



March 6, 2015

RE: City of Temple Notice of Funding Availability

The City of Temple supports the efforts of many public service agencies throughout the community. Numerous community agencies request grant funds from the City of Temple, every year. Because there are more requests than available funds, we require each agency to submit a formal application by completing the online application form, a link to the online application can be found at www.templetx.gov/grants. For fiscal year 2015/16 the City of Temple has two unique grants available to public service agencies.

The first grant opportunity is the Community Enhancement Grant (CEG). This grant is made possible by the City Council with funds from the Hotel/Motel Tax and General Funds. This grant supports organizations that provide programs and/or services within the City of Temple and are a public or private non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Agencies that apply for CEG funding and request funding of \$25,000 or greater will be required to make a brief presentation to the City Council at a work session tentatively scheduled on May 21, 2015. Agencies requesting CEG funding of less than \$25,000 have the option of making a presentation to the City Council. Agencies requesting less than \$25,000 should indicate if they desire to make a presentation in the appropriate section of the online application.

The second grant opportunity is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and is made possible by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This grant has far greater requirements for applicants, strict federal oversight and a more limited scope of allowable services. CDBG grant proposals must address an area of need that meets National Objectives as defined by HUD. The requirements are outlined, in detail, on the application, and at www.templetx.gov/grants. There are no presentations to City Council for this funding. CDBG funding may be used by grant recipients to:

- Alleviate barriers to successful employment for low and moderate income residents (e.g. access to childcare, education, work-boots);
- Provide resources for self-sufficiency for low and moderate income residents (e.g. meals on wheels); and/or
- Alleviate barriers to employment/education for low and moderate income youth

Online applications must be completed and submitted by **Friday, April 10, 2015**. Late submissions cannot be accepted. Applicants will use one application, to apply for either, or both, grant opportunities.



*A pre-application workshop will be on Friday, March 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. to provide application submittal information and answer any questions that you may have regarding the City's fiscal year 2015/16 budget process and the application process. This session will be held in the first floor conference room of City Hall, located at 2 North Main Street in Temple, suite 105. **Agencies interested in requesting funding are strongly encouraged to send a representative to this meeting.***

It is the intent of the City to provide the best quality of life for the citizens of Temple. We want to thank each of you for your continued support of this community in establishing quality programs for all of our citizens. We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Graham
City Manager