



Type B Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Beautification Grant Policy

1. Purpose and Objectives

The Beautification Grant Program aims to enhance the aesthetic appeal of commercial and public areas within the community. By supporting beautification efforts, this program seeks to create a more attractive environment for businesses, residents, and visitors, thereby fostering economic growth and improving quality of life.

2. Compliance with State Laws

This policy adheres to the Texas Local Government Code (Chapters 501, 502, and 505), which govern Type B EDCs and outline permissible projects funded by sales tax revenue. All projects must comply with these regulations, ensuring that beautification efforts align with state guidelines and support the community's economic goals.

3. Eligible Projects and Applicants

- Eligible Projects:

- Façade improvements, including exterior painting, brickwork, and other structural enhancements.
- Landscaping efforts, such as the addition of trees, plants, or green spaces.
- Signage improvements, including business signs or wayfinding signs that contribute to area aesthetics.
- Installation of benches, planters, lighting, or other street furniture that enhances public spaces.
- Murals or public art installations that improve visual appeal.

- Eligible Applicants:

- Local businesses and property owners within designated areas of the community.
- Non-profit organizations dedicated to community improvement.
- Public agencies undertaking beautification projects with a clear community benefit.

4. Funding Parameters

- Grant Amounts: Grants will range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$20,000 per project, depending on the scope and impact of the proposed beautification effort.





- Matching Requirement: Applicants are required to contribute at least 50% of the project's total cost. This match can be in cash or in-kind contributions, such as labor or materials.
- Disbursement Schedule: Funds will be disbursed according to the achievement of project milestones, with up to 50% released at the start and the remaining 50% upon project completion and verification.

5. Application and Approval Process

- Application Submission: Interested applicants must submit a completed application form, including:
 - Detailed project description and goals.
 - Timeline for project completion.
 - Budget, specifying the requested grant amount and other funding sources.
 - Anticipated community impact, including any potential economic or quality-of-life benefits.
- Review Process: Applications will be initially reviewed by EDC staff for completeness and alignment with program goals. Qualifying applications will be presented to the EDC board for final evaluation and approval.
- Approval Authority: The EDC board holds final authority to approve or deny applications. In certain cases, projects may also require city council approval, depending on the scope of the funding and community impact.

6. Monitoring and Compliance

- Performance Agreement: Approved applicants must enter into a Performance Agreement with the EDC, specifying project timelines, performance metrics, and reporting obligations. Failure to meet these targets may result in the termination of funding and a requirement to repay funds.
- Progress Reporting: Recipients must provide quarterly updates on project status and expenditures. A final report is required upon project completion.
- Site Inspections: The EDC reserves the right to conduct site visits to verify project progress and compliance with grant terms.

7. Program Transparency and Accountability

- Public Awareness: The EDC will promote the Beautification Grant Program and its outcomes to the public through press releases, social media, and community forums.





- Record-Keeping: Detailed records of applications, approvals, disbursements, project completions, and compliance will be maintained for program accountability and evaluation purposes.

8. Program Review and Updates

The Beautification Grant Program will be reviewed every three years to assess its effectiveness and alignment with community needs. Feedback from grant recipients, community members, and stakeholders will inform any necessary updates or improvements to the program guidelines.

9. Certification of Compliance

All applicants must certify compliance with Chapter 2264 of the Texas Government Code, affirming that they do not knowingly employ undocumented workers.





Performance Agreement

This Performance Agreement, effective as of _____, is entered into by and between the Daingerfield Type B Economic Development Corporation (Type B EDC) and _____ [Applicant/Organization Name].

I. Purpose of the Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to outline the terms and conditions for the [Project Name], which aims to enhance the community's aesthetic and economic appeal. The project aligns with the Type B EDC Beautification Grant Program objectives, including improving the quality of life and fostering economic growth.

II. Project Overview

Project Description:

[Provide a detailed description of the project, including its scope, goals, and aesthetic/economic benefits].

Project Timeline:

- **Start Date:** _____
- **Expected Completion Date:** _____

III. Performance Metrics and Deliverables

To retain Type B EDC funding, the project must meet the following performance targets:

1. Aesthetic Enhancements:

- [Specify the beautification measures, such as façade improvements, landscaping, or public art installations].

2. Public Benefit:

- [Detail measurable benefits, e.g., increased foot traffic, enhanced property values, or improved public spaces].

3. Matching Contributions:

- [Applicant Name] agrees to contribute at least 50% of the total project cost in cash or in-kind contributions.





4. **Project Completion:**

- Achieve all milestones by the specified completion date.

IV. **Funding Terms**

Total Grant Amount: \$ _____

Disbursement Schedule:

- Up to 50% of the grant amount will be disbursed at project initiation.
- The remaining 50% will be released upon successful completion and verification of all performance metrics.

V. **Monitoring and Compliance**

1. **Progress Reporting:**

- Submit quarterly progress reports, including updates on milestones and financial expenditures.

2. **Site Inspections:**

- Type B EDC staff may conduct site visits to assess project progress and ensure compliance.

3. **Final Report:**

- Submit a final report detailing project outcomes, including visual documentation and a financial summary.

VI. **Non-Compliance and Remedies**

If [Applicant Name] fails to meet the Agreement's terms, the Type B EDC may:

- Terminate this Agreement.
- Require repayment of disbursed funds.
- Pursue additional legal remedies as necessary.

VII. **Certification of Compliance**

[Applicant Name] certifies compliance with Chapter 2264 of the Texas Government Code, affirming that the organization does not knowingly employ undocumented workers.





VIII. Amendments to the Agreement

This Agreement may be amended only through a written document signed by both parties.

IX. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Texas and is solely performable in Morris County. Any disputes will be resolved through mediation before pursuing legal action.

X. Term of Agreement

This Agreement remains in effect from [Start Date] to [End Date], or until all performance metrics are verified as met.

Signatures

Applicant Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Type B EDC Representative Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

