

Outdoor Lighting Grant

The Bandera EDC recognizes the importance of dark sky friendly lighting that helps 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, in keeping with the City's Comprehensive Plan. To assist businesses in establishing dark sky friendly lighting, the Bandera EDC offers, as part of its suite of incentives, an Outdoor Lighting Grant. This grant covers materials and labor costs for retrofits and replacements of existing lighting, as well as for new lighting that is dark sky friendly.

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.

For retrofits or replacements of existing lighting, the EDC will reimburse the entire cost of the materials, installation and permit fees, up to \$3,000. For new lighting, the EDC will reimburse the cost of the materials, installation and permit fees of outdoor lighting up to 50% of the total outdoor lighting costs and in an 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 application must comply with the codes and ordinances of the City of Bandera and be located within the Bandera City Limits.

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. Applicants must provide proof of compliance as well as total receipts as part of the reimbursement process.

To qualify for an Outdoor Lighting Grant, at the completion of the project, all of the outdoor lighting on the property must be:

- Fully Shielded: The light source is shielded from view of the street and neighboring properties and no light is shining directly into the sky
- Connected to a switch, timer, or motion detector
- At or below 3000 Kelvin Correlated Color Temperature (applies to LED lighting)
- Used for commercial business purposes
- Compliant with all of the applicable codes and ordinances of the City of Bandera

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

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

EDC Administrative Assistant
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: _____ Contact 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 most recent sales tax from [The 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

Total cost of the lighting, including materials and labor? _____

What is the amount of grant 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

Please attach the following (REQUIRED):

1. A professional cost estimate or quote for the price of the project, materials and installation OR receipts for materials or other evidence of cost
2. A business plan (for new businesses)

If available please attach:

1. Photographs or catalog information for the fixtures and shields you will use or consider for this project.
2. A simple diagram with the location and height of each outdoor lighting fixture planned for the site
3. Day and nighttime photographs of all outdoor lighting fixtures on the property and the areas they illuminate.