



Business Improvement Grant (BIG) Program Information

Background

The Wolfforth EDC is implementing a Business Improvement Grant (BIG) Program to provide assistance to local businesses in improving their properties. The purpose of this program is to promote the expansion and development of new and existing business enterprises within the city of Wolfforth Texas, and to improve the appearance and visual character of the community. The EDC will provide 100% in matching funds, via reimbursement, to businesses who are seeking to improve or expand their commercial properties. The maximum grant is \$10,000 per applicant, and the minimum expenditure to be considered for the program is \$1,000. The application period for this grant will remain open until September 30th of the current fiscal year; until funding has been exhausted; or until the EDC determines that its program goals have been satisfied.

Eligibility & Consideration

In order to qualify for funding under this program, the applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- The business must be located in the corporate city limits of Wolfforth, and must be in compliance with all applicable zoning, land use, and other ordinances.
- Proof of applicant's ownership of the facility, or proof that the owner of such facility has approved the application for grant funds, shall be required.
- The applicant shall be responsible for obtaining and complying with all applicable permits related to the improvement project, and failure to do so will render the applicant ineligible to receive grant funding.
- Applicant should receive written approval of grant funding prior to starting the improvements mentioned in application. Previously completed projects are not eligible for consideration.
- All grants are reimbursement grants, and will only be funded after completion of the project in compliance with specifications approved by the EDC.
- The improvements, as presented in this application, must be completed within a twelve-month period. Failure to complete improvements and open the business establishment within the required time period is considered a default and will result in the loss of granted funds.
- The landowner must have paid all property taxes due.
- There is a limit of one grant award per twelve-month period per applicant.
- The EDC is the sole and final authority in determining project eligibility for funding.



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Program Details

All buildings and facilities located within Wolfforth when these guidelines are adopted shall be eligible for this program. However, funds will only be awarded to applicants improving a piece of property that has an existing structure in place at time of program adoption.

Rebates will be issued in the amount of 100% of actual expenditures, up to a maximum rebate of \$10,000. To be considered, an improvement project must total at least \$1,000. Improvement projects will typically consist of reconstructing or remodeling a building space (exterior and/or interior), resurfacing an outdoor parking area, and/or adding landscaping. Non-permanent fixtures, furniture, and/or décor are not eligible for reimbursement. Funding will be delivered only upon completion of the improvement project and submission of an invoice and proof of payment to the EDC for verification.

Applications for funding will be reviewed by the EDC board. During the course of its evaluation of the application, the EDC may contact the applicant in order to verify or clarify information. The applicant will then be notified, in writing, of the EDC's decision to approve or disapprove the application.

If you have questions, or for assistance with your application, please contact Danielle Sweat at the EDC (806) 855-4128 or dsweat@wolfforthtx.us

Please submit application and supporting materials to the Wolfforth Economic Development Corporation, 302 Main Street, Wolfforth, Texas.