Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program  
Application Criteria and Scoring Values for the Round X Grant Cycle  
FY 2018-19

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

Project-based Criteria:
1) status of the building as a functioning courthouse (0, 10 or 20 points)
2) use of the building as a courthouse after the project (0, 6 or 10 points)
3) the existence of a plan for protecting government records during and after the project (0, 2 or 4 points)
4) proposal addresses and remedies former inappropriate changes (0, 6, 10 or 14 points)
5) proposal is in conformance with the approved master plan and addresses the work in proper sequence (0, 6, 12 or 18 points)
6) proposal results in a fully restored county courthouse (0 or 20 points)

County Commitment Criteria:
1) courthouse is subject to a current preservation easement held by the commission (0, 6, 12, 18, or 20 points)
2) willingness to place a new preservation easement on the courthouse as part of the grant process (0, 8, 14 or 20 points)
3) 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) effort to protect and enhance surrounding historic resources (0, 2 or 4 points)
5) evidence of community support and commitment to protection (0 or 2 points)
6) 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) applicant's provision of a cash overmatch greater than 15 % of the grant request (0 - 8 points)
2) approved 95% 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 (0-20 points)
2) status of the building as a functioning courthouse (0, 5 or 10 points)
3) use of the building as a courthouse after the project (0, 3 or 5 points)
4) the existence of a plan for protecting government records during and after the project (0, 1 or 2 points)
5) the degree to which the proposal is in conformance with the approved master plan and addresses the work in proper sequence (0-6 points)
6) willingness to place a preservation easement on the courthouse as part of the grant process (0-10 points);
7) 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)