



PALESTINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Community Development Grant Application

IMPORTANT:

- Please read the "*Palestine Community Development Grant Program Guidelines & Criteria*" prior to completing this application.
- The Grant Guidelines & Criteria and Application are available at www.palestinetexas.net; by calling 903.729.4100 or by emailing edcadmin@palestine-tx.org
- Please call to discuss your plans for submitting an application **in advance** of completing the form. Completed application and all supporting documents are required to be submitted electronically for consideration by the PEDC Board. Please submit the application to:

edcdirector@palestine-tx.org

Applications must be completed in full, using this form, and received by PEDC electronically, or in person.

Funding requested must meet the following criteria:

Project Grant

Quality of Life projects that are eligible for funding in accordance with the Type B sales tax statute (refer to examples in Grant Guidelines) and that advance the mission of PEDC.

APPLICATION

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name:

Federal Tax I.D.:

Incorporation Date:

Mailing Address:

City

ST:

Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Website:

Check One:

- ☐ Nonprofit – 501(c)(3) Attach a copy of IRS Determination Letter
☐ Governmental entity
☐ Other

Professional affiliations and organizations to which your organization belongs:

REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORIZED TO COMPLETE / SUBMIT APPLICATION:

Name:

Title:

Mailing Address:

City:

ST:

Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

DESIGNATED CONTACT FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PEDC AND ORGANIZATION:

Name:

Title:

Mailing Address:

City:

ST:

Zip:

Phone

Fax:

Email:

FUNDING

Total amount requested:

Matching Funds Available:

PROJECT

Start Date:

Completion Date:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS *(may be included as an attachment)*

LEADERSHIP STAFF *(may be included as an attachment)*

Using the outline below, provide a written narrative no longer than 5 pages in length:

I. Applying Organization

Describe the mission, strategic goals and objectives, scope of services, day to day operations and number of paid staff and volunteers.

Disclose and summarize any significant, planned organizational changes and describe their potential impact on the Project for which funds are requested.

II. Project

- Outline details of the Project for which funds are requested. Include information regarding scope, goals, objectives, target audience.
- Describe how the proposed Project fulfills strategic goals and objectives for your organization.
- Please also include planned activities, time frame/schedule, and estimated attendance and admission fees if applicable.
- Include the location for Project.
- Provide a timeline for the Project.
- Detail goals for growth/expansion in future years.

Project Grants – please complete the section below:

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| • An expansion/improvement? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • A replacement/repair? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • A multi-phase project? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • A new project? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Has a feasibility study or market analysis been completed for this proposed project? *If so, please attach a copy of the Executive Summary.*

Provide specific information to illustrate how this Project aligns with one or more of the goals and strategies adopted by Palestine Economic Development Corporation:

- Eligible for PEDC consideration under Sections 501 to 505 of the Texas Local Government Code (refer to PEDC Grant Guidelines & Criteria)
- Support cultural, sports, fitness, entertainment and community projects that attract resident and visitor participation and contribute to quality of life, business development and growth of Palestine sales tax revenue
- Highlight and promote Palestine as a unique destination for residents and visitors alike
- Meet citizen needs for quality of life improvements, business development and sustainable economic growth for residents in the City of Palestine
- Demonstrate informed financial planning – addressing long-term costs, budget consequences and sustainability of projects for which funding is requested
- Educate the community about the impact local dining and shopping has on investment in quality of life improvements in Palestine

Indicate which goal(s) listed above will be supported by the proposed Project:

Has a request for funding, for this Project, been submitted to PEDC in the past?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, list date of submittal: _____

III. Financial

- Provide an overview of the organization's financial status including the impact of this grant request on organization mission and goals.
- Please attach your budget for the current year and audited financial statements for the preceding two years. If audited financials are not available, please indicate why.

What is the estimated total cost for this Project?

\$

(Include a budget for the proposed Project)

What percentage of Project funding will be provided by the Applicant?

Are Matching Funds available? ☐ Yes

☐ No

Cash \$	Source	% of Total
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In-Kind \$	Source	% of Total
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Are other sources of funding available? *If so, please list source and amount.*

Have any other federal, state, or municipal entities or foundations been approached for funding? *If so, please list entity, date of request and amount requested.*

IV. Marketing and Outreach

Describe marketing plans and outreach strategies for your organization, for the Project for which you are requesting funding – and how they are designed to help you achieve current and future goals.

V. Metrics to Evaluate Success

Outline the metrics that will be used to evaluate success of the proposed Project. If funding is awarded, a final report will be required summarizing success in achieving objectives outlined for the event.

Acknowledgements

If funding is approved by the PEDC board of directors, Applicant will assure:

- The Project for which financial assistance is sought will be administered by or under the supervision of the applying organization;
- All funds awarded will be used exclusively for the purpose described in this application;
- PEDC will be recognized in all marketing, outreach, advertising and public relations as a funder of the Project. Specifics to be agreed upon by applicant and PEDC and included in an executed performance agreement;
- Organization's officials who have signed the application are authorized by the organization to submit the application;
- Applicant will comply with the PEDC Grant Guidelines in executing the Project for which funds were received.
- A final report detailing the success of the Project, as measured against identified metrics, will be provided to PEDC no later than 30 days following the completion of the Project.
- An Applicant may submit a request for a partial reimbursement during the course of the Project but prior to the Project's final completion. Requests for partial reimbursement received prior to final Project completion may not exceed 80% of the total approved Project grant amount. Requests for partial reimbursement submitted to the PEDC must be accompanied by copies of paid invoices/receipts and proof of payment and release of liens. Once verified, PEDC Board approval will be required before payment is delivered to the Applicant. The remaining 20% of the grant proceeds may be paid to the Applicant following the PEDC's receipt of all paid invoices/receipts, proof of

payment and release of liens; documentation of fulfillment of obligations to PEDC, including the Applicant's final report on the Project.

- The required performance agreement will contain a provision certifying that the applicant does not and will not knowingly employ an undocumented worker in accordance with Chapter 2264 of the Texas Government Code, as amended. Further, should the applicant be convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(f), the applicant will be required to repay the amount of the public subsidy provided under the agreement plus interest, at an agreed to interest rate, not later than the 120th day after the date the PEDC notifies the applicant of the violation.

We certify that all figures, facts and representations made in this application, including attachments, are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Chief Executive Officer

Representative Completing Application

Signature

Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Date

Date

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS, OR THOSE RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

CHECKLIST:

Completed Application:

- ☐ Use the form/format provided
- ☐ Organization Description
- ☐ Outline of Project; description, goals and objectives
- ☐ Indicate PEDC goal(s) that will be supported by this Project
- ☐ Project timeline and location
- ☐ Plans for marketing and outreach
- ☐ Evaluation metrics
- ☐ List of board of directors and staff

Attachments:

- ☐ Financials: organization's budget for current fiscal year; Project budget; audited financial statements
- ☐ Feasibility Study or Market Analysis if completed (Executive Summary)
- ☐ IRS Determination Letter (if applicable)

A FINAL REPORT IS TO BE PROVIDED TO PEDC WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE PROJECT COMPLETION. FINAL PAYMENT OF FUNDING AWARDED WILL BE MADE UPON RECEIPT OF FINAL REPORT. PLEASE USE THE FORM/FORMAT OUTLINED ON THE NEXT PAGE.



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Final Report

Organization:

Funding Amount:

Project:

Start Date:

Completion Date:

Location of Project:

Please include the following in your report:

- Narrative report on the Project
- Identify goals and objectives achieved
- Financial report – budget as proposed and actual expenditures, with explanations for any variance
- Samples of printed marketing and outreach materials
- Screen shots of online promotions
- Photographs, videos, etc.
- Performance against metrics outlined in application

Please submit Final Report no later than 30 days following the completion of the Project:

Palestine Economic Development Corporation
100 Willow Creek Pkwy., Suite A
Palestine, TX 75801

Attn: Christophe Trahan, Director of Economic
Development edcdirector@palestine-tx.org