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**Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program
Application Criteria and Scoring Values for the Round IX Grant Cycle
FY 2016-17**

A. The following items will not receive scoring values since they are required elements of the grant application:

- (1) the amount of money available for a grant;
- (2) the percentage of the cost the applicant will contribute;
- (3) the cost of the proposed project;
- (4) and the approved master preservation plan.

B. The following 21 criteria and scoring values will be used to evaluate full construction and planning grant requests:

Building-based Criteria:

- 1) Designations - status of the courthouse in terms of state and local historical designations that are in place (*1, 2, 4 or 6 points*)
- 2) Age - age of the courthouse (*5, 10, 15 or 20 points*)
- 3) Architecture - importance of the building within an architectural style/context (*2, 6, 8, 10 or 14 points*)
- 4) Significance - the historic significance of the courthouse (*0, 2, 6, 10 or 14 points*)
- 5) Endangerment - degree of endangerment of the building or life-safety (*0, 10, 13, 15 or -20 points*)
- 6) Integrity - degree of surviving integrity of original design and materials (*0, 2, 6, 10 or 14 points*)

Project-based Criteria:

- 1) Current Use - status of the building as a functioning courthouse (*0, 10 or 20 points*)
- 2) Future Use - use of the building as a courthouse after the project (*0, 5 or 10 points*)
- 3) County Records - the existence of a plan for protecting government records during and after the project (*0, 2 or 4 points*)
- 4) Fix Changes - proposal addresses and remedies former inappropriate changes (*0, 6, 10 or 14 points*)
- 5) Master Plan - proposal is in conformance with the approved master plan and addresses the work in proper sequence (*0, 6, 12 or 18 points*)
- 6) Full Restoration - proposal results in a fully restored county courthouse (*0 or 20 points*)

County Commitment Criteria:

- 1) Prior Deed - courthouse is subject to a current preservation easement held by the commission (*0, 6, 12, 18, or 20 points*)
- 2) THCPP Deed - willingness to place a new preservation easement on the courthouse as part of the grant process (*0, 7, 14 or 20 points*)
- 3) County Support - local government's provision of preservation incentives and support of the county historical commission and other county-wide preservation efforts (*0, 1 or 2 points*)
- 4) Local Resources - effort to protect and enhance surrounding historic resources (*0, 2 or 4 points*)
- 5) Local Support - evidence of community support and commitment to protection (*0 or 2 points*)
- 6) Compliance - history of compliance with the state courthouse law (Texas Government Code, Section 442.0081-0083 and the Antiquities Code of Texas (Texas Natural Resources Code Ch. 191) and/or preservation easement (*0, 2 or 4 points*)

Other Criteria:

- 1) Overmatch - applicant's provision of a cash overmatch greater than 15 % of the grant request (*0 - 8 points*)

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- 2) approved 95% complete plans and specifications (with approved master plan in place) *(0,5 or 10 points)*
- 3) location of the county in a region with few awarded courthouse grant applications *(0, 2 or 4 points)*

C. The following criteria and scoring values will be used to evaluate emergency grant requests:

- 1) the degree of endangerment of the building or life-safety *(2-20 points)*;
- 2) the degree to which the proposal is in conformance with the approved master plan and addresses the work in proper sequence *(0-18 points)*;
- 3) willingness to place a preservation easement on the courthouse as part of the grant process *(0-20 points)*;
- 4) history of compliance with the state courthouse law (Texas Government Code, Section 442.0081-0083 and the Antiquities Code of Texas (Texas Natural Resources Code Ch. 191) and/or preservation easement *(0, 2 or 4 points)*;
- 5) the existence of a plan for protecting government records during and after the project *(0, 2 or 4 points)*

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