



## **Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) Fire, Ambulance, & Services Truck (FAST) Fund**

The Fire, Ambulance, & Services Truck (FAST) Fund provides funds for eligible vehicles to provide emergency response and special services to rural communities.

Application Submittal      FAST Fund Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m. C.T. on June 13, 2019

### **Eligible Vehicles**

Eligible vehicles must serve primarily low- to moderate-income residential areas. Eligible vehicle types include:

- Fire Trucks (most types);
- Ambulances and similar emergency medical vehicles;
- Jaws of Life and similar rescue equipment; and/or
- Rescue boats and similar specialized emergency vehicles.

Ineligible vehicles include:

- Police cars and other vehicles used primarily by law enforcement;
- Vehicles that do not address a specific public safety requirement; or
- Vehicles used primarily for the general conduct of government; or
- Supplies (e.g., restocking equipment or vehicle components are not eligible).

### **Eligible Applicants**

Non-entitlement communities (units of general local government) are eligible for a FAST award.

- Non-entitlement cities are located predominately in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000 persons.
- Non-entitlement counties are predominately rural in nature and generally have fewer than 200,000 persons in the non-entitlement cities and unincorporated areas.
- Eligible applicants may partner with other organizations, including districts or non-profit service providers, to submit applications that will provide benefit within the jurisdiction.

### **Funding Available**

- Funds available: estimated \$8M (all CDBG funds nearing federal expiration date)
- Maximum Request: \$500,000
- Match Funds: minimum \$5,000 match



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### **Application Process**

Step 1: Identify local needs

- Does your community require additional vehicles to provide adequate service?
- Does your existing vehicle need to be replaced?

Step 2: Select application preparer (and grant administrator, if funded)

- Use the Pre-Qualified/Approved Vendor list and streamlined Procurement process
- [http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant\(CDBG\)/PrequalifiedProfessionalServices.aspx](http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/PrequalifiedProfessionalServices.aspx)

Step 3: Determine benefit area for the vehicle/equipment and eligibility

- Will the vehicle serve a specific area of the community?
- Will 2019 LMISD data or a survey of the community support the low- to –moderate income requirement?

*Note: HUD revised LMISD data is effective April 1, 2019; prior LMISD data will not be accepted*

Step 4: Prepare application

- Must include a quote (no more than 90 days prior to submission) or procurement documentation with pre-agreement (see application guide for more details)
- Public hearing (may be held jointly with hearing for other TxCDBG fund categories)

### **Scoring Criteria**

Applications will be scored and ranked based on:

- Poverty Rate of applicant (cities compared to cities and counties compared to counties)
- Previous Funding
- Past Performance see 2019-2020 CD Fund - State scoring factors and timeframe
- Tie-Breaker, Per Capita Income (cities compared to cities and counties compared to counties)

### **Contact Information**

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