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**TITLE:** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Project Grant Application Submitted by McKinney Parks Foundation (4B24-06) in an Amount of Up to Two Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Nine and NO/100 Dollars (\$233,499.00) for Construction of a Learning Garden Located at MCDC-Owned Property at 704 Greenville Road in McKinney, Texas. This request represents 49% of the Total Project Cost.

**COUNCIL GOAL:** 5: Enhance the Quality of Life in McKinney  
5D: Develop sustainable quality of life improvements within the City of McKinney.

**MEETING DATE:** May 23, 2024

**DEPARTMENT:** McKinney Community Development Corporation

**CONTACT:** Cindy Schneible, President

**ITEM SUMMARY:**

- McKinney Community Development Corporation will conduct a public hearing on a project grant application submitted by McKinney Parks Foundation for the construction of the East McKinney Learning Garden located on MCDC-owned property.
- The garden will feature raised garden beds, potting benches, a harvest wash area, teaching station, and storage.
- Led and maintained by volunteers, the garden will host gardening classes led by chefs, farmers, gardeners and community leaders.
- Food produced at the garden will be donated to local agencies including Community Garden Kitchen, La Tiendita, Hugs Café, and the East McKinney Farmers Market.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- MCDC entered a land lease agreement with McKinney Parks Foundation in January 2024.
- The McKinney Parks Foundation has been in existence since 2017 and has three main functions: organizing volunteers to help with parks projects;

encourage resident engagement in park activities and programs; provide a structure for organizing educational opportunities about the natural environment.

- MPF is recognized as the Trail Steward organization for the Community Center nature Trail and has put in more than 100 volunteer hours to restore, manage and expand the trail.
- MPF coordinates teams of volunteers to work on park projects such maintenance of hike and bike trails, building nature trails, upkeep of parks and open spaces and adding amenities.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:**

- Funds allocated for FY24 for discretionary Project Grants is \$2,335,904, and \$1,835,904 in discretionary funds remain.
- The request is eligible for MCDC consideration under Section 505.152 of the Texas Local Government Code.
- McKinney Parks Foundation most recently received MCDC funding in FY23 in an amount of \$25,000 and \$15,600 in FY 22 for trail maintenance equipment.

**SUPPORTING MATERIALS:**

- Application Packet
- Presentation

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