

July 26, 2024

The Honorable James Oakley
Burnet County Judge
200 S. Pierce Street
Burnet, TX 78611

Dear Judge Oakley:

On behalf of the Texas Historical Commission, I want to thank you and the citizens of Burnet County for your participation in Round XIII of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. Thirty-one counties applied submitting grant requests that totaled more than \$149 million. With only \$45 million appropriated by the Legislature for this biennium and the increased cap per county to \$10 million, competition for the program's limited grant funds in Round XIII was extremely challenging. At today's quarterly meeting, the THC's commissioners selected nine projects: 4 full restoration construction projects, two planning projects, and three emergency projects with grant awards totaling \$46,224,170. Details are available on our website.

While your county's application effort was admirable, its overall score did not rank high enough to compete for funds against this round's applicants. Many deserving projects were not selected for funding and we encourage you to apply again in a future grant cycle.

Our partnership to cultivate courthouse preservation with each of our program participants is one of our most prized achievements and we appreciate your commitment to this important and challenging work. The courthouse team is always available to assist your county with courthouse related concerns and to help your county preserve its historic courthouse. Should you have any questions about your application, ways to improve your score, or have pressing work that needs to be addressed, please contact the Program Coordinator, Susan Tietz for assistance by emailing her at susan.tietz@thc.texas.gov or by phone at 512-463-5860.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bell
Executive Director

cc: Burnet County Historical Commission
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