

22-0378



TITLE: Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider/Discuss/Act on a Project Grant Application Submitted by Hugs Cafe (#22-08) in the Amount of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight and 93/100 Dollars (\$14,158.93) for Upgrades to a Greenhouse Structure to Include Benchtops and Irrigation to Accommodate Increased Wholesale Business, Expand Propagation Inventory and Improve Driveway and Grounds. Amount Represents 100% of Total Project Cost.

COUNCIL GOAL: Enhance the Quality of Life in McKinney
(5E) Develop sustainable quality of life improvements within the City of McKinney

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2022

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 Hugs Café Inc. to upgrade one of their greenhouse structures to include benchtops and irrigation to assist in accommodating an increased wholesale business and to expand their propagation inventory. Improvement to driveway and grounds is included in the request.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The mission of Hugs Café Inc. is to enhance the lives of adults with special needs through training and employment.
- Hugs Café and Hugs Greenhouse has a goal is to provide a place of competitively-paid training and employment for adults with special needs - that teach valuable skills and provide an ability-conscious career pathway.

- Hugs Greenhouse recognizes food service may not be for every person or every ability and has created a business enterprise that trains and educates adults with special needs on gardening, retail sales and provides a revenue stream for the organization.
- The Greenhouse project proposal is for the investment of heating and final propagation infrastructure for two greenhouses.
- Hugs self-financed and began construction of the greenhouses which were completed in 2019. Funding of this application will allow the project to be completely finished.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- Funds allocated for FY22 for discretionary Project Grants is \$1,749,025, and \$1,395,679.02 remain.
- The request is eligible for MCDC consideration under Section 501.152 of the Texas Local Government Code - definition of “project.”
- The project will support expanding and enhancing development of Hugs Café business enterprise.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

- Application Packet
- Presentation

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