

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



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.*

Mayor Pro-Tem Thelma Bowie
Name of Sponsoring Commissioner

At-Large
District

District 2S4 Lions Charities
Name of Benefitting Organization

87-2630299
Tax Exempt / 501c3 Nonprofit Status Number

Amount Requested: \$2500 **Date:** February 13, 2025

Statement of Purpose and benefit to the Citizens of Texas City: The Texas City Mainland Lions Club uses the District 2S4 Lions Charities Club purpose is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote local understanding through Lions Club. Our Texas City Mainland Lions Club has served residents and students of Texas City/La Marque and surrounding areas since 1987. We exist to provide student scholarships, improve quality of life for children who are blind or visually impaired, strive to improve food security and access to nutritious food to help alleviate hunger. We strive to meet immediate needs and provide support for communities devastated by natural disasters. In addition, we support young people in their effort to make positive choices, lead healthy and productive lives and become the next generation of service leaders. We make a difference every day, everywhere we serve. Changing lives and the community is a major focus regarding what we do. When a major catastrophe strikes, Lions are often the first to respond and the last to leave. Our disaster relief fund help make sure we're there when we're

needed. The District 2S4 Lions Charities Club raises funds for its charitable endeavors and scholarships with various annual fundraisers. Each year we provide boxes of food, gift cards, and assist Santa with the Blue limited toys and service hours. This year we hope to increase the number Scholarship's to La Marque High School students while providing food boxes and gift cards to underserved families. The Texas City Commissioners Community Grant would be a blessing to LaMarque/Texas City High School students as well as the District 2S4 Lions Charities Club.

Other Sources of Funding This Organization is Currently Receiving: Other sources of funding include member monthly dues, club fundraisers, and donations.

**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.*

Dedrick Johnson

Dedrick Johnson (May 1, 2025 14:04 CDT)



We Serve

April 10, 2025

Mrs. Thelma Bowie
Commissioner At-Large
Mayor Pro-Tem
City of Texas City
1811 9th Avenue North
Texas City, TX 77590

Dear Mrs. Bowie:

The Texas City Mainland Lions Club is apart of Lions Club International and we serve with uncommon kindness, and put the needs of our youth and community first. Our mission is to improve the well-being of our youth by primarily awarding annual scholarships.

This letter is written to request funds to help provide local students with scholarships to assist in helping to attain lifelong achievement of a college education. This recognition and opportunity benefits youth by developing life skills and providing a way to pay it forward. This grant will definitely assist us to fulfill our local and international goals of helping youth attain their dreams/goals.

Thank you for the opportunity of requesting this grant. If additional information is needed, please advise.

Sincerely,

Sanya Garrett-Bellow
Sanya Bellow

Club Secretary



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

DISTRICT 2S4 LIONS CHARITIES
PO BOX 2149
GALVESTON, TX 77553

Date:
12/07/2021
Employer ID number:
87-2630299
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: (877) 829-5500
Accounting period ending:
June 30
Public charity status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
September 14, 2021
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053659003681

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements