



Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) Texas Capital Fund – Economic Development Planning (EDP) Pilot

The Texas Capital Fund – Economic Development Planning (EDP) is a pilot program to provide eligible communities with financial assistance to prepare a strategic plan, redevelopment plan, or similar plan for economic development opportunities in the community. If the pilot program is successful, additional funding may be made available to implement CDBG-eligible economic development projects identified in the plan. Potential economic development projects include, but are not limited to, projects that create & retain businesses owned by community members, address slum & blight, and create LMI jobs.

TCF- EDP Program Objective

A TCF-EDP project must develop a strategic plan that provides the grant recipient with a detailed assessment of current and long-term community needs, proposes business recruitment and expansion strategies, and identifies potential projects to support sustainable economic growth.

Funding Available

- Award amount: Up to \$30,000
- Awarded on a first-come first-served basis (TDA estimates 3 grants to be awarded)
- Planning contract length: 1 year, starting September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020

Eligible Applicants

Non-entitlement communities (units of general local government) that meet one of the following criteria are eligible for a TCF-EDP award:

- Incorporated cities with populations between 2,500 and 30,000 persons, which are not part of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA);
- Non-entitlement counties with populations less than 200,000 persons in the non-metropolitan areas in the county and are not part of an MSA.

Application Process

Applications shall be received, reviewed, and funded on a first-come first-served basis. Performance on previous TxCDBG grants and feasibility shall be considered prior to approval of award.

Complete applications must be received by TDA no later than **July 1, 2019 at 5:00PM CT.**

A submitted application must address the following items:

- Current need for strategic plan;
- Economic development projects or strategies recently considered;

TDA highly recommends beginning the selection process for planning services through the competitive procurement process outlined in Chapter 5 of the TxCDBG Implementation Manual. Procurement should be complete prior to beginning work on any planning activities.

Contact Information

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