

## Request for Grant Proposal – Spaceport Trust Fund

The Office of the Governor, Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office is soliciting proposals for projects that provide for the development of spaceports in Texas. “Spaceport” has the meaning assigned by Section 507.001, Local Government Code.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this solicitation is to provide infrastructure necessary or useful for establishing a spaceport.

**Funding:** Government Code Section 481.0069 establishes the Spaceport Trust Fund and designates the Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office as the administering agency. The source of funding is an appropriation by the Texas Legislature from General Revenue funds to the Spaceport Trust Fund.

Refer to: <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.481.htm>

All grants are subject to the availability of funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

**Available Funding:** \$10,000,000

**Standards:** Grantees must comply with the standards applicable to this funding source cited in all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding, including, but not limited to, any relevant grant management standards.

**Eligibility Requirements:** To be eligible for consideration, the following criteria must be met:

- 1) A viable business entity has been established that:
  - a) has a business plan that demonstrates that the entity has available the financial, managerial, and technical expertise and capability necessary to launch and land a reusable launch vehicle or spacecraft; and
  - b) has committed to locating its facilities at a spaceport in this state;
- 2) a development corporation for spaceport facilities created under Chapter 507, Local Government Code, has established a development plan for the spaceport project and has demonstrated the financial ability to fund at least 75% of the funding required for the project; and
- 3) the spaceport or launch operator, if required by federal law, has obtained or applied for the appropriate Federal Aviation Administration license or other appropriate authorization.

**Prohibitions:** Money in the spaceport trust fund may be used only to pay expenditures for the development of infrastructure necessary or useful for establishing a spaceport.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Spaceport Development Corporations as created under Chapter 507 of the Texas Local Government Code. Refer to:

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.507.htm>

**Proposal Process:** Applicants must submit their proposals to the Office of the Governor, Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office. At a minimum, proposals must include the following information:

- 1) Documentation of eligibility criteria, including the Eligibility Requirements and compliance with Chapter 507 of the Local Government Code;
- 2) Narrative of the proposal, including objectives;
- 3) Timeline to accomplish purpose;
- 4) Proposed budget; and
- 5) Contact information for the applicant's designated representative, including mailing address, email address, and phone number.

All proposals and supporting documentation must be submitted electronically to the Office of the Governor, Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, at [STF@gov.texas.gov](mailto:STF@gov.texas.gov).

**Closing Date for Receipt of Proposals:** All proposals must be received by 5 p.m. CDT, October 18, 2021. Applicants should contact Eric Schneider regarding the submission process.

**Selection Process:** Proposals will be reviewed by the Office of the Governor. The Office of the Governor will make all final funding decisions based on eligibility, reasonableness, availability of funding, and cost-effectiveness.

**Contact Person:** If additional information is needed, please contact Eric Schneider with the Office of the Governor, Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office at [stf@gov.texas.gov](mailto:stf@gov.texas.gov) or (512) 936-0100.