

# Texas Economic Development Bank Annual Status Report

## Fiscal Year 2024

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## OVERVIEW OF TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE DIVISION AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK PROGRAMS

The Texas Economic Development Bank (Bank) operates within the Economic Development Finance division of the Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office (Office) in the Office of the Governor (OOG) and is established in Section 489 of the Texas Government Code. The Bank was established for the statutory purposes of:

"providing globally competitive, cost-effective state incentives to expanding businesses operating in this state and businesses relocating to this state; and ensuring communities and businesses in this state have access to capital for economic development purposes."

The Economic Development Finance division, along with the statutory responsibilities of the Bank, oversees a portfolio comprised of economic development finance and incentive programs. The obligations of the Bank are outlined in Section 489.108 of the Texas Government Code:

PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND FUNDS UNDER BANK'S DIRECTION. Notwithstanding any other law, the Bank shall perform the duties and functions of the office with respect to the following programs, services, and funds:

- (1) the original capital access program established under Section 481.405;
- (2) the Texas leverage fund;
- (3) the enterprise zone program established under Chapter 2303;
- (4) the industrial revenue bond program;
- (5) the defense economic readjustment zone program established under Chapter 2310;
- (6) the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community grant program established under Section 481.025; and
- (7) the renewal community program.

In accordance with House Bill 1515 (88-R), the Original Capital Access Program and the Product Development and Small Business Incubator Funds are to be wound down with an expected end date during Fiscal Year 2025.

The Empowerment Zone, Enterprise Community, and the Renewal Community programs were federal programs that have expired and are therefore no longer part of the Bank's portfolio.

### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

In 2003, the Texas Legislature authorized the Bank to administer the programs under Section 489.108 of the Texas Government Code. As part of its duties, the Bank must submit an annual status report to the Texas Legislature pursuant to Section 489.107 of the Texas Government Code, which requires the Bank to report their activities by January 1 of each calendar year. This document is submitted in fulfillment of that requirement. In addition to the Bank programs authorized under Chapters 481 and 489, this report also includes all programs administered by the Economic Development Finance Division, which is the division responsible for oversight of all economic development incentive programs within the Office. House Bill 1515 (88-R) amended these reporting requirements as recommended by the Sunset Commission.

## **TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM OFFICE**

#### Economic Development Finance Division Programs

#### **Texas Enterprise Fund**

The Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF), established in 2004, awards "deal-closing" grants to companies considering a new project bringing significant jobs and capital investment for which one Texas site is competing with other out-of-state sites. The fund serves as a performance-based financial incentive for those companies whose projects would contribute significant impact to the state's economy.

TEF is available to companies planning a new project including a facility relocation or expansion. In FY24, the Office contracted and announced three (3) TEF grant agreements totaling \$10,134,000 which created 1,080 jobs and \$2,646,700,000 in new capital investment.

TEF statute requires a biennial report which may be found here.

#### Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation

House Bill 5 (88-R) created the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation (JETI) Act. The JETI Act, established in 2024, is a new competitive economic incentive program used to attract large, capitalintensive economic development projects, bringing new capital investment, and creating new, high-paying jobs in Texas communities.

The JETI Act allows a company, school district, and the Governor's Office to enter into an agreement for a 10-year school district maintenance and operations (M&O) tax appraised value limitation of 50%, based on qualifying job and capital investment minimums. Projects located in qualified Opportunity Zones are eligible for an additional 25% limitation on taxable value.

Since the Program began accepting applications in January 2024, the OOG has approved two (2) major manufacturing projects. One agreement has been announced and one is currently in negotiations. Together, these projects represent a total capital investment of \$2.1 billion and would create 150 new high-wage jobs across the state. The projects under negotiation are competing against sites in Louisiana, Alabama, and Tennessee. Both projects are 50% limitation agreements and are projected to generate sufficient long-term tax revenue to offset their combined M&O tax levy losses.

#### **Grants to Promote Border Economic Development**

This grant was first established by House Bill 1 (86-R), also known as the 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act, in Rider 31 for Trusteed Programs within the OOG ("Rider 31"). Rider 31 authorized the OOG to provide up to \$200,000 for matching grants to eligible bi-national non-profit organizations that border another country and state to promote border economic development, which includes out-of-state business recruitment, the promotion of economic development, and strategic regional planning. A similar rider was included in Senate Bill 1, (88-R), with funds available again totaling \$200,000.

The OOG posted a request for applications on its website. An application was received from the Borderplex Bi-National Economic Alliance ("Borderplex"), which was approved for a contingent award of up to \$200,000. In FY24, the Borderplex was reimbursed for \$6,261.66, and there is \$193,738.34 remaining on the grant.

#### **Texas Travel Industry Recovery Program**

The Texas Travel Industry Recovery Program (TTIR) was established to provide reimbursement grants for the recovery of Texas businesses in the tourism, travel, and hospitality industries that were negatively impacted due to COVID-19. These grants are for the reimbursement of eligible costs to qualifying businesses. The TTIR Program was originally established by Senate Bill 8 and signed into law by the Governor following the 87th Legislative Session to administer \$180 million of funds received from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

In FY24, approximately \$109,114,572 in funds were disbursed to 1,685 eligible TTIR applicants. The program ended on August 31, 2024 and has expended approximately \$180 million.

#### **Texas Youth Livestock Show Grant Program**

House Bill 3959 (87-R) provided authorization for the Texas Youth Livestock Show Grant Program (TYLS) to provide financial assistance to youth livestock shows in the state of Texas through the Texas Youth Livestock Show Fund, an account in the general revenue fund. The fund consists of gifts, grants, federal grants, money appropriated by the legislature, and money received from the federal government.

A youth livestock show is eligible for a grant under this section if the livestock show is part of a county or state youth livestock validation program and has Texas 4-H and Texas FFA engagement or sanction.

This program did not receive funding or FTEs and therefore has not been implemented.

#### **Governor's University Research Initiative**

The Governor's University Research Initiative (GURI), enacted in 2015, is aimed at helping Texas public institutions of higher education recruit distinguished researchers from around the world to Texas. The program seeks to bolster both the standing of Texas public colleges and universities and economic development efforts statewide. Matching grants are paid on a cost-reimbursement basis to eligible Texas public institutions of higher education that have recruited distinguished researchers. The state's grant contribution is currently a maximum of \$5 million per distinguished researcher.

In FY24, there were five (5) GURI awards offered totaling \$15,790,000.00 and \$6,636,889.02 was disbursed to prior approved grantees. Since 2015, there have been 33 GURI awards approved for a total of \$116,179,217 to six (6) Texas universities.

GURI statute requires a biennial report that may be found here.

#### **Events Trust Fund**

The Event Trust Funds Program (ETF), administered by the Office since 2015, is comprised of three separate funds—the Events Trust Fund, Major Events Reimbursement Program Fund, and Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund—targeted at attracting various types of events to the state of Texas. The Funds can assist Texas communities by reimbursing costs related to preparing for or conducting an event by depositing projected gains in various local and state taxes generated from the event in a dedicated event-specific trust fund to cover these allowable expenses.

A municipality, county, or non-profit local organizing committee endorsed by a Texas municipality or county that has been selected to host a qualified event can apply if the event location was selected through a highly competitive process by an independent site selection organization that also considered out-of-state locations to host the event.

Event-specific trust funds are created to help pay for qualified expenses associated with an event, to which both the state and applicant must contribute. The state's contribution may not exceed the projected increase in state sales and use, auto rental, hotel, and alcoholic beverage taxes generated as a result of the qualified event during the specified event period or "economic impact window" (window varies by the type of trust fund). Applicants must contribute \$1 in local tax gains for every \$6.25 the state contributes to the fund. Events Trust Fund grant awards are disbursed on a reimbursement basis following a review of submitted costs by the Economic Development Finance division, after the completion of the qualified

event. 100% of allowable expenses may be funded, provided sufficient tax receipts are deposited in the trust fund. The program is funded through event-generated tax increase and there is no maximum or minimum amount of funds available.

In FY24, there were 185 applications approved totaling \$187,388,080.00 and \$137,408,916.82 was disbursed to applicants. Since FY15, there have been a total of 1,099 applications approved.

#### **Spaceport Trust Fund**

The 77th Legislature established the Spaceport Trust Fund (STF) to serve as a financial tool to support the development of infrastructure necessary or useful for establishing a spaceport in Texas. Fund proceeds are available to any spaceport development corporation that has secured a viable business entity if that entity can launch and land a reusable launch vehicle or spacecraft and intends to locate its facilities at the development corporation's planned spaceport in the state.

In FY24, there was one (1) active project: the Houston Spaceport Development Corporation. The award was for \$5 million, and the agreement was extended from August 31, 2024 to August 31, 2026.

#### Small Business Disaster Recovery Loan Program

Senate Bill 678 (87-R) established the Small Business Disaster Recovery Loan Program (SBDR). The SBDR is established by rule and uses money in the Small Business Disaster Recovery Revolving Fund (SBDF) to provide financial assistance to small businesses affected by disaster. Eligible small businesses may use loans issued under the SBDR to pay their payroll costs, including costs related to continuation of healthcare benefits for their employees.

Section 481.606(a) of the Texas Government Code created the SBDF as a special fund outside of the state treasury to be used by the Office with no legislative appropriation, to provide the financial assistance under SBDR.

SBDR did not receive an appropriation to fund the loan program or FTEs to manage the program and therefore has not been implemented.

#### Economic Development Bank Programs

#### **Product Development Fund and Small Business Incubator Fund**

The Product Development Fund and Small Business Incubator Fund (collectively PDSBI) were revolving loan programs approved in 1989 by voters of the state in a constitutional amendment (Article 16, Section 71), authorizing the issuance of \$25 million of bonds for the Product Development Fund and \$20 million of bonds for a Small Business Incubator Fund. The fund was established through the issuance of \$45 million of General Obligation bonds in FY05.

The purpose of the Product Development Fund was to provide financing to aid in the development, production, and commercialization of new or improved products in the state. The Small Business Incubator Fund provided financing to foster and stimulate the development of small businesses in the state. Per statute, in determining eligible products and businesses, special preference was given to products or businesses in the areas of semiconductors, nanotechnology, biotechnology, and biomedicine that have the greatest likelihood of commercial success, job creation, and job retention in the state. House Bill 1515 (88-R) repealed the PDSBI program and in July 2023, the bonds for both programs were redeemed.

There is one (1) loan in default for approximately \$2.26 million, and the Office expects to liquidate all collateral associated with the loan by the first quarter of CY25.

#### **Original Capital Access Program**

Section 481.405 of the Texas Government Code established the Original Capital Access Program (OCAP) to assist participating financial institutions in making loans to businesses and nonprofit organizations that face barriers in accessing capital. Loans may be used for the purchase, construction, or lease of physical assets, or can be used as working capital. Construction or purchase of residential housing and simple real estate investments (excluding real estate occupied by the applicant's business) are ineligible uses of OCAP proceeds.

To be eligible, a borrower must be 1) a small or medium-sized business (defined as 499 employees or fewer) or a nonprofit organization; and 2) located in Texas or having at least 51% of its employees located in the state.

OCAP partners with third-party lenders to increase the availability of financing for eligible borrowers. Participating lenders must set up a reserve account.

Contributions are made to the reserve account by the borrower, lender, and Texas for each loan approved for inclusion in OCAP. All contributions from OCAP loans remain in the reserve account. In the event of default on a CAP loan, the lender may initiate a process to withdraw the defaulted amount plus other fees from the reserve account to recoup any losses. The lender and borrower together must contribute three to four percent of the loan amount to the reserve fund, and Texas must contribute an additional eight percent of the loan amount to the reserve fund.

The program presently has two participating lenders: PeopleFund and LiftFund. The total outstanding balance of these loans as held by the lenders is \$196,186.64.

In FY24, there were four active loans enrolled in the program. At this time, eight (8) claims have been filed against reserves to cover losses and are under review.

House Bill 3271 (87-R) authorized the Office to establish a new Capital Access Program in conjunction with the Texas Small Business Credit Initiative (TSBCI) and to wind down OCAP.

#### Texas Leverage Fund Program

Introduced in 1992, the Texas Leverage Fund Program (TLF) provides an additional source of financing to communities that have adopted the Texas Economic Development Sales Tax (Type A/Type B). The program allows communities to leverage future sales tax revenues to expand economic development through business expansions, business recruitment, and exports. The program was created pursuant to the provisions of Section 52-a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, Title 83, Article 5190.6, Development Corporation Act of 1979, Chapters 489, and Chapter 1371 of the Texas Government Code.

Chapter 501 of the Local Government Code allows Type A and B development corporations to use loan proceeds to pay for allowable project costs relating to land, buildings, equipment, facilities, expenditures, and improvements. Chapter 505 of the Local Government Code further allows Type B development corporations to use loan proceeds for projects relating to recreational or community facilities, recycling facilities, affordable housing, and certain other programs.

Economic development sales tax revenues serve as collateral for loan repayment with required minimum debt service coverage ratios specified in the TLF Program guidelines. Loan terms are for either long-term or interim financing with maturities of up to 15 years. Key advantages of this program are that communities can quickly access required capital, and there is no penalty for pre-payment of loans.

At the end of FY24, there were three (3) outstanding loans to three (3) communities with a combined principal balance outstanding of \$253,575.50. Additionally, three (3) loans were paid in full during FY24.

Community	Original Loan Amount	Beginning Loan Date	Ending Loan Date	Principal Outstanding as of 8/31/2024
Kennedale	\$1,700,000	9/25/2011	9/1/2026	\$117,831.12
Mercedes	\$1,075,000	1/5/2015	2/1/2025	\$67,268.22
Penitas	\$550,000	12/17/2010	1/1/2026	\$68,476.16
Totals	\$3,325,000			\$253,575.50

The table below shows TLF loans that are currently active.

In 1997, the abolishment of the Texas Department of Commerce and the transfer of the TLF Program to the former Texas Department of Economic Development through Senate Bill 932 (75-R) repealed the original sections of the Texas Government Code under which the program was initially created. Section 489.108(2) of the Texas Government Code states that the TLF is under the direction of the Bank. However, there is no longer sufficient enabling legislation to allow the Bank to perform specific functions necessary to operate the TLF.

The current Master Resolution expired on August 31, 2022. The terms of several active loans under the program have a maturity date past this current expiration date. However, the current statute outlining the Economic Development Bank's process to amend the TLF Master Resolution is unclear.

Furthermore, as originally established, the program held program funds outside of the Treasury. Section 2.04 of Senate Bill 275 (78-R) required unexpended/unobligated funds from the TLF to be transferred inside the Treasury.

There was also a question as to whether the TLF program's repayment of commercial paper debt from its general revenue dedicated account was potentially unconstitutional without voter approval. With this uncertainty and without enabling legislation, the Bank stopped accepting new loan applications and issued its last loan in January 2015.

The Office has paid off all commercial paper. Without the outstanding commercial paper, the program no longer required a letter of credit, which expired on August 31, 2019 and was not renewed.

In the Self Evaluation Report submitted to the Sunset Advisory Commission in September 2019, the Office recommended that the Legislature re-establish the original enabling legislation to allow for operation of the program. House Bill 3772 (85-R),Senate Bill 132 and House Bill 31 (86-R) were filed to re-establish TLF, but the bills did not pass.

Effective June 18, 2021, Senate Bill 1465 (87-R) authorized the Texas Small and Rural Community Success Fund to operate in a similar manner as TLF. The program received \$1,800,000 in appropriations in FY24.

#### **Texas Industrial Revenue Bond Program**

The Texas Industrial Revenue Bond Program (IRB), established in 1997, provides tax-exempt or taxable long-term financing for projects as defined in Chapter 501 of the Texas Local Government Code. The statute allows cities, counties, and conservation and reclamation districts to form non-profit Industrial Development Corporations (IDCs) or authorities. Under Section 501.006, a local unit of government may use a corporation to issue bonds on the unit's behalf to finance the cost of a project. This includes a project in a federally designated empowerment zone or enterprise community, or in an enterprise zone designated under Chapter 2303 of the Texas Government Code to promote and develop new and expanded business enterprises for the promotion and encouragement of employment and the public welfare.

An IDC issues tax-exempt and taxable bonds for eligible projects in its jurisdiction and acts as a conduit through which bond proceeds are channeled.

Generally, all debt service on the bonds is paid by the participating business under the terms of a lease, sale, or loan agreement. As such, it does not constitute a debt or obligation of the IDC, a governmental unit, or the State of Texas.

The following chart provides relevant information on IRB issuances processed by the Bank during FY24.

Community	lssuer	Business Name	Bond Amount	Project Description	New Jobs
Hale County and Parmer County	Port Arthur Navigational District Industrial Development Corporation	Route 86 Biogas, LLC	\$16,000,000	Solid Waste Disposal and Collection of Biogas	3
Erath County	Port Arthur Navigational District Industrial Development Corporation	Cloverdale Renewables, LLC	\$36,500,000	Solid Waste Disposal and Collection of Biogas	5
Dallas County	Port Arthur Navigational District Industrial Development Corporation	Community Waste, LP	\$20,000,000	Solid Waste Disposal and Transfer Station	40

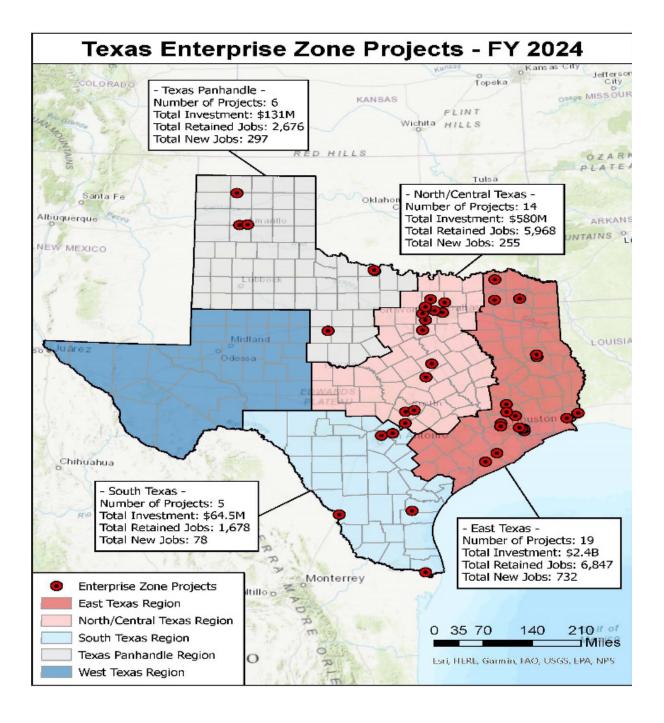
#### **Texas Enterprise Zone Program**

The Texas Enterprise Zone Program (EZP) is a sales and use tax refund based on new and existing jobs associated with a qualified business site during a designation period. Projects are awarded through competitive rounds. EZP designations are administered through the Bank, and compliance for the program is administered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

EZP statute limits the number of enterprise project allocations per biennium to 105. Texas communities and businesses continue to show significant interest in the EZP. During FY24, there were a total of 42 designations awarded for 46 projects submitted by 39 cities and four (4) counties. Once completed, these projects will result in an estimated capital investment of nearly \$3.2 billion, with 1,362 new jobs and 35,974 retained jobs. About 30% of the designations awarded during FY24 were located inside of an enterprise zone.

In conjunction with the EZP, communities typically offer local incentives including, but not limited to, tax abatements, tax refunds, freeport tax exemptions, regulatory relief, improvements in community facilities, job training, and employment skills programs. A map showing Enterprise Zone-supported jobs and capital investment by region is included in the following page.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reported \$29.6 million in state sales and use tax refunded during FY24 for the creation of 5,009 jobs and 16,166 retained jobs in the state. These figures are derived by the Comptroller's Office for refunds issued within FY24 to designations approved in previous fiscal years.



#### **Defense Economic Readjustment Zone**

The Defense Economic Readjustment Zone Program (DERZ) was created in 1997 by the 75th Texas Legislature as a tool for business recruitment and job creation in adversely impacted military communities. It is designed to provide assistance to Texas communities, businesses, and workers impacted by, or vulnerable to, the closure or realignment of military installations and the reduction of federal defense contracting expenditures.

Since its inception, seven zones and four project applications have been approved by the Bank. Zones are designated for a period of seven years, while projects are designated for a period of five years from the date of approval.

Local communities must nominate a company as a Defense Economic Readjustment Zone Project to be eligible to participate in the program. Qualified businesses designated as DERZ Projects are eligible for a state sales and use tax refund on expenditures of qualifying items. Under DERZ, the level and amount of the tax refund are related to the sales and use tax paid on expenditures of qualifying items and the number of jobs created/retained at the site.

Local communities participating in the program may offer benefits to participants under the DERZ program, including but not limited to local property tax abatements, tax increment financing, one-stop permitting, and other incentives. The most common local incentives available in the DERZ communities are tax abatements, infrastructure improvements, and training programs.

In FY24, the DERZ program did not receive any applications. There are no active projects nor zone designations for the DERZ program. The last zone designation expired in September 2015.

#### **Texas Small Business Credit Initiative**

In March 2021, the U.S. Congress enacted the American Rescue Plan Act, which, in part, provides \$10 billion to fund the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). Administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, this initiative is the second installment of the program originally passed under the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. The objective of SSBCI is to support state programs that provide resources to assist small business growth and create new jobs through increased access to small business funding.

House Bill 3271 (87-R) has authorized the Office to establish the program to administer the \$472 million allocation from SSBCI. The Texas Small Business Credit Initiative (TSBCI) has been authorized by SSBCI and received the first tranche of \$134,488,297 on July 11, 2023. The first tranche must be expended, transferred, or obligated at least 80% within 36 months from the date of the executed allocation agreement to receive the second tranche.

TSBCI operates two programs: the Capital Access Program (CAP) and the Loan Guarantee Program (LGP).

The CAP, with \$118 million allocation, offers portfolio insurance to financial institutions that provide loans to small businesses. This insurance takes the form of a separate loan loss reserve fund for each participating financial institution. To enroll a loan in the CAP, both the lender and borrower must contribute insurance premiums to the reserve fund. These premiums vary based on the borrower type:

1. For Non-SEDI (Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individual) or non-VSB (Very Small Business) borrowers: 1% to 2.5% of the loan principal. However, contributions up to 3.5% for non-SEDI and non-VSB applicants may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

2. For SEDI or VSB borrowers: 1% to 3.5% of the loan principal.

The state is required to match these insurance premium payments by contributing an equal amount to the reserve fund.

The LGP, with \$354 million allocation, is a partnership between the state and approved financial institutions. Under this program, the state encumbers up to 80% of the value of an eligible loan enrolled in the program. By offering this guarantee, LGP aims to mitigate risk for lenders, thereby encouraging them to extend credit to small businesses that might otherwise face challenges in obtaining financing.

In FY24, TSBCI has eight (8) participating financial institutions: six (6) Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and two (2) banks.

#### Micro-Business Disaster Recovery Loan Program

House Bill 3271 (87-R) provided authorization for the Micro-Business Disaster Recovery Program (MBDR). Established in 2021, the Texas MBDR is statutorily designed to be a revolving loan program established by the Bank to provide zero interest loans to eligible Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) from a dedicated account in the general revenue fund for the purposes of making interest bearing loans to qualifying micro-business that have difficulty in accessing capital following a declared disaster.

A micro-business is a legal entity domiciled in the state of Texas and has at least 95% of its employees located in the state, is formed to make a profit, and has no more than 20 employees. To be eligible for the program, the micro-business must be in good standing under the laws of this state and not owe delinquent taxes to a taxing unit before the date of the initial issuance of the disaster declarations. Additionally, it may not have a total revenue that exceeds the amount for which no franchise tax is due or be a franchise, national chain, lobbying firm, private equity firm, or backed by a private equity firm.

Texas MBDR received \$5 million in appropriations for the FY24-25 biennium. Although there was no funding for FTEs, the Bank launched the program on October 1, 2024.

#### **Texas Small and Rural Community Success Fund Program**

Senate Bill 1465 (87-R) provided authorization for Texas Small and Rural Community Success Fund Program (TSRCS); a trust fund held with the comptroller with proceeds from the issuance of bonds. The fund would be used to make revolving loans to economic development corporations (EDCs) for eligible projects as authorized by Chapters 501, 504, and 505 of the Local Government Code.

The bonds are special obligations of the Bank and the principal of and interest on the bonds must be payable solely from the revenues derived by the Bank including loan repayments secured by a pledge of the local economic development sales and use tax revenues (Type A/B) imposed by municipalities for the benefit of EDCs.

The program is expected to launch in the second quarter of FY25.

#### Micro-Business Disaster Recovery Loan Guarantee Program

Senate Bill 1465 (87-R) provided authorization for the Micro-Business Disaster Recovery Loan Guarantee Program (MBDRLG). The micro-business disaster recovery fund, appropriated by the legislature, would be used to guarantee loans made by participating financial institutions that have entered into a participation agreement with the Bank to micro businesses that have suffered economic injury as a result of a declared disaster.

To participate in the program, an eligible financial institution must enter into a participation agreement with the Bank that sets out the terms and conditions under which loans made to micro-businesses recovering from a declared disaster will be guaranteed. A declared disaster is a state of disaster declared by the governor under Chapter 418.

A micro-business is a legal entity domiciled in the state of Texas and has at least 95% of its employees located in the state, is formed to make a profit, and has no more than 20 employees. To be eligible for the program, the micro-business must be in good standing under the laws of this state and not owe delinquent taxes to a taxing unit. Additionally, it may not have a total revenue that exceeds the amount for which no franchise tax is due or be a franchise, national chain, lobbying firm, private equity firm, or backed by a private equity firm. A micro-business that receives a loan guarantee shall apply the loan to

working capital or to the purchase, construction, or lease of capital assets damaged, reduced, or lost as a result of the declared disaster.

This program did not receive funding or FTEs and therefore has not been implemented.

## **Program Evaluation**

The Economic Development Finance Division will evaluate the programs during the interim and report any challenges in administering each program and include any proposals for statutory changes that would address the challenges. In addition, the Bank currently oversees several programs that have not been funded. These programs will also need additional FTEs if funding is granted in future legislative sessions. This will also be applicable for any new programs that the Texas Legislature designates to be operated by the Bank.

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