 2025.

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23-0285 Consider/Discuss Consolidated Grants 2023-24 Grant Review Schedule and Training, Administrator Best spoke about process and timeline under the 2023-2024 Consolidated Grants Application Process. A Grant Reviewer Participation sheet was handed out to each member to review. She reviewed again the procedures and notice requirements regarding potential or actual conflicts of interest from previous training sessions. The next set of scheduled meetings will be held on May 10th & 11th (Public Hearings); eligible organizations that met application requirements will come and give presentations. At the end of May, the Commissioners will meet to deliberate and determine proposed funding recommendations to present to City Council in August and September for the program year, effective October 1, 2023.

23-0286 Consider/Discuss Program Updates: Community Development Block Grant, Community Support Grant, Community Services Programs, Administrator Best informed the board about upcoming events and programming. She stated the month of April is the City's Housing Community Development Month, in concert with National Community Development Association's CD Week (April 9-14, 2023) and National Fair Housing Month. This month, the Housing and Community Development Department held a proclamation with the Mayor; hosted the North Texas Neighborhood Conference through the Neighborhood Services division, and the Department hosted the 2nd Community

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Connections Fair at Old Settler's Recreation Center, with over 25 nonprofit agencies and 8 city departments or agencies in participation. The events will expand next year in celebration of the national 50th Anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant. When asked about the funding under the Consolidated Grants program for next year, Ms. Best indicated that overall, the CDBG funding increased and the Department has submitted a supplemental recommendation to increase support to the Community Support Grant, pending budget review.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Aaron Schmitz, seconded by Commissioner Burton, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Mott
Chairperson

Lent Keeler
Vice-Chairperson