



Application for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds

The City of Mount Vernon collects Hotel Occupancy Tax from lodging and hospitality establishments located within the city limits at a rate of 7% per night for every customer staying at the establishment for fewer than 30 days. The State of Texas permits these funds to be reinvested into community efforts at promoting tourism and/or historic preservation.

All applications submitted will be reviewed by the Mount Vernon City Council. The City Council may elect to award none, all, or some of the requested funding for each individual request. Incomplete applications will not be considered. For any information that is not relevant to your organization please place "N/A" in the space provided.

All applications must be submitted to City Hall (109 N. Kaufman St) by **12:00 PM on Wednesday, May 21, 2025**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applications will be **reviewed by the City Council Workshop at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 27, 2025**.

Organization Name	
Franklin County Historical Association	
Point of Contact	Contact Phone
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Contact Email	
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Project Name	Project Date
Dupree Park Maintenance and Repairs	2025-2026
Project Description (if necessary additional information may be attached)	
We are requesting \$17,500 for extensive fence repairs along the park, maintenance to recently cleared trails and open spaces, and general upkeep and improvements to the park. The fencing along the park's west side will need total replacement, and repairs will need to be made along additional perimeters. We recently invested over \$10,000 in trail and open space clearing that will need to be maintained as well as the walking paths. The park is open to the public 365 days a year from dawn to dusk, and in addition to hosting local and visiting wildlife enthusiasts, it is also used during school field trips and for Franklin County Library programs.	
Estimated Project Attendance	Estimated Overnight Stays in Mount Vernon
thousands of visitors throughout the year	unknown

Project Category (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention and Visitors Centers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Restoration and Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Sporting Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising the City	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourist Transportation Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> Promotion of the Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Signage Directing the Public to Sites and Attractions
Amount Requested	

By signing below, I certify that all of the following are true statements:

- All information presented in this document is accurate.
- All estimates presented in this document are reasonable and based on evidence
- The applicant understands that HOT funds are limited and funding is not guaranteed
- The applicant understands that in order to be fully compliant with uses allowable by the State of Texas, these funds must be applied to an event or project and may not be used to fund general operations of the organization.

Applicant Signature

Lauren Lewis

Applicant Printed Name

Franklin Co. Historical Association

Applicant Organization

May 23, 2025

Date of Application Submission