

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

MAY 11, 2023

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 222 N. Tennessee St., McKinney, Texas on Thursday May 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Todd Burton, Vice-Chairperson Lent Keeler, Chairperson Jennifer Mott, Aaron Schmitz, DeAndre Hinton, Dwan Marshall.

Absent: Chris Thornton, Silvia Escamilla

Staff Present: Community Service Administrator Shirletta Best, Community Service Coordinator Camille Smith.

23-0361 Chairperson Jennifer Mott opened the Public Hearing to Consider McKinney Consolidated Grant Funding Requests for FY 2023-2024. Mrs. Best stated that presenters will be called in turn to present. Following each presentation, commissioners will have a chance to ask questions. Applications for Consolidated Grants proposals presented were as follows:

Assistance League, represented by Charlotte Grimm. They are requesting \$5,000 to assist with the operational school bell program.

Commissioner Aaron Schmitz recused himself prior to Hope's Door being represented by Christina Coultas. They are seeking \$35,00 to assist with salary / benefits for counselor.

Trusted World, represented by Michael Garrett. They are requesting \$23,400 to assist in salaries / benefits for various staff.

Veteran's Center of North Texas, represented by Kyle Gleichman. They are seeking \$20,000 for support services.

Assistance Center of Collin County, represented by Oly Salas. They are requesting \$35,000 for financial assistance.

Communities in School, represented by Adam Powell is requesting \$50,000 to support salary / benefits for campus site staff.

Community Lifeline – One Month Away, represented by Michael Schwerin is requesting \$40,000 for direct assistance for this program.

Community Lifeline – Food Program, represented by Michael Schwerin is requesting \$20,000 to support food assistance.

Hope Restored Missions, represented by Tamara Monroe. They are requesting \$20,000 to help support Bridge to Hope Homeless Program Services.

Shiloh Place, represented by Eppy Thern are seeking \$18,000 to assist with salary / benefits for program manager.

TX Muslim Women's Foundation, represented by Valley Reed are requesting \$10,000 to assist with salary / benefits for various staff.

Salvation Army, represented by Cristina Drozdovschi, they are requesting \$31,000 to assist with salary for staff and food pantry.

Lastly, are Habitat for Humanity and I Project Destiny, which no one was present on their behalf. However, Habitat for Humanity is requesting \$20,000 to assist with salaries / benefits for staff. I Project Destiny is requesting \$10,000 to assist with their mentorship program.

Mrs. Best presented the next three city-administered programs under the Community Support Grant: The LIFT – Landlord Individual & Family Tenant Program, will continue to 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. City of McKinney – Legal Protection, a pilot program, that will have partnership with legal aid, fair housing, evictions and titles. City of McKinney – Consolidate Grants for FY/PY 2023-2024 is \$144,165 for CDBG and \$175,00 for CSG. Mrs. Best also gave a summary of CDBG city-administered activities proposed to continue: The Housing Rehabilitation Program, a city-wide program benefiting income eligible owner-occupied single-family homes with small, emergency, or major rehabilitation. Ms. Best presented a final

overview of the Consolidated Grants Application process. Administrator Shirletta Best noted that participants presented for consideration under Community Support Grants (CSG) and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) were recommended, not required, to present to be considered for a grant award. 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 2023 and September 2023 respectively.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by commissioner Dwan Marshall, second by commissioner DeAndre Hinton, to approve closing the Public Hearing to Consider McKinney Consolidated Grant Funding Requests for FY 2023-2024.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Vice-Chairperson Lent Keeler, seconded by commissioner Dwan Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Jennifer Mott
Chairperson

Lent Keeler
Vice-Chairperson