



AEDC 2021 Community Development Grant Program Coversheet

Deadline for all applications to be turned in is at 5pm on February 15, 2021.

Awards will be announced after March 16, 2021 AEDC Board Meeting.

Applications must be delivered in person at the Athens Economic Development Corporation office located at 201 W Corsicana Street in the Athens Partnership Center.

Awards will require a legally binding Performance Agreement.

The Athens EDC is currently accepting applications for Community Development Grants. These grants are targeted at supporting cultural, sports, fitness, entertainment and community projects that attract resident and visitor participation and contribute to quality of life, business development and growth of Athens sales tax revenue. Businesses, organizations, and nonprofits are all eligible for these grants. Guidelines for these grants include:

- Applicant must have been in business/operation within the city limits of Athens for a minimum of two (2) years.
- Project must demonstrate how it will advance the mission and support the goals of the AEDC.
- Project must be for public use or otherwise meet the definition of "Project" as that term is defined in state law.
- Project must be well-planned with stated goals, objectives and evaluation measures that demonstrate impact to the community.
- The Applicant must own the land or facility where the proposed project will be located. If the Applicant does not own the land, written acknowledgement or approval from the property owner must be included with the application.
- Approved Project must be completed within one year, or consistent with performance agreement.
- Performance agreements will be required for all approved grants
- Applications must be completed in full, providing all information requested, to be considered by the AEDC board.

Want to find out if you are eligible before going through the whole application process? Just send the name of your business or organization, description and cost of your project, and how your project will help Athens to Joanie Ahlers at jahlers@athenstx.gov