

Denton County Budget Office

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Grant Memorandum

To: Commissioners Court

From: Denton County Budget Office

Date: May 3, 2012

Department/ Grant Title: Denton County Historical Commission Grant for City of Denton Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds - Grant Proposal Application for Calendar Year 2013

Grant Period: January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013 **# of Employees:** 0

Funding Year/Type: Annual Application

Funding Year	Grant Funding	County Cash Match	Addl County Funding*	Total Funding	County %	Grant %
2nd Year- FY2013- 9 months	\$18,750	\$0	\$0	\$18,750	0.00%	100.00%
2nd Year- FY2014- 3 months	\$6,250	\$0	\$0	\$6,250	0.00%	100.00%
Total	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	0.00%	100.00%

COMMENTS:

This grant application is for funding from the City of Denton Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds for the Denton County Historical Park. The Denton County Historical Commission (DCHC) is requesting to receive HOT Funds in the amount of \$25,000 for calendar year 2013. Funds are dependent upon hotel occupancy taxes being collected and are subject to reductions.

These funds will be utilized for historical restoration, repairs, supplies and equipment for the Welcome Center, Elm Ridge Church and Denton County Historical Park. This may include insulation beneath wooden floors in the Welcome Center, signage and interpretation program for the Historical Park and replacement of the deteriorated walkway in the Historical Park.

All of the buildings and structures being restored or renovated will provide either preservation programs or serve as advertisement for the tourism industry in Denton and will help draw visitors to the area. Once completed, the Welcome Center will be open to the public and used as a "Visitor Center" for the City of Denton. The Elm Ridge Church will serve as a meeting place for events such as weddings, public gatherings, meetings for organizations, etc.

HOT funds have been granted to the Courthouse-on-the-Square (CHOS) Museum since 1999; however, the responsibility for restoration of historic structures for placement in the Denton County Historical Park has recently returned to the DCHC. For the second year, funds for restoration are being requested separately by the Denton County Historical Commission and will not be included in the request submitted by the Denton County Museums. Restoration of buildings will be handled by the DCHC, but the operation of these buildings after completion will be handled by the Denton County Museums staff as recognized by HOT funds under separate grant.

The purpose of the Denton County Historical Commission is to promote historic preservation in Denton County. The DCHC is a volunteer organization whose members are appointed by the Denton County Commissioners Court. They provide for the identification, collection and preservation of historic materials through the work of committees.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding my review. Any additional questions should be directed to Roslyn Shelton of the Denton County Historical Commission.

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Grant Reviewer