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McKinney Community Development Corporation Awards project grant funding

McKINNEY, Texas (Sept. 6, 2017) – The McKinney Community Development Corporation (MCDC) has announced grant awards totaling nearly \$6,400,000 for project grants for community, cultural and economic development projects that maintain and enhance the quality of life in McKinney.

MCDC receives revenue from a half-cent sales tax and is guided by a City Council-appointed board of seven McKinney residents.

Each year, MCDC accepts grant applications for projects eligible for consideration for approval under the parameters of the Texas Local Government Code. Following submission of the grant applications, MCDC board members conduct a public hearing on the requests with presentations by each of the applicants describing the impact of proposed programs on the community. Applicants address questions, and the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed projects.

“We are excited to be able to grant funds for projects that positively impact quality of life in our city and benefit McKinney families and visitors to our community,” said Kurt Kuehn, MCDC Board Chairman.

Listed below are the grants awarded by McKinney Community Development Corporation at its August board meeting.

- City of McKinney Department of Parks and Recreation was approved for \$5,500,000 for Parks Capital Improvement Projects that include: \$1,250,000 for Phase IV improvements to Finch Park; \$1,000,000 for hike and bike trail expansion; \$500,000 for Phase I of Gray Branch Park; \$500,000 for restroom renovation at Al Ruschhaupt Soccer Complex; \$1,500,000 for expansion of the Senior Recreation Center; \$500,000 for land acquisition and \$250,000 for park accessibility projects.
- North Collin County Habitat for Humanity was approved for \$331,072 for land acquisition and lot preparation for the construction of low income housing, exterior repair to 15 low income housing homes, and material costs for construction of a MISD/North Texas Job Corp. Project Home.
- McKinney Housing Authority was approved for \$500,000 for rehabilitation and reconstruction and expansion of Merritt McGowan Manor.
- Heritage Guild of Collin County was approved for \$65,000 for repairs to the Taylor Inn and the campus-wide irrigation system at Chestnut Square.

To learn more about any of the project or promotional and community event grants, visit www.mckinneycdc.org. Additionally, email Cindy Schneible, 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.

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 168,000. 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.

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