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TITLE: Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider/Discuss/Act on a Project Grant Application (#23-04), Submitted by McKinney Roots in the Amount of Twenty-Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars ($22,000.00), for the Construction of a Chicken Coop Which Will Allow for Tripling Current Egg Production. Amount Requested Represents 36% of 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: January 26, 2023

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 Roots for the construction of a chicken coop in an amount of $22,000.
- This new chicken coop will allow McKinney Roots to triple its egg production.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- McKinney Roots is a food donation garden located on a 5-acre lot in McKinney.
- McKinney Roots added egg production to the operation in 2021.
- The mission is to supply fresh produce to the food insecure by growing and distributing it to local nonprofits, schools and churches to alleviate hunger with healthful, nutrient-dense food.
- McKinney Roots was founded in 2017 to address the issues of increasing poverty, hunger and food insecurity in Collin County.
- Crop production currently takes place on one of the five acres - there is room to expand the operation.
- McKinney Roots has partnered with Salvation Army, Community Lifeline Center, McKinney Little Free Pantry and other organizations to distribute 12,000 pounds of honey and fresh produce.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- Funds allocated for MCDC discretionary Project Grants for FY23 totaled $2,177,223.

- In FY 2021, MCDC awarded $15,000.00 to McKinney Roots for the construction of a hydroponic greenhouse.

- The request is eligible for MCDC consideration under Section 505.151 of the Texas Local Government Code.

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