



Want to expand or create a new business?



HIDALGO COUNTY SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (STED) GRANT PROGRAM

Project seeks to encourage entrepreneurial oriented residents to create and/or expand ideas for new or existing businesses. This project will provide participants with support and resources for development of their business proposals. All proposals will be presented before an evaluation committee for consideration and input. Applicants will be subject to a written evaluation of a business plan and an oral presentation before the evaluation committee.

Participant Guidelines

Business projects may become public and entrants should not assume any right of confidentiality in any information



Initial Intent to Apply forms (1) must be submitted before March 15, 2018 as part of the four (4) step process.

(1) Intent to Apply: Description should not exceed 1000 words. (2) Formats: If intent to apply is accepted, applicants will be asked to submit a business plan. (3) Evaluation (By Committee). (4) Participants will present an oral presentation of 15 minutes before the program committee, that will then recommend an award amount. The amount of any and all awards are presented to Commissioners Court. Recommended funds will be distributed as a reimbursement to the awardee not to exceed \$20,000.



Grow New Ideas

Promoting business entrepreneurship and financial aid for eligible businesses within smaller communities of Hidalgo County. Participants will have the opportunity to compete for prize grant money to be used for the betterment or launch of their proposal. Qualifying entrants can request an amount up to \$20,000 in grant funds committed to stay within the business.

For more information on the Hidalgo County Small Town Economic Development Grant Program, or questions about the application process, please contact Nestor Lopez at 956-318-2600 or go online to www.hidalgocounty.us/STED.



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