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**City of Bowie
Community Outreach Committee
Awards 2018-19 Grants**

The Community Outreach Committee (COC) advises the City Council on matters pertaining to human needs and resources in the community. Each year the Committee awards grants to support programs related to their mission. This year the following grants were awarded:

1. “Take Charge Pride Basketball Program” - This program is designed to produce scholar-athletes through consistent engagement of value-centered basketball activities. Four (4) hours per week on the basketball court learning teamwork and leadership skills. Two (2) hours per week being tutored and two (2) hours per month participating in community outreach activities in the City of Bowie. The coaching and classroom work will be performed at Ernest Just Middle School. Twenty four (24) to thirty (30) 8th and 9th graders will take part, and must be residents of Bowie.
2. “Morganizing for Change” - This program is designed to engage children ages 5 to 10, helping them to understand non-profits, community service and philanthropy by identifying causes they are passionate about and supporting them in community service and philanthropy mini-projects. A successful pilot program is being expanded to accommodate 12 children. Activities will be either at the YMCA or the Kenhill Center.
3. “Don’t Fall for Anything”- This program is designed for seniors to help them prevent falls. Falls are the leading cause of injury death for seniors 65 and over. This program will offer a series of 6 week training sessions in strategies and exercises to prevent falls. Based on the amount of funding available, we have authorized training for a maximum of 55 participants. This training will take place at the City of Bowie Senior Center.

Additional information about registering for all of these programs as well as registration information will be available on the Community Outreach Committee section of the City webpage as it becomes available.