



Texas City Commissioners Community Grant Fund Application

**This grant application is to be completed and submitted to the Mayor by a member of the Texas City Commission.*

Commissioner Thelma Bowie
Name of Sponsoring Commissioner

At-Large
District

Every Ribbon Tells a Story

Name of Benefitting Organization

47-2319484

Tax Exempt / 501c3 Nonprofit Status Number

Amount Requested: 2,500

Date: 3-8-2025

Statement of Purpose and benefit to the Citizens of Texas City: Every Ribbon Tells A Story is a nonprofit committed to providing programs and transportation services to meet the needs of Galveston County citizens. Our organization started with the vision of giving cancer survivors a platform to share their stories and inspire others. Over the years, this vision has grown into a reality that extends beyond cancer diagnosis and treatment, helping individuals and families each year, regardless of their diagnosis. Our greatest desire is for individuals to fall in love with taking care of themselves—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually—leading to a greater awareness in their journey toward wellness and well-being. We firmly believe that healthy individuals create healthy communities, and in turn, healthier communities are stronger communities.

Other Sources of Funding This Organization is Currently Receiving: As a nonprofit organization, Every Ribbon Tells A Story relies on the generosity of tax-deductible donations and annual fundraising events such as Praising Him in Pink, A Lady and Her Ribbon, A Man and His Ribbon, and more. Our work is further strengthened by vital partnerships with local churches and pastors, the local Chamber of Commerce, financial institutions, corporations, businesses, individuals, and other nonprofits (Amoco FCU, Sickle Cell Foundation of Galveston, etc). Together, these partnerships help us act as a community resource, building a more compassionate and caring environment for all.

**Please note that the submission of this application does not guarantee an allocation of funds. The awarding of this grant is contingent upon several factors, including, but not limited to those it being a qualifying organization, funds availability, purpose of funds requested, and final commission approval.*

COMMISSIONER COMMUNITY GRANTS

GUIDELINES

- 1.) Each member of the Commission can sponsor up to \$5,000 (MAXIMUM) in Commissioner's Community grant funds in a fiscal year, provided the budget is approved with those grant funds available.
- 2.) Grant requests must be submitted to the Mayor, from the Commissioner who represents the district most impacted by the grant, or the district where the requesting organization is based. Mayor will ensure all required documents are included in the Commissioner's request. Mayor will subsequently decide whether or not to advance the request to the City Commission for final approval.
- 3.) The organization requesting funds from the City / Commissioner, must do so with a letter or an email. (This should be included in the sponsoring Commissioner's request.)
- 4.) The organization requesting funds should be a nonprofit / 501c3 / tax exempt organization whose services will directly benefit citizens of Texas City, Texas.
- 5.) An organization may only receive funds from this funding mechanism once in a three-year period. This ensures fair opportunity and equitable distribution of funds to others who may need assistance and make requests.
- 6.) A majority vote of the City Commission is required for final approval.
- 7.) Commissioners should be conservative with the allocation of such funds as they will be requested often by all those aware of the program. We can't solve every financial crisis, but the PURPOSE of these Community Grants is to help those organizations who help our citizens by enhancing the quality of life here in Texas City.

Required Documents:

- A.) Letter requesting funds, that also outlines what the funds will be used for.
- B.) A completed Community Grant Fund Application (from the sponsoring Commissioner)
- C.) Valid Documentation of Tax Exempt / Non-Profit Status