



**City of McKinney News Release**  
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## **McKinney Community Development Corporation awards \$14.1 million in grant funding**

McKINNEY, Texas (Feb. 12, 2018) – For more than 20 years, the McKinney Community Development Corporation (MCDC) has awarded grant funds totaling more than \$138 million to a broad range of organizations, that include the City of McKinney's Parks and Recreation Department, various recreational, community, convention and tourist facilities and community service organizations that enhance quality of life in McKinney. In fiscal year 2016-17, MCDC approved grant awards totaling more than \$14.1 million for projects, initiatives and activities.

MCDC receives one-half cent sales tax generated from local shopping and dining. These funds are then invested back into the community through project and promotional grants that support the McKinney community and business development.

"The members of the McKinney Community Development Corporation board of directors want to ensure we maximize the use and benefit of McKinney's half cent sales tax dollars to sustain and enhance the quality of life in McKinney. We are excited to contribute to these projects and events that are making McKinney an even greater community through their initiatives," said Kurt Kuehn, MCDC Board Chair.

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

Listed below are the Project Grants awarded by MCDC during the 2016-17 fiscal year, totaling \$14 million.

- McKinney Main Street – *Polaris Gem*.  
Funding Amount: \$25,000
- McKinney Housing Authority – *Rehabilitation, reconstruction and expansion of Merritt McGowan Manor*.  
Funding Amount: \$500,000
- Armed Services Memorial Board – *Gold Star Families monument site work and installation at Veteran's Memorial Park*.  
Funding Amount: \$20,000 (brings total project funding to \$165,000)
- Heritage Guild of Collin County – *Repairs to Taylor Inn and campus-wide irrigation system*  
Funding Amount: \$65,000.
- McKinney Rotary Foundation – *All-abilities playground located at Bonnie Wenk Park*.  
Funding Amount: \$75,000 (brings total project funding to \$275,000);
- Collin County Historical Society and Museum – *Display cases*.  
Funding Amount: \$7,062
- North Collin County Habitat for Humanity – *Land acquisition and lot preparation; exterior home repairs; material costs for MISD/North Texas Job Corp project home*.  
Funding Amount: \$331,072

- Frisco ISD – *Neighborhood park adjacent to Scott Elementary.*  
Funding Amount: \$825,000
- Prosper ISD – *Neighborhood park adjacent to Hughes Elementary.*  
Funding Amount: \$705,000
- City of McKinney – *McKinney hike and bike trails.*  
Funding Amount: \$480,000
- City of McKinney – *Gray Branch Phase I.*  
Funding Amount: \$770,000
- City of McKinney – *Land acquisition.*  
Funding Amount: \$2,270,000
- City of McKinney – *Parks accessibility/ADA Compliance Plan.*  
Funding Amount: \$250,000
- City of McKinney – *Erwin Park Phase I.*  
Funding Amount: \$200,000
- City of McKinney – *Dr. Pepper StarCenter expansion.*  
Funding Amount: \$3,500,000
- City of McKinney/McKinney National Airport – *FBO Improvements, Parking, Hangar Construction.*  
Funding Amount: \$4,000,000

Listed below are the events that received Promotional and Community Grants from MCDC during the 2016-17 fiscal year. The total awarded was \$100,000:

- 3e McKinney – *Run for Cover 1K walk; 5K and 10K runs.*
- Crape Myrtle Trails of McKinney – *Crape Myrtle Trails of McKinney Fun Run and Festival.*
- Collin County Historical Society – *WWI Centennial Commemoration.*
- Embrace Texas – *Child to Family event.*
- Heritage Guild of Collin County – *2017 Historic McKinney Farmers Market, Killis Melton Ice Cream Crank-off and Tour de Coup, Ghost Walk and Holiday Home Tour.*
- Kiwanis Club of McKinney – *Historic McKinney Triathlon and Kids Triathlon.*
- Texas Artists/DEAR Texas - *McKinney Book Festival.*
- McKinney Main Street – *Arts in Bloom.*
- Mission Regan – *Golf event*
- Collin County Master Gardeners – *2018 Garden Show.*
- Heard Craig House – *Art Meets Floral.*
- Volunteer McKinney – *Santa on the Square.*
- McKinney Main Street – *Oktoberfest.*
- Arts and Music Guild – *McKinney Art Studio Tour.*
- North Collin County Habitat for Humanity – *ReStore Monster Mash Birthday Bash.*
- McKinney Rotary Club Foundation – *Parade of Lights.*

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 180,000. 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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