

BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
APPLICATION for BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

I (We), hereinafter referred to as “APPLICANT”, on behalf of the identified entity, submit to the Bellville Economic Development Corporation (hereinafter referred to as “BEDC”), this application for consideration of a Business Improvement Grant under the provisions of the BEDC’s Business Improvement Grant Program.

As part of this application, APPLICANT represents to BEDC the following:

1. APPLICANT has received a copy of the BEDC’s Guidelines and Criteria for the Business Improvement Grant Program. APPLICANT acknowledges to BEDC that in making this application APPLICANT understands the terms and provisions thereof, and all questions relating to any needed interpretation thereof have been answered by authorized representatives of BEDC prior to the submission of this application.
2. The BEDC does not require you to secure outside legal or accounting advice to complete this application. If, however, the APPLICANT feels such advice is needed, the APPLICANT should secure such legal, accounting, and/or other advice that may be necessary for APPLICANT to determine the desirability of making this application and/or accurately and correctly answering any questions as hereinafter set out. APPLICANT acknowledges that it has completely relied on the advice and counsel of experts and/or appropriate persons retained, employed, or compensated by APPLICANT, and that it has not relied upon, nor is APPLICANT now attempting to rely upon the advice and counsel of BEDC, its servants, agents, employees, and/or elected or appointed officers.
3. By signing this document, “Application for Business Improvement Grant” either in an individual capacity, jointly, or in a representative capacity, APPLICANT acknowledges and verifies that all of the facts, information, and allegations as herein set out are true, correct and accurate, and that BEDC may rely thereon as if the same had been signed by APPLICANT or APPLICANT’S agent before a Notary Public or other authorized officer permitted by law to administer oaths and to take acknowledgements. APPLICANT further acknowledges and understands that any materially false or misleading statements of fact may be considered a violation of the criminal laws of the State of Texas.
4. If APPLICANT is a corporate entity, APPLICANT swears and affirms that all applicable franchise taxes or other taxes paid for the privilege of conducting business have been fully paid, and that the APPLICANT is fully authorized to transact business in the State of Texas, and in the state of incorporation if different from the State of Texas. In addition, APPLICANT, whether a corporate entity, partnership, or other legal type business entity, or an individual, acknowledges and verifies that it is current on all current tax obligations, assessments, or other governmental levies and assessments, and that the same have paid when due and payable, and that no delinquencies exist at this time.

5. The APPLICANT hereby certifies that the APPLICANT does not and will not knowingly employ an undocumented worker. An “undocumented worker” shall mean an individual who, at the time of employment, is not (a) lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States; or (b) authorized under the law to be employed in that manner in the United States. APPLICANT understands and agrees that if, after receiving a Business Improvement Grant, APPLICANT is convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a(f), the APPLICANT will repay the amount of the grant with interest, at the rate of 12% per annum, within 120 days after the BEDC notifies the APPLICANT of the violation. The BEDC has the right to recover court costs and reasonable attorney’s fees as a result of any civil action required to recover such repayment.

Business Entity Name: _____

Type of Entity: _____
(corporation, limited partnership, etc.)

Mailing address: _____

Location in the City of Bellville for which the improvement is being requested.

Street Address: _____

6. Please attach a vicinity map locating the property within the City of Bellville as **Exhibit A**. (copy of map from program such as Google maps or from Austin County Appraisal district)

7. New or existing business: _____ New _____ Existing
_____, has been in operation for _____ years.

Existing # of jobs: _____

(if applicable)

Full-time _____ Part-time _____

New jobs (full-time): _____ New jobs (part-time): _____

8. If leased facility, provide the following information (attach copy of current lease):

Current Landlord: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

9. Proposed Improvements:
DESCRIPTION _____

ESTIMATED COST _____

ESTIMATED START DATE _____

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE _____

Please furnish detailed drawings, plans, specifications, color schemes, or any other available supporting documents for proposed improvements and cost estimates as *Exhibit B*.

10. Additional Information:
Please provide any additional information regarding applicants funding request that may be helpful:

11. Is the Applicant required to collect and pay sales tax? Yes _____ No _____
If Yes, please attach a receipt from the latest monthly or quarterly period showing the payment has been made. (NOTE: Sales tax information will be kept confidential)

12. Has Applicant previously applied for a BEDC business grant? _____
If so, when? _____
Business name _____
Location _____
Was application approved, and if so amount of grant _____

APPLICANT and owner/landlord indemnify, defend and hold BEDC harmless from any liability, injury, claim, expenses and attorney's fees arising out of a contractor, builder or contract for performance of improvements, or repair to buildings and facilities.

BEDC has delivered a copy of the guidelines and criteria for a business improvement grant program to applicant for review, and the delivery hereof does not constitute an offer of an improvement grant.

The laws of the State of Texas shall govern the interpretation, validity, performance and enforcement of the application for business improvement grant program. If any provision

of this application for business improvement grant program should be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this application shall not be affected thereby.

VERIFICATION

I (We), the undersigned APPLICANT(S), certify that all the information furnished BEDC has been furnished freely by the APPLICANTS (S), herein, and further acknowledge that no rights or privileges may be relied on as a part of any application. In addition, it is acknowledged that the Bellville Economic Development Corporation may or may not grant a Business Improvement Grant based upon application or request hereunder purely as a matter of discretion, and that there is no legal right to rely on any previous actions taken in same or similar applications, or previous actions taken on other applications concerning the same or similar property.

Signed and submitted to Bellville Economic Development Corporation on this, the _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Applicant _____

Applicant _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Address _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Phone Number _____

Property Owner/Landlord _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF AUSTIN

Before me, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared _____ known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me and that they executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires: _____

DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST for Business Improvement Grant Program

As a part of this application, the following documentation is being provided by the applicant:

_____ Establishment of business entity name (copy of Articles of Incorporation, dba, etc.)

_____ Copy of lease agreement (if facility is leased)

_____ Vicinity map of subject property (*Exhibit A*)

_____ Estimates of proposed improvements (*Exhibit B*)

_____ State sales tax reporting form for most recent period
(if applicable)