

Bandera Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) Incentive Program Mission Statement

BEDC Incentive Program is to encourage economic growth and preservation of historic integrity, by assisting businesses that provide services and promote further education as well as supporting established businesses be good stewards of our existing properties within the City of Bandera through maintenance and ADA compliance upgrades.

Outdoor Lighting Grant

The BEDC recognizes the importance of dark sky friendly lighting to help residents and visitors identify, navigate to, and enjoy businesses in the community while keeping patrons and property safe. Dark sky friendly lighting protects the rural character and natural beauty of Bandera. To assist businesses in establishing dark sky friendly lighting, the BEDC offers an Outdoor Lighting Grant, as part of its suite of incentives. This grant covers materials and labor costs for retrofits and replacements of existing lighting, to include new lighting, which is dark sky friendly. The BEDC intention for the Outdoor Lighting Grant is to comply with the International Dark-Sky Association's mission to minimize glare while reducing light trespass and skyglow as well as meet the overall image of the town as depicted in the City of Bandera Master Plan.

Per Local Government Code Chapter 505, Sec. 505.158. PROJECTS RELATED TO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN SMALL MUNICIPALITIES, the Bandera EDC, as a Type B corporation authorized to be created by a municipality with a population of 20,000 or less, can fund projects found by the board of directors to promote new or expanded business development.

The BEDC will reimburse the cost of the materials, installation and permit fees, up to \$3,000 for retrofits or replacements of existing lighting. The BEDC will reimburse the cost of the materials, installation and permit fees, up to 50% of the total for new outdoor lighting costs and in the amount not to exceed \$3,000. All applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis according to available funds, and must be submitted by the first day of the month of the regularly scheduled meeting during which the applicant would like to be considered. If applications are not completed properly, they will be returned and moved to the next month's agenda or when the application is completed correctly.

All lighting included in the Outdoor Lighting Grant must comply with the codes and ordinances of the City of Bandera. Attendance at the meeting during which your application is considered is REQUIRED. Upon approval of an Outdoor Lighting Grant, ONE check will be issued once all qualifying receipts have been submitted and verified.

To qualify for an Outdoor Lighting Grant, the project lighting must:

- Fully shielded from view of the street, neighboring properties and line of sight.
- At or below 3000 Kelvin Correlated Color Temperature (applies to LED lighting)
- Receive a permit for any work as required
- Be located within the City Limits of Bandera
- Be current on all taxes

The BEDC Board of Directors will evaluate applications based on the following criteria:

- Compliance with International Dark Skies

For more information about compliant fixtures, see the diagrams on the following page. For more general dark sky information, visit HillCountryNightSkies.org.

Applicants will be required to provide proof of compliance with city regulations as well as proof of project costs. Applicants will be required to provide all information requested in the application, as well as any additional information requested by the BEDC Board of Directors. Information that is specific to business operations and revenue will be confidential and will not be discussed in open session, insofar as the BEDC must abide by the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings and Texas Public Information Acts.

For questions regarding the application or application process, please contact:

Bandera EDC at banderaedc@gmail.com

Bandera Economic Development Corporation Outdoor Lighting Grant Application

Submit application materials in hard copy to City Hall, 511 Main Street, or via email to banderaedc@gmail.com.

Business Name: _____

How long have you owned the business? _____ Do you own the building? ___ Yes ___ No

Business Address: _____

Business Mailing Address (if different): _____

Business _____ Contact _____ Name: _____
Title: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

What type of business is it? _____

What services or goods are offered? _____

Does the business remit sales taxes to the Texas State Comptroller? ___ Yes ___ No

(if available, attach your most recent sales tax from the [Texas State Comptroller](#))

Is the lighting to replace or retrofit existing lighting? ___ Yes ___ No OR to install new lighting? ___ Yes ___ No

If it is a replacement or retrofit, when was the current lighting installed? _____

At project completion, will all of the outdoor lighting on the property be fully shielded? ___ Yes ___ No

At project completion, will all of the outdoor lighting on the property be connected to a switch, timer, or motion detector? ___ Yes ___ No At project completion, will all of the outdoor lighting on the property be at or below 3000K Kelvin Correlated Color Temperature (applies to LED lighting) ___ Yes ___ No

What is the total cost of the lighting, including permits, materials and labor? _____

What is the amount of funding requested from the BEDC? _____

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application and attachments is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. Omissions or submission of incorrect information will render this application invalid.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date

Building Owner's Signature _____ Date

Attach the following (REQUIRED):

1. Photo(s) of the current building
2. Simple diagram with the location and height of each outdoor lighting fixture planned for the site.
3. Drawing(s)/image(s) showing the new design and location
4. Professional cost estimate or quote for the price of the project, materials and installation OR receipts for materials or other evidence of cost

If applicable, attach the following:

1. Photograph(s) or catalog information for the fixtures and shields you will use or consider for this project
2. Day and nighttime photographs of all outdoor lighting fixtures on the property and the areas they illuminate
3. If new business proposal, your business plan