

TOMBALL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kelly Violette
Executive Director

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Tejas Dragon Companies, LLC

ITEM TYPE: Action

The Tomball Economic Development Corporation has received a request from Scott Moore, Owner, Tejas Dragon Companies, LLC for funding assistance through the TEDC's Old Town Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) Program for improvements to an approximately 2,280 square foot building located at 306 Market Street.

Tejas Burger Joint, currently located at 214 W. Main Street, will relocate to a larger space at 306 Market Street. The business will also undergo a rebrand and introduce a new menu concept as Wise Guys Pizza, Burgers, & Wings. This expansion is expected to create 8–12 new full-time positions and 4–6 new part-time positions.

The proposed project includes remodeling the main dining area of the existing restaurant space to incorporate a bar area for beverage service, along with booth-style seating. Eligible improvements include the installation of an exterior awning, new door, neon signage, and upgrades to electrical and plumbing systems, as well as interior painting, flooring, millwork, and cabinetry.

The goal of the TEDC's Old Town Façade Improvement Grant is to promote and assist with renovation, rehabilitation, restoration, and enhancements to commercial buildings within the Old Town Mixed Use zoning district. In accordance with the Old Town Façade Improvement Grant Program Guidelines & Criteria, the proposed performance agreement is for 50% of the eligible improvement costs, not to exceed \$40,000.00.

The project and application were reviewed and conditionally approved by the Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) Committee on February 3, 2026. While this conditional approval enables the applicant to move forward with their project and avoid significant approval delays, it does not guarantee funding. Final approval is still required from both the TEDC Board and Tomball City Council. Applicants proceed at their own risk until those approvals are secured.

Once approved, the applicant will have nine months to complete the improvements. All grants are reimbursement grants and will only be funded after completion of the project,

and after the applicant submits final paid itemized invoices/receipts for all applicable labor and materials, proof of payment, and digital photographs of the completed work.

Although this project does not create primary jobs, it does promote the development and expansion of business enterprise, which is considered a permissible project as outlined in Texas Economic Development Legislation. If this project is approved, it will go to the Tomball City Council for final approval by resolution at two separate readings.