

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**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)*

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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)*