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# Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for Counties

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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 that county's total capital credits remitted 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 those 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.

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## 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](http://ClaimItTexas.org).

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

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*Exhibit # 7*