Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program
Application Criteria and Scoring Values

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

1. the amount of money available for a grant
2. the percentage of the cost the county will contribute
3. any in-kind contributions the county will provide
4. the cost of the proposed project
5. the county's approved master preservation plan

B. The following criteria and scoring values will be used to rate the grant applications:

1. the historic significance of the courthouse (2-14 points)
2. status of the building as a functioning courthouse (20 points)
3. county's provision of a cash overmatch greater than 15% of the grant request (2-8 points)
4. courthouse is subject to a current conservation easement or covenant held by the commission (6-20 points)
5. county is willing to place a new preservation easement on the courthouse as part of the grant process (0-20 points)
6. age of the courthouse (4-20 points)
7. status of the courthouse in terms of state and local historical designations that are in place (2-6 points)
8. location of the county in a region with few awarded courthouse grant applications (4 points)
9. degree of surviving integrity of original design and materials (0-14 points)
10. proposal is in conformance with the approved master plan and addresses the work in proper sequence (6-18 points)
11. county government's provision of preservation incentives and support of the county historical commission and other county-wide preservation efforts (4 points)
12. use of the building as a courthouse after the project (10 points)
13. importance of the building within an architectural style/context (2-14 points)
14. evidence of community support and county commitment to protection (2 points)
15. proposal addresses and remedies former inappropriate changes (2-14 points)
16. existence of a plan for protecting county records during restoration and after restoration (4 points)
17. effort to protect and enhance surrounding historic resources (4 points)
18. degree of endangerment (2-20 points)