

Dalhart Economic Development Corporation Incentive Grants Mission Statement

The goal of the DEDC Incentive Program is to encourage economic growth, development, and preservation of historic integrity. The program will increase the standard of living for all its residents through the retention, expansion, attraction, and development of primary jobs and capital investments within the City of Dalhart.

Incentive Programs

Per Local Government Code Chapter 505, Sec. 505.158. PROJECTS RELATED TO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN SMALL MUNICIPALITIES, the Dalhart EDC, as a Type B corporation authorized to be created by a municipality with a population of 20,000 or less, can fund projects found by the board of directors to promote new or expanded business development.

Recreational, Entertainment and Parks

Annual Limit \$40,000

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The DEDC recognizes the importance of improving a community's quality of life. The DEDC seeks to assist and encourage civic and business organizations to undertake projects that improve the area's quality of life. The DEDC offers a Recreational, Entertainment and Parks Grant as part of its suite of incentives. The goal for the Recreational, Entertainment and Parks Grant is to increase and develop quality of life values including health, safety, diverse recreational and cultural opportunities, a sense of community, a sense of place, and a sense of beauty.

The Dalhart EDC has designated a set amount of funds for this program and eligible projects will feature a one-time project costs incurred for the acquisition or renovation of capital, physical or tangible assets. The DEDC will reimburse the cost of the materials, installation, and permit fees up to 50% of the total projects costs and in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. All applications will be considered on a individual basis, according to available funds, and must be submitted 60 Days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting during which the applicant would like to be considered. If applications are not completed properly, they will be returned and moved to the next month's agenda or when the application is completed correctly.

All Recreational, Entertainment and Parks Grant applications must comply with the codes and ordinances of the City of Dalhart. Attendance at the meeting during which your application is considered is REQUIRED. Upon approval of a Recreational, Entertainment and Parks Grant, ONE check will be issued once all qualifying receipts have been submitted and verified.

Development projects may consist of basic outdoor recreation facilities and related support facilities to serve the public, provided that the funding of the project is in the best public interest in accord with local plans.

Plans for recreational development should be based on public needs, expected use, and the type and character of the project areas. Facilities should be attractive to the public and consistent with the natural setting and topographic limitations of the site. Recreational improvements should be designed to be harmonious with the natural environment. Emphasis should be given to public health, safety, the natural environment, barrier-free access, and the protection of recreational and community values of the area. These considerations should be part of the planning, design, and maintenance criteria for all grant-assisted areas. Development projects may consist of the complete or partial development of a public recreation area.

To qualify for an Recreational, Entertainment and Parks Grant, the project must match one or more of the following areas.

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE: Normally consist of minor work intended to mend a specific part of a facility which has become broken or otherwise inoperative, to return it to a useful state, or periodic minor work designed to merely maintain a specific part of a facility so such facility will be in a good state of maintenance and repair.

RENOVATION: Renovate is defined in terms of "to renew or make over". Work on existing facilities to completely renew, update, or modernize such facilities so the finished product will meet present-day standards and be comparable with newly constructed similar facilities is classified as renovation.

REDEVELOPMENT: Redevelop is defined in terms of “to develop again.” Redevelopment of existing park areas includes demolition of obsolete facilities and the construction of new facilities.

Examples of Eligible projects includes:

Sports fields
Boating, Fishing, and Hunting Facilities
Picnic facilities
Playgrounds
Swimming Pools
Trails
Recreational Support Facilities
Community Gardens
Basketball, Volleyball, and other sports courts
Small Amphitheaters
Small Bandstands
Rodeo Arenas
Exhibit / Interpretive Displays
Golf Courses
Landscaping using native plants

To qualify for a Recreational, Entertainment and Parks Grant, the project must:

- Receive a permit for any work as required
- Be located within the City Limits of Dalhart
- Be current on all taxes
- Must be open to the public
- Professional cost estimate or quote for the price of the Recreational, Entertainment and Parks and its installation OR other evidence of cost
- Photo(s) of the face of the LOCATION showing where the Recreational, Entertainment and Parks will be made, or where the Recreational, Entertainment and Parks will be located
- Drawing(s)/image(s)/ renderings showing the design of the Recreational, Entertainment and Park
- All construction must be done in accordance with local code
- Is within the Dalhart City Limits or contributes to expenditures in the City Limits that are subject to sales taxes
- Is consistent with promoting a positive image of Dalhart to residents and visitors alike
- Is open to all members of the public, although a fee for participation may be charged
- Has received all appropriate permits and approvals by the governing authority
- Improve aesthetics or quality of life for the City of Dalhart
- Dedicated as parkland in perpetuity, properly maintained and open to the public
- Meet existing ordinance or resolution Zoning

Applicants will be required to provide proof of compliance with City regulations as well as proof of project costs. Applicants will be required to provide all information requested in the application, as well as any additional information requested by the DEDC Board of Directors. Information that is specific to business operations and revenue will be confidential and will not be discussed in open session, insofar as the DEDC must abide by the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings and Texas Public Information Acts.

For questions regarding the application or application process, please contact: Dalhart EDC at DalhartEDC@dalharttx.gov

All information must be turned in at the same time. No additions will be allowed. If you send your application by email, all documents must be scanned in and sent with the an email.

Attach the following (REQUIRED) to the Application:

Attach letter from governing board stating approval to request funding and indicating signatory approval

Include the project budget

Include last year's organizational financial statement. If Applicable

Evidence of Insurance (Listing of policies by type and coverage amount, indicating policy end dates, or copies of certificates of insurance.)

Attach COPIES of required documents and keep originals

Quotes for eligible expenses including machinery, equipment, inventory and/or infrastructure

Capital investment to operate and life expectancy of the capital investment.

Property and sales tax revenue generated initially and over time

Future infrastructure costs to the City of Dalhart to support the capital investment

Enhancement of the community by improving accessibility and sustainability

Narrative description of the project scope

Prepare an itemized budget and basic drawings that show the proposed scope of work.

Most projects will require the services of an architect or similar design professional.

If applicable, attach the following: