



## City of McKinney News Release

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### McKinney Community Development Corporation Awards \$6.7 million in grant funding

McKINNEY, Texas (Dec. 22, 2016) – 2016 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the McKinney Community Development Corporation (MCDC). In the last 20 years, MCDC has awarded grant funds totaling \$124,177,931.00 to a broad range of organizations, from the Parks and Recreation department to city community, recreational, convention and tourist facilities and community service organizations that enhance quality of life in our city through projects and events that support business development and tourism and showcase our city. This year, MCDC has announced grant awards totaling \$6.7 million for initiatives and activities.

Following submission of the grant applications, MCDC board members reviewed the requests for funding and heard presentations from each of the applicants describing the impact of their proposed programs on the local community.

"Local shopping and dining enables MCDC to make a direct impact in the community. The one-half cent sales tax generated from local shopping and dining is allocated to the MCDC and is awarded to project and promotional grants that enhance quality of life and support tourism and business development in McKinney," said Kurt Kuehn, MCDC Board Chair.

Listed below are the Project Grants awarded by McKinney Community Development Corporation during the 2015—16 fiscal year, totaling \$6.6 million:

- Pecan Grove Cemetery – *Road resurfacing and construction.*  
Funding Amount: \$127,698
- Heard Natural Science Museum – *Exhibit building modifications, electrical and equipment requirements for Magic Planet.*  
Funding Amount: \$50,000
- Armed Services Memorial Board – *Gold Star Families monument site work and installation at Veteran's Memorial Park.*  
Funding Amount: \$145,000
- Heritage Guild of Collin County
  - *Bevel House, Chapel and Pavilion repairs and upgrades.*  
Funding Amount: \$62,000
  - *Dulaney Cottage improvements.*  
Funding Amount: \$50,000
  - *Dulaney House improvements.*  
Funding Amount: \$175,000
- Heard Natural Science Museum – *Dinosaurs Live exhibit equipment, infrastructure improvements and construction.*  
Funding Amount: \$50,000
- McKinney Rotary Foundation – *All-abilities playground located at Bonnie Wenk Park.*  
Funding Amount: \$200,000
- Collin County Historical Society and Museum – *Equipment to facilitate self-guided tours.*  
Funding Amount: \$6,968.20

- North Collin County Habitat for Humanity – *Land acquisition, surveys, lot preparation and exterior house repairs through the neighborhood revitalization program.*  
Funding Amount: \$251,000
- Frisco ISD Neighborhood Park adjacent to Scott Elementary.  
Funding Amount: \$500,000
- McKinney Community Center – *Upgrades for ADA Compliance.*  
Funding Amount: \$470,000
- Gabe Nesbitt Community Park – *Parking and road improvements adjacent to the Apex Centre.*  
Funding Amount: \$1,500,000
- The Courts at McKinney – *Expansion of tennis facility.*  
Funding Amount: \$3,000,000
- Parks Master Plan Update.  
Funding Amount: \$30,000

Listed below are the Promotional and Community Grants awarded by McKinney Community Development Corporation during the 2015—16 fiscal year, totaling \$100,000:

- 3e McKinney – *Run for Cover* – 1k walk; 5 and 10k runs.  
Funding Amount: \$3,000
- Crape Myrtle Trails of McKinney – *Crape Myrtle Trails of McKinney Fun Run and Festival.*  
Funding Amount: \$3,000
- Embrace Waiting Children – *Fairways for Families Golf Marathon and 5k.*  
Funding Amount: \$2,000
- Heard Natural Science Museum – *Texas Heritage Festival.*  
Funding Amount: \$2,500
- Heritage Guild of Collin County – *2016 Historic McKinney Farmers Market and 2016 Killis Melton Ice Cream Crank-off.*  
Funding Amount: \$6,500
- Kiwanis Club of McKinney – *Historic McKinney Triathlon.*  
Funding Amount: \$3,000
- ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship – *Gaitapalooza.*  
Funding Amount: \$4,000
- McKinney Main Street – *Arts in Bloom.*  
Funding Amount: \$12,000
- Smiles Charity – *Smiles Charity Concert.*  
Funding Amount: \$5,000
- The WERX Foundation, Inc. – *Start-up Local Competition; Innovate McKinney; Innovate Her Competition; Hot Tech Chili Cook-off.*  
Funding Amount: \$9,000
- Holy Family School – *Believe Run McKinney 5k, 10k and 1-mile fun run.*  
Funding Amount: \$5,500
- St. Peter's Episcopal and Community Lifeline Center – *Empty Bowls 2017.*  
Funding Amount: \$7,500
- Especially Needed – *Fall Carnival and Resource Fair.*  
Funding Amount: \$7,000
- McKinney Main Street – *Oktoberfest.*  
Funding Amount: \$15,000
- Arts and Music Guild – *McKinney Art Studio Tour.*  
Funding Amount: \$5,000
- North Collin County Habitat for Humanity – *ReStore Monster Mash Birthday Bash.*  
Funding Amount: \$4,000
- McKinney Rotary Club Foundation – *Parade of Lights.*  
Funding Amount: \$6,000

To learn more about any of the project or promotional and community event grants, visit [www.mckinneycdc.org](http://www.mckinneycdc.org). Additionally, email Cindy Schneible, [cschneible@mckinneycdc.org](mailto:cschneible@mckinneycdc.org), to request a copy of guidelines and application forms.

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### **About McKinney Community Development Corporation**

MCDC is an organization with a mission to promote and preserve quality of life in McKinney, TX. The corporation was established in 1996 when voters approved a one-half cent sales tax to be used to support community and economic development projects that enhance quality of life in McKinney. For more information about MCDC, please visit [www.mckinneycdc.org](http://www.mckinneycdc.org).

### **About McKinney**

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of more than 162,000. The city was #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America in 2014, published by *Money* Magazine. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city's website at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).

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