

Texas Department of Agriculture  
Texas Capital Fund  
Infrastructure Development Program

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q:** What is the purpose of the Infrastructure Development Program?

**A:** The Texas Capital Fund (TCF) Infrastructure Development Program is an economic development tool designed to provide financial resources to non-entitlement communities. Funds from this program can be utilized for public infrastructure needed to assist a business that commits to create and/or retain permanent jobs, primarily for low and moderate income persons.

**Q:** Who is eligible to apply for a Texas Capital Fund Infrastructure Development Program grant?

**A:** Eligible applicants are “non-entitlement” city or county governments that do not receive direct funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Non-entitlement units of local government include cities with a population of less than 50,000 and counties with a population of less than 200,000.

**Q:** When do you accept applications for the Infrastructure Development Program?

**A:** The Texas Capital Fund Infrastructure Development Program has an open application period wherein applications received on or before the 20th of each month will be reviewed for funding based on competitive scoring factors and funding availability.

**Q:** Is the Texas Capital Fund Infrastructure Development Program a grant or a loan?

**A:** Infrastructure improvements on public property would qualify as a grant while infrastructure improvements on private property would qualify as a 0% interest loan.

**Q:** Can a community or county apply for a grant and loan at the same time?

**A:** Yes, an application request may include both infrastructure improvements on public and private property. Also, an application may include a combination of infrastructure and real estate funds for the benefiting company. However, the maximum number of infrastructure awards a city or county may receive is two per program year.

**Q:** What is the maximum amount of funds a city or county may receive?

**A:** Award amounts are based on the number of jobs created and retained. Award amounts range from \$100,000 to \$1,500,000 based on the criteria below:

Award Amounts	Maximum Cost-Per-Created-Job	Maximum Cost-Per-Retained-Job
\$750,000 or less	\$25,000	\$10,000
\$750,100-\$1,000,000	\$10,000	\$7,500
\$1,000,100-\$1,500,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

**Q:** What can the money be used for?

**A:** Public infrastructure improvements to include: water & sewer facilities/lines, pre-treatment facilities, road/street construction/improvements, natural gas line construction/improvements, electric, telephone, & fiber optic line construction/improvements, harbor/channel dredging, purchase of real estate related to public infrastructure improvements, traffic signals and signs drainage improvements, and railroad spurs.

**Q:** How are the TCF Infrastructure Development applications evaluated?

**A:** Projects are evaluated by using a scoring system based on three major criteria: community need, job impact and economic impact. Applications for each month are ranked by score and funded based on funding availability.

**Q:** Is there a maximum cost per job created or retained?

**A:** Yes. The cost per created job cannot exceed \$25,000, and the cost per retained job cannot exceed \$10,000.

**Q:** Are funds available to pay someone to do the administration of the contract?

**A:** Yes, \$25,000 to \$60,000 of grant funds may be used for administration purposes. The amount is dependant upon the amount of the award. These funds may be used to pay a city employee for time spent administering the contract or it may be used to hire an outside administrator.

**Q:** How long does a community have to complete the project?

**A:** The contract period is three years from the execution date of the contract.

**Q:** What is required to complete the project?

**A:** The new or retained jobs must be documented on the benefitting company's payroll by the end of the contract period, and any construction described in the contract must be complete and in service.

**Q:** If a community receives an award will they have a primary point of contact at the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)?

**A:** Yes. There will be a TDA representative available to provide technical assistance throughout the term of the contract. In addition, a TDA representative will conduct an on-site visit to view the project area and discuss award requirements.

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