

## TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Unclaimed Property Division P.O.Box 12019 • Austin, TX 78711-2019

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The Honorable Robert Newsom Hopkins County Judge PO Box 288 Sulphur Springs, TX 75483-0288

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Dear Judge Newsom:

Section 74.602 of the Texas Property Code authorizes the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller) to allocate a portion of the unclaimed capital credits received from electric cooperatives back to counties in cooperatives' service areas. The Code also states that the money may only be used to fund an appropriate program under Section 381.004 of the Local Government Code. The Commissioners court is the primary governing body and ultimate decision-making authority regarding the legitimacy of requests for funds.

The amount available to each county will be based on total capital credits remitted per reporting year, minus anticipated claims as determined by the Comptroller. However, the county may or may not have funds for this year.

If your office will submit a request for these funds, please refer to the following guidelines:

- Requests are to be submitted by the Commissioners court in writing by March 31, 2015;
- Requests **must** include the complete name, address and federal tax identification number of the Commissioners court. Funds will be paid directly to the court;
- All requests must include certification:
  - "That the purpose of the funds is in compliance with the provisions of Section 381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code".

Please mail your request(s) to:

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Unclaimed Property Division Holder Reporting Section P.O. Box 12019 Austin, Texas 78711-2019

If you have any questions concerning these procedures, please contact Taj Williams at taj.williams@cpa.texas.gov or 1-800-321-2274, ext. 3-1189.

Sincerely,

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Bryant Clayton Supervisor, Holder Reporting

cc: Taj Williams



Office of the County Judge County Courthouse 118 Church St. Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

February 23, 2015

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Unclaimed Property Division Holder Reporting Section Post Office Box 12019 Austin, Texas 78711-2019

Dear Sir:

Hopkins County Commissioners' Court requests their allocation of the portion of unclaimed capital credits received from electric cooperatives per Section 74.602 of the Texas Property Code.

Remittance of funds should be made to:

Hopkins County Commissioners' Court 118 Church Street Sulphur Springs, TX 75482 Fed. ID #75-6001007

The County certifies that the purpose of the funds is in compliance with the provisions of Section 381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Sincerely,

Au Robert Newsom

Hopkins County Judge

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development projects authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 or under any other federal law creating community and economic development programs.

(b) The commissioners court of a county may administer, engage in, and otherwise exercise all powers necessary for the county to fully participate in housing and community development programs authorized under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act. This authority includes the power to impose assessments on real property and the owners of the property to recover all or part of the cost of a public improvement, as authorized by Section 916 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act. The commissioners court may:

(1) use county funds, as matching funds, as may be necessary to obtain grants or financial assistance under that Act; or

(2) obtain grants and financial assistance under any other federal law creating housing and community development programs.

(c) The commissioners court of a county may provide services authorized by Chapter 2308, Government Code, if the commissioners court enters into a contract with a local workforce development board for the provision of services authorized by Chapter 2308, Government Code. The commissioners court may collect fees for the services performed and for unreimbursed costs associated with the provision of the services unless:

(1) state law prohibits the collection of the fee or unreimbursed cost; or

(2) the service provided is a service described bySubsections (a) and (b), 29 U.S.C. Section 49f.

(d) This section does not authorize a commissioners court to exercise any ordinance-making authority not otherwise specifically granted by state law.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 140, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 26, 1991; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 826, Sec. 3, eff. June 18, 1997.

Sec. 381.004. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) In this section:

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(1) "Another entity" includes the federal government, the State of Texas, a municipality, school or other special district, finance corporation, institution of higher education, charitable or nonprofit organization, foundation, board, council, commission, or any other person.

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(2) "Minority" includes blacks, Hispanics, AsianAmericans, American Indians, and Alaska natives.

(3) "Minority business" means a business concern, more than 50 percent of which is owned and controlled in management and daily operations by members of one or more minorities.

(4) "Women-owned business" means a business concern, more than 50 percent of which is owned and controlled in management and daily operations by one or more women.

(b) To stimulate business and commercial activity in a county, the commissioners court of the county may develop and administer a program:

for state or local economic development;

(2) for small or disadvantaged business development;

(3) to stimulate, encourage, and develop businesslocation and commercial activity in the county;

(4) to promote or advertise the county and its vicinity or conduct a solicitation program to attract conventions, visitors, and businesses;

(5) to improve the extent to which women and minority businesses are awarded county contracts;

(6) to support comprehensive literacy programs for the benefit of county residents; or

(7) for the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts.

(c) The commissioners court may:

(1) contract with another entity for the administration of the program;

(2) authorize the program to be administered on the basis of county commissioner precincts;

(3) use county employees or funds for the program; and

(4) accept contributions, gifts, or other resources to

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(e) The legislature may appropriate unclaimed money the comptroller receives under Chapter 74, Property Code, for a county to use in carrying out a program established under this section. To receive money for that purpose for any fiscal year, the county must request the money for that fiscal year. The amount a county may receive under this subsection for a fiscal year may not exceed an amount equal to the value of the capital credits the comptroller receives from an electric cooperative corporation on behalf of the corporation's members in the county requesting the money less an amount sufficient to pay anticipated expenses and claims. The comptroller shall transfer money in response to a request after deducting the amount the comptroller determines to be sufficient to pay anticipated expenses and claims.

(f) The commissioners court of a county may support a children's advocacy center that provides services to abused children.

(g) The commissioners court may develop and administer a program authorized by Subsection (b) for entering into a tax abatement agreement with an owner or lessee of a property interest subject to ad valorem taxation. The execution, duration, and other terms of the agreement are governed, to the extent practicable, by the provisions of Sections 312.204, 312.205, and 312.211, Tax Code, as if the commissioners court were a governing body of a municipality.

(h) The commissioners court may develop and administer a program authorized by Subsection (b) for making loans and grants of public money and providing personnel and services of the county. Added by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 1060, Sec. 3, eff. Aug. 28, 1989. Amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1037, Sec. 3, eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 254, Sec. 1, eff. May 22, 2001; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1154, Sec. 1, eff. June 15, 2001; Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1275, Sec. 2(109), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

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