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Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for Counties

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Public Accounts

In conjunction with Local Government Code, Section 381.004, Texas Property Code, Section 74.602 authorizes the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller's office) to allocate a portion of the unclaimed capital credits received from electric cooperatives back to the counties in the cooperatives' service area.

What are unclaimed capital credits?

Electric cooperatives that have lost contact with a previous customer sometimes report capital credits to the Comptroller's office as unclaimed property. Texas law allows counties to claim a portion of unclaimed capital credits originating from their county and use them for specific programs.

How are funds divided among counties?

- Electric cooperatives report unclaimed capital credits and the county of service from which they originated.
- The amount available to each county is based on the total dollar amount of capital credits remitted by electric coops in that county per reporting year, minus anticipated claims as determined by the Comptroller's office.
- A county may or may not receive funds in a given year.

Who qualifies?

- Any county can request a portion of these funds.
- The county must follow instructions in Local Government Code, Section 381.004 to request funds.
- The commissioners court is the primary governing body and ultimate decision-making authority on the legitimacy of fund requests.

General uses of capital credits

The county commissioners court may use capital credits to develop and administer a program:*

- for state or local economic development
- for small or disadvantaged business development
- to stimulate, encourage and develop business location and commercial activity in the county
- to promote or advertise the county and its vicinity or conduct a solicitation program to attract conventions, visitors and businesses
- to improve the extent to which women and minority businesses are awarded county contracts
- to support comprehensive literacy programs that benefit county residents
- for the encouragement, promotion, improvement and application of the arts
- to support a children's advocacy center

*Review Local Government Code, Section 381.004 before starting a program.

How to request capital credits

The county judge and/or commissioners court must complete and submit the form on the back of this notice.

- The form must be signed by a representative of the commissioners court or the county judge.
- The form must include the complete name, address and federal tax identification number of the commissioners court. Funds will be paid directly to the court.

For more information,
visit our website at
ClaimItTexas.org.

For questions on
Capital Credits contact
our Holder Education and
Reporting section call
800-321-2274, option 2.

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(Exhibit # 14)

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

TITLE 12. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

SUBTITLE B. COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

CHAPTER 381. COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

Sec. 381.004. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Another entity" includes the federal government, the State of Texas, a municipality, school or other special district, finance corporation, institution of higher education, charitable or nonprofit organization, foundation, board, council, commission, or any other person.

(2) "Minority" includes blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans, American Indians, and Alaska natives.

(3) "Minority business" means a business concern, more than 50 percent of which is owned and controlled in management and daily operations by members of one or more minorities.

(4) "Women-owned business" means a business concern, more than 50 percent of which is owned and controlled in management and daily operations by one or more women.

(b) To stimulate business and commercial activity in a county, the commissioners court of the county may develop and administer a program:

(1) for state or local economic development;

(2) for small or disadvantaged business development;

(3) to stimulate, encourage, and develop business location and commercial activity in the county;

(4) to promote or advertise the county and its vicinity or conduct a solicitation program to attract conventions, visitors, and businesses;

(5) to improve the extent to which women and minority businesses are awarded county contracts;

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(6) to support comprehensive literacy programs for the benefit of county residents; or

(7) for the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts.

(c) The commissioners court may:

(1) contract with another entity for the administration of the program;

(2) authorize the program to be administered on the basis of county commissioner precincts;

(3) use county employees or funds for the program; and

(4) accept contributions, gifts, or other resources to develop and administer the program.

(d) A program established under this section may be designed to reasonably increase participation by minority and women-owned businesses in public contract awards by the county by establishing a contract percentage goal for those businesses.

(e) The legislature may appropriate unclaimed money the comptroller receives under Chapter 74, Property Code, for a county to use in carrying out a program established under this section. To receive money for that purpose for any fiscal year, the county must request the money for that fiscal year. The amount a county may receive under this subsection for a fiscal year may not exceed an amount equal to the value of the capital credits the comptroller receives from an electric cooperative corporation on behalf of the corporation's members in the county requesting the money less an amount sufficient to pay anticipated expenses and claims. The comptroller shall transfer money in response to a request after deducting the amount the comptroller determines to be sufficient to pay anticipated expenses and claims.

(f) The commissioners court of a county may support a children's advocacy center that provides services to abused children.

(g) The commissioners court may develop and administer a program authorized by Subsection (b) for entering into a tax

abatement agreement with an owner or lessee of a property interest subject to ad valorem taxation. The execution, duration, and other terms of the agreement are governed, to the extent practicable, by the provisions of Sections 312.204, 312.205, and 312.211, Tax Code, as if the commissioners court were a governing body of a municipality.

(h) The commissioners court may develop and administer a program authorized by Subsection (b) for making loans and grants of public money and providing personnel and services of the county.

Added by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 1060, Sec. 3, eff. Aug. 28, 1989. Amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1037, Sec. 3, eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 254, Sec. 1, eff. May 22, 2001; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1154, Sec. 1, eff. June 15, 2001; Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1275, Sec. 2(109), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Amended by:

Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1236 (S.B. 1296), Sec. 12.003, eff. September 1, 2015.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CAPITAL CREDITS FOR COUNTIES

County Request for Capital Credits

County name Brown County County FEIN 75-60008389

Authorized by Judge Commissioners Court

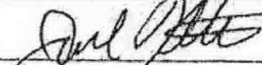
Name of County Judge Dr. Paul D. Lilly Approved Date 7-22-2019

Send the requested funds to:

Address 200 S Broadway Ste 111 City Brownwood State TX Zip 76801

I acknowledge that the purpose of the funds complies with provisions of
Texas Local Government Code, Section 381.004.

Name (printed) Joel Kelton, Precinct 2 Title County Commissioner

Signature  Date 7-22-2019

Email Address joel.kelton@browncountytexas.org Phone 325-643-1985

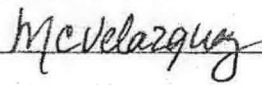
Submit signed and completed form by either mail or email by July 31, 2018.

Mail Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Unclaimed Property Division
Holder Reporting and Education Section
P.O. Box 12019
Austin, Texas 78711-2019

Email up.holder@cpa.texas.gov
Phone 800-321-2274, option 2

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FOR COMPTROLLER'S USE ONLY: We are authorized to release 60 % of the total amount available to your county. We will send a
\$ 20,628.⁶⁸ payment to the address provided above. By requesting funds, you have certified that they will be used in compliance with the
provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Section 381.004.

Comptroller's Representative  Date 8-22-2019

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