



Not-for-Profit Assistance Application

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Organization Information

Applicant Name: *

Jon Bailey

Organization Name: *

Hope for the Cities

Organization Address: *

Street Address

200 N Ballard Avenue

Address Line 2

City

Wylie

Postal/Zip Code

75098

State/Province/Region

Texas

Country

United States

Email: *

info@hopeforthecities.com

Phone: *

972-442-2962

Federal Tax ID: *

99-3749803

Organization Operation *

Has the organization been in continuous operation for the last two years?

Yes No

Organization Status *

Is your organization a nonprofit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) corporation, in good standing with the state, and have an active board of directors in compliance with IRS Section 501(c)(3)?

Yes No

Services to Wylie citizens *

Does your organization offer services and programs that are need-based, nondiscriminatory, and provided to the citizens of the city?

Yes No

Funding Stability *

Does your organization have sufficient funding support to meet ongoing operating costs and obligations?

Yes No

City Funding Status *

Is your organization currently receiving other funding from the city?

Yes No

Requested Donation Amount: *

\$2,000.00

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Wylie citizens served *

What is the number or percentage of Wylie residents served by your organization?

80

Purpose and Accomplishments *

Briefly describe the purpose, programs, and accomplishments of the organization.

Hope for the Cities started in March 2020 in response to COVID-19 shut-downs. At the request of the Wylie ISD, we started feeding students who were out of school who rely on free and reduced lunches. Since then, we have provided over 1.3 million meals to the community. Today, we have average about 325 food boxes that we deliver directly to the home of the families we serve. Every year we provide a summer lunch program for eight weeks throughout the summer; we have a special food box service for senior adults, provide snacks to the school district for hungry students, we host the Wylie ISD Back to School Fair, and support school counselors with resources called the Campus Compassion Initiative.

Our mission is to bring hope to the homeless, hungry, and hurting.

In May 2025, we opened a Resource Center at The Cross Church Event Center. We are a place for people to come and receive financial assistance, mentoring, job training and placements, resume writing, budgeting skills, and a place for resource guidance. We partner with Hope's Door New Beginning Center who come to the Resource Center every Wednesday to be a presence in Wylie. Hope's Door New Beginnings Center serves families who are victims of domestic violence. We have seen a rise in domestic violence cases and saw an opportunity for an experienced and respected organization to partner with us to be a resource. We are also in talks with LifePath Systems who provide mental health and addiction behavior support to come to the Resource Center. We want to continue to bring the best organization in Wylie to serve the needs of the community to the best of our ability.

The Hope for the Cities Executive Director, Jon Bailey, leads the Greater Wylie Resources Connection group. The group has been meeting regularly for the past eleven years. This is a group of nonprofits, schools and colleges, city officials, faith groups and churches, civic groups, and citizens. We meet every third Tuesday of the month to network, support one another, and learn. As part of the work, the group has led the Point In Time Homeless Census for the past ten years. Jon Bailey is part of the Dallas/Collin County planning team. Another success of the group is connecting Agape Resource and Assistance Center to Wylie. We contacted Janet Collinsworth to our August 2020 meeting and invited her to bring Jericho Village to the community after hearing about their vision. This aligned with what we saw for the community, and we have been working with Janet ever since.

As part of our work in the city, we work closely with the Wylie Police Department and Wylie Fire Department in times of need for families facing an emergency. We are one of the go-toes as a resource for families who need shelter after a house fire or the family needs shelter from an abusive situation. We partner with the Wylie PD every Christmas for Operation Blue Santa by providing special Christmas meal food boxes and gifts for the families. We are also working with the Collin County Crime Victims Council to provide food boxes for families attending the Empowered event on April 25.

Jon Bailey is the Vice President of the Collin County Homeless Coalition. He represents the needs of Wylie and has been working to bring awareness to the needs in the community and connecting resources to the community.

In 2020, Hope for the Cities received \$100,000 from the City of Wylie for helping serve families in need in the community.

In 2022, Hope for the Cities received the Wylie Way Award for their service to the community through serving food.

In 2024, Hope for the Cities was awarded the Emergent Food Pantry Award from the North Texas Food Bank.

In 2025, we were awarded the Advancing Hope Aware from the North Texas Food Bank because of our wrap-around services provided through the Resource Center.

Governed and Managed *

How is the organization governed and managed?

Hope for the Cities is governed by a Board of Directors and has an Executive Director.

Geographic Service Area *

What is the geographic service area of the organization?

We serve the areas covered by Wylie ISD and Community ISD.

Intended Use of Funds *

What is the intended use of the requested donation of public funds?

Having the requested donation will enable us to continue in supporting the community through providing for their needs in an emergency. Through the Resource Center, we meet people who are at risk of losing their homes, who are hungry, in need of utilities paid, needing health resources, and have transportation needs. We plan to use the money to give families a hand up by providing relief in the crisis, mentoring them through the need, and able to quickly get back on their feet again.

Benefit to Wylie citizens *

What benefit to the citizens of Wylie (educational, economic, health, etc.) will result from the requested donation of public funds?

We provide economic assistance paired with the educational component of budget and life-skill classes, and mentoring. We also provide regular food, especially to people who don't have regular access to resources. We have also built a robust network of partners who assist with physical and mental health needs, financial assistance, transportation needs through car repairs, domestic violence support, and other like-minded organization who we work with to ensure no one slips through the cracks.

Evaluate the Use of Funds*

Explain how the organization will evaluate the results of the use of this donation of public funds.

Our mission is to give hope to the people we serve. Our goal is to see people receive help and get out of the crisis as quickly as possible. We measure success through how quickly we can get the individuals and families out of the crisis and into a place of stability. Since we are relationship based our case workers track the different cases to make sure each situation is addressed with all that is needed financially or through the right resource referral.

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Required Documents

501(c)(3) *

Please upload your organization's 501(c)(3) nonprofit status certification letter.

[HFTC Letter of Determination - IRS Tax Exempt Status Letter.pdf](#)

63.25KB

Liability Insurance *

Please upload your organization's Certificate of Liability Insurance.

[25-26 COI - City of Wylie.pdf](#)

13.62KB

Bylaws and Mission Statement *

Please upload your organization's Bylaws and Mission Statement.

[Hope for the Cities Inc Bylaws Adopted 10.5.2022.pdf](#)

452.24KB

Board of Directors, Officers, and Staff *

Please upload a list of your organization's Board of Directors, Officers, and Staff.

[List of Staff and Roles.pdf](#)

102.4KB

[Board of Directors 2026.pdf](#)

194.08KB

Audited Financial Statement/Budget *

Please upload your organization's Audited Financial Statement and/or Budget for the last two years.

[HFTC SOA 8.31.2024.pdf](#)

4.19KB

[HFTC SOA 8.31.2025.pdf](#)

4.18KB

[HFTC SOP 8.31.2024.pdf](#)

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3.25KB

IRS Form W-9

Please upload a W-9 that has been signed/dated within the previous 12 months if you have one. One will be required before a check can be issued.

[W-9 HFTC Signed 2024.pdf](#)

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Acknowledgement

I certify that:

No more than 25% of the public funds request may be for salaries; however, under unusual circumstances, exceptions may be approved by the City Council.

Funding received will not be used for social functions, parties, receptions, fund-raising benefits, refreshments, beverages, licensing fees of any kind, underwriting, investments, stocks, bonds, or any financial obligation, or interest and/or depreciation on loans, fines, penalties, or costs of litigation.

Presentations of qualified applicant requests will be made at a City Council meeting, to include a public hearing.

Donations will be based on the benefit to the public and the priorities of community outcomes.

The organization will adhere to general accounting principles as set by law. Continued compliance with these standards is a criterion for possible future donations. Submission of an end-of-year financial report to the City after the donation is granted is required as a condition of the receipt of funds.

I understand the City will not accept and/or evaluate incomplete applications. The City may require additional information/documentation/clarification.

I understand that my organization is not entitled to a donation.

I understand the City will review applications and approve donation funding on a first-come, first-served basis. The City does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or any other basis of discrimination prohibited by law.

By submitting an application under the program, the applicant consents to submitting all required or supporting documentation and information to the City and to the public disclosure of such documentation and information by the City in response to any request submitted pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act and/or other applicable law.

I certify that the information I have given is truthful and accurate to the best of my ability. Financial information provided has not been manipulated to exaggerate the financial duress of this organization. I understand that if my organization is selected to receive funding, the City will have a check ready as soon as possible.

Signature *

The signer must be an authorized agent of the organization.

Date *

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