

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

For Main Street Communities through
The Texas Department of Agriculture



2020 OPPORTUNITY



Texas Department of Agriculture offers yearly a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for Rural Economic Development in Main Street Programs.



For 2020, the grant has been increased from last year's max of \$300,000.



This year, Main Street communities can apply for a minimum of \$50,000 and a max of \$500,000.



Applications are due on September 1st.



APPLICATION CONSIDERATION

To apply, we would need support from Hamilton EDC, City Council, local businesses, and public hearings.

If the project includes TxDOT right-of-ways on Highways 36 and 281, we will also need TxDOT approval.



MATCH FUNDING REQUIRED

- The provided funds must be matched with a minimum of 3.5% of the requested grant amount in the form of cash from the city.
- We would be obligated to pay 50% of the contract funds at 12 months.
- At 24 months, we would be required to have the construction complete with the final draw submitted at 24 months.

Leverage/Match (Minimum Required: 3.5%)	
At least 5% of TxCDBG Request	5 Points
At least 10% of TxCDBG Request	10 Points
At least 15% of TxCDBG Request	15 Points



EXAMPLE MATCH FUNDING AT \$500,000

Match Percentage	Total Points Awarded	2 Yearly Incremental Payments	Total Amount
3.5%	0 Points	\$8,750	\$17,500
5%	5 Points	\$12,500	\$25,000
10%	10 Points	\$25,000	\$50,000
15%	15 Points	\$37,500	\$75,000



TDA POINT SYSTEM (PAGE 1 OF 3)

- Texas Department of Agriculture determines awards through a point system, which considers the following (based on the most recently available American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate):

Poverty Rate		Median Household Income	
Meets or Exceeds State Average	5 Points	Lower than/Equal to State Median Household Income	5 Points
115% of the State Average	10 Points	85% of State Median Household Income	10 Points
Unemployment Rate		Sidewalks and ADA Compliance	
Meets or Exceeds State Unemployment Rate	5 Points	50% or more of the funds will be used for sidewalk and/or ADA compliance	5 Points
Economic Development		Community Organization Support	
City has passed local economic development tax	5 Points	At least 1 letter of support describing the project and how it enhances historic assets	5 Points



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Leverage/Match (Minimum Required: 3.5%)		Previous Funding	
At least 5% of TxCDBG Request	5 Points	Received 1 DRP/MS award in previous 2 fund cycles	8 Points
At least 10% of TxCDBG Request	10 Points	Received 0 DRP/MS award in previous 2 fund cycles	15 Points
At least 15% of TxCDBG Request	15 Points	Received 2 DRP/MS award in previous 2 fund cycles	0 Points



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Benefit to Low- to-Moderate Income Population		Application Completeness	
City LMI was greater than 51% in 2019	10 Points	Application is fully complete	10 Points
Main Street Application Scoring Criteria		Two (2) points are lost per occurrence of inconsistency, lack of clarity, and exclusion of estimated linear footage.	-2 Points Per Instance
1 Point allotted for every calendar year of continuous participation in Main Street	10 Points		



TIMELINE AND FEASIBILITY

Project
Timeline

We would have 24 months to complete the project.

Application
Timeline

TDA advised we have time to apply, especially if we hire an administrator, which TDA has outlined specific steps for procurement.

Current
Phase

The Hamilton Historic Main Street Advisory Board formed an evaluation team on June 24th to procure Requests for Proposals and begin the review process.



ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible projects are areas deemed by the city as a blighted area and qualify within the eligible allowances of the awarded funds:

- Sidewalks and lighting
- Activities required to eliminate architectural barriers for the disabled
- Water lines, storage and pumping facilities, and related items
- Sewer lines, lift stations, and related items
- Road construction/renovation, to include curb and gutter and related drainage
- Natural gas lines and related items
- Electric power lines and transformers
- Utilities including natural gas, and electric
- High-speed internet infrastructure, with prior approval from TDA
- Award administration
- Demolition and clearance activity of non-residential structures



INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Grant or otherwise transfer TxCDBG monies to a business
- Speculation, investment or excess improvements over the minimum improvements needed for the area
- Building rehabilitation, building construction, machinery, equipment, or working capital
- Landscaping, benches, ornamental signs or trash cans
- Operation & maintenance activities, such as re-stripping or sealcoating
- Refinancing or to repay the applicant, a local related economic development entity, a benefiting business or its owners and related parties for expenditures
- Demolition of a historic building and/or housing units
- Parking facilities and parking lots



ESTIMATED SCOPE OF PROJECT

If we choose to apply the grant towards sidewalks,
here's some TDA estimations:

\$500,000:
Estimated 1,000 linear feet
of 4 in sidewalks

A 2018 award of \$300,000:
800 linear feet of sidewalk
with brick pavers, lights, curbs, and gutters



ESTIMATED SCOPE OF PROJECT

Our Downtown Square Sidewalks Estimated Measurements

Location	Width	Length	Height
North Side	12 feet	315 feet	4 inches
East Side	12 feet	323 feet	4 inches
West Side	12 feet (Plus 10 in step)	322 feet	30 inches
South Side	12 feet (Plus 10 in step)	318 feet	30 inches
McMullen project	12 feet (Plus 10 in step)	137 feet (181 ft left)	30 inches
<i>Estimated Total Sidewalk Length:</i>		1,278 feet	
<i>Estimated Total Minus McMullen Project:</i>		1,141 feet	



TDA EXAMPLES OF SLUM AND BLIGHT





TDA EXAMPLE OF SLUM AND BLIGHT CONTINUED



<https://texasagriculture.gov/Portals/0/Publications/RED/CDBG/DRP-MS/2018%20TCF%20MS-DRP-SMRF%20Application%20Workshop.pdf>



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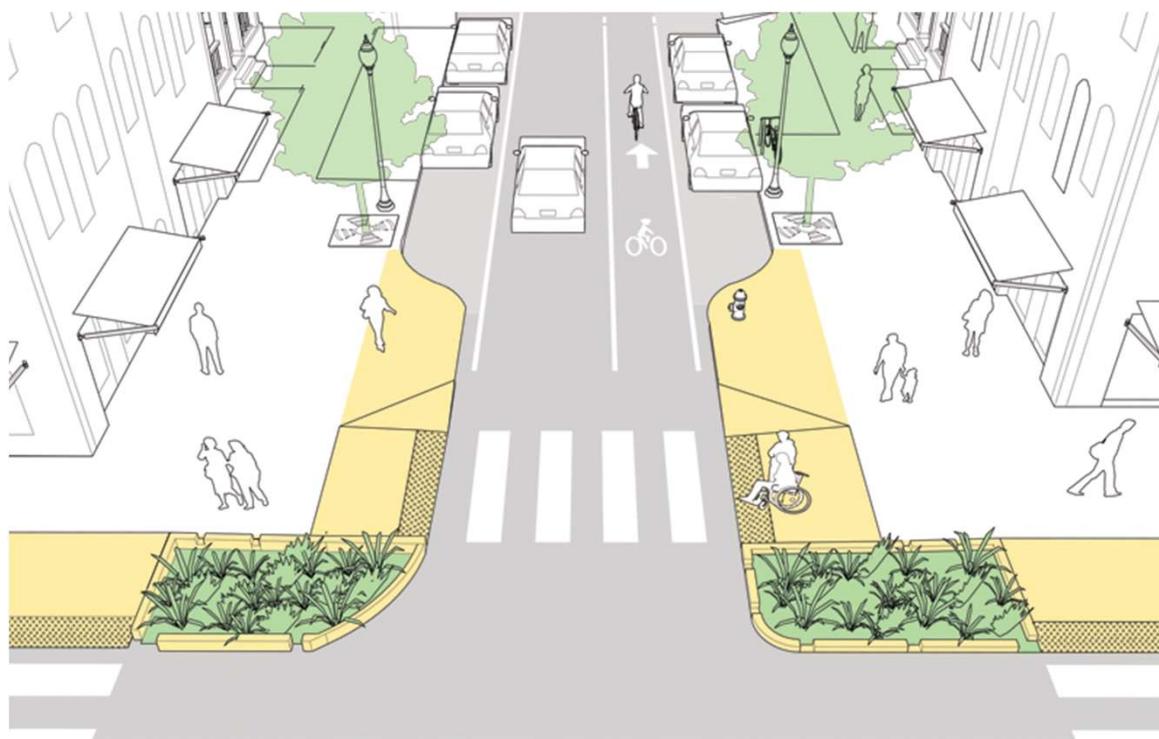
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GATEWAY AND CURB EXTENSIONS



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GATEWAY EXAMPLE



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CURB EXTENSION EXAMPLE



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PINCH POINT ELEMENTS



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TEXAS MAIN STREET DOWNTOWN PLANNING



Landscape/Furniture Zone

Pedestrian Zone

Frontage Zone

<http://www.txms-resourcelibrary.org>



PARIS, TEXAS IMPROVEMENTS PROVIDED BY TEXAS MAIN STREET



<http://www.txms-resourcelibrary.org/blog/2016/main-street-design-travels?rq=sidewalk>



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For more information, the grant opportunity guide and application is available here:

<https://texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant%28CDBG%29/CDBGResources/Applications/DRPMS.aspx>

