

TxDot Grant Fund Project



**CREATION OF A COUNTY ENERGY
TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE**

Chapter 256, Transportation Code



- **\$225 Million-Earmarked for Texas Counties**
 - **Formula for Funds:**
 - ✦ 50% Well Completions in preceding year in your county
 - ✦ 20% Overweight Truck Permits for your county
 - ✦ 20% Oil and Gas Severance Taxes paid from your county
 - ✦ 10% base on Injection Well volume in your county
 - All Counties have some allocation
 - This allocation is yours, but you must apply
 - If not sought, your money goes elsewhere

Application Process Requirements



1. Create a CETRZ pursuant to §222.1071 Transportation Code:
 - a. Publish Notice of Public Hearing at least 7 days in advance.
 - b. Hold Public Hearing to receive comment on one or more CETRZ zones
 - c. Adopt Order 30 days after Public Hearing
 - d. Appoints an Advisory Board (Members up to 3 from industry, 2 or 3 from public)
2. Prepare a Plan that :
 - a. Provides a List of Projects to be funded by grant. (At least one project in Zone, but a list of projects exceeding grant allocation by 100%)
 - b. Describes the scope of the project using bests practices to prioritize projects.
 - c. Identify source of Matching Funds (10% for Disadvantaged Counties, 20% for all others).
3. 256.104: (a) (1): Provide the road condition report described by Section 51.018 for the previous year.
 - a. Condition of each road, culvert and bridge in each precinct, and cause of degradation (Heavy Trucks).
 - b. Amount of Money Necessary for Maintenance in coming year.
 - c. Number of traffic control devises defaced or down.
 - d. Any new road that should be opened in precinct.
 - e. Any bridges, culverts or other improvements required to place roads in good condition, and cost to accomplish.
 - f. Filed in the minutes of Comm. Court, and considered in budget.
 - g. Filed with Grand Jury with any contracts.

They can be accomplished Earlier



- **Deadline for Application:** 2/7/14 through 2/14/14
- **Adoption of CETRZ Order:** 2/5/14
- **Public Hearing on CETRZ:** 1/6/14
- **Notice Published in Paper:** 12/30/13
 - **Deadline for copy to Paper:** Depends on publication Schedule
- **Authorize Making Application** Immediately

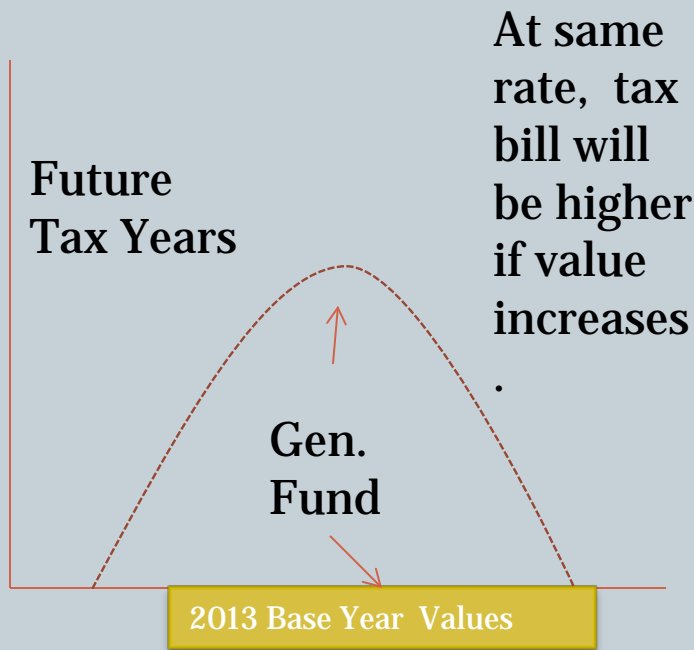
FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)



- **Why create a CETRZ?**
 - Without a CETRZ, you cannot apply for grant.
 - CETRZ may, in some counties, provide a useful tool in budgeting in subsequent years.
- **Will the CETRZ result in higher taxes?**
 - No. An increase in valuations will result in a higher tax bill at the same rate, but no increase due to CETRZ.

FAQs Continued

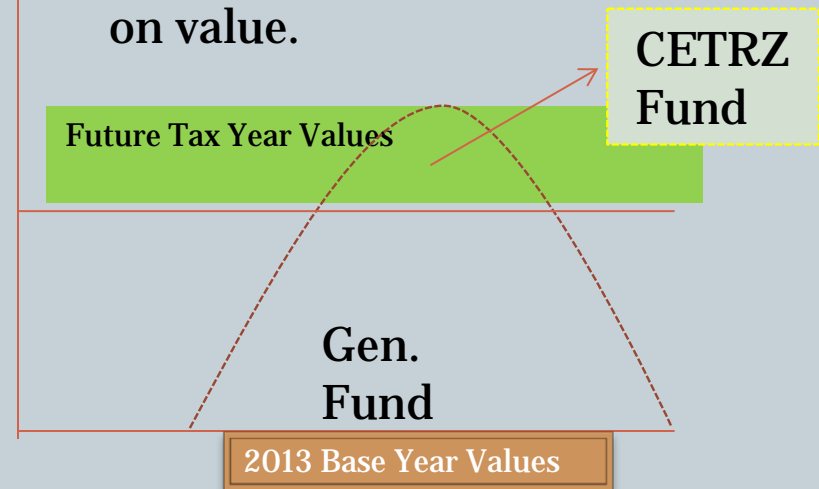
- **Tax Values Without CTRZ**



Taxes rate may not increase, but Tax Bill will go up with valuation, And will decrease with fall in value

- **Tax Values CETRZ**

Only the increase in value is captured...no increase in rate...but tax bill is based on value.



No change in appraisal process. Only if increase in valuations will tax bill go up, but any increase above base year is captured for CETRZ Fund

FAQs Continued



1. **Must road projects be in the CETRZ?**
 - a. **GRANT does not limit projects to CETRZ. Zone must contain at least one project, but not all projects must be in Zone.**
 - b. **CETRZ increment may impose a restriction on projects for increment funds.**
 - c. **So, create a minimum CETRZ for Grant Funds Only, reconsider CETRZ after Grant funds are obtained.**
2. **Does project have to be damaged by heavy truck traffic?**
 - a. **No. Your county is eligible for grant, and you can use funds as you deem necessary on road projects only...Can't spend money on non-transportation projects.**
3. **If roads most damaged are only in one precinct, can funds be spent on roads in other precincts?**
 - a. **Yes. This should be addressed on the Plan for Projects submitted in the application. You should decide how to allocate the money as far as it will go.**
4. **Should we apply for more money than our grant allocation?**
 - a. **Yes, there may be a re-allocation, based on number of applicants, so we suggest you apply for twice or three times your initial grant allocation.**

Advisory Board



1. Who and how many persons serve on the Advisory Board:
 - a. Statute says there should be “up to three” representatives of the oil and gas industry who are tax payers in the County. Two members should be “public members”. We recommend a Board of five members, with two or three public members and two members with ties of some sort to the energy sector who pay taxes in your county.
2. What does the Board actually do?
 - a. Duties are not clearly stated, but supposedly they would give recommendations on the projects and priority of projects. Long term, they would provide information on emerging trends in oil and gas development in county, and make suggestions to Comm. Court on road needs. Recommendations are not binding, Comm. Ct. retains discretion.
3. What do the Board Members receive in salary?
 - a. Nothing, and no reimbursement for expenses is permitted.
4. How often do they meet?
 - a. Unstated, irregular meetings.
5. Are their meetings subject to Open Meeting requirements?
 - a. Yes.

What about the Road Reports



COUNTY OF _____

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PRECINCT NO. _____

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ANNUAL ROAD REPORT

1. Condition of each road, culvert, and bridge in the precinct and the primary cause of any road, culvert or bridge degradation:
2. Amount of money necessary for maintenance of the precinct roads during the next fiscal year: _____
3. Number of traffic control devices in the precinct defaced or torn down: _____
4. Any new road that should be opened in the precinct:
5. Any bridges, culverts, or other improvements necessary to place the precinct roads in good condition, and the probable cost of the improvements: _____

Submitted by the undersigned on this ____ day of _____.

Commissioner, Precinct _____

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, the undersigned authority, this ____ day of _____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: ____

Project Plan



Recommend use of Texas Department of Transportation Form-See TAC website

- **The TxDot form is straight forward-Identify the project by name, description of segment to be repaired, and the following data:**
- **Description of Existing Roadway**
 - **Scope or type of work, i.e. “2 inch overlay and spot base repair” or “Add gravel and re-grade county road”**
 - **Type of facility, i.e. “2 lane rural road”**
 - **Existing surface, i.e. “Asphalt” or “un-surfaced road”, or “gravel road”**
- **Implementation Schedule**
 - **By competitive bid to a contractor, or by use of County road and bridge forces.**
 - **Project begin date and Project end date**

Project Plan-Continued



- Estimate of Cost-Again, the TxDot form is very simple, gross sums only on form with no breakout:
 - Engineering
 - Right of Way acquisition
 - Construction
- However, we recommend that you have available supporting data for each, i.e.:
 - Engineering: Surveying, Design, Bidding, Legal, Staking
 - Right-of-Way: Legal, Publication, Condemnation estimate
 - Construction: Materials, Labor, Equipment, Fuel, Insurance
- Total Cost of Project by road x Match Percentage: Show State Share and County Share by correct percentage applicable to your county (10% or 20%)
- Total all road projects and make application for total of all projects.
- We recommend applying for two times (2X) the amount of your allocation.



SB 1747 Prioritized Project List

Fill out the following table to the best of your knowledge. Make sure to prioritize your County's projects and put them in order of most importance to least importance. Total project cost will equal the total grant as reflected in the Application and will include Engineering, Right-of-Way and Utility costs, Construction, Inspection, etc.

County: _____
Choose your county from drop down menu

Yes or No **County is an "economically disadvantaged county" as determined by Transportation Code 222.053.**
NOTE: A list of FY 2014 Economically Disadvantaged Counties was provided for in the notice of the request for applications sent by TxDOT to each county, and can also be found at <http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/energy/edc-2014.pdf>.

TxDOT District: _____

| Project Priority Number | PROJECT INFORMATION | | | EXISTING ROADWAY | | IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE | | | ESTIMATE | | | | FUNDING | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Roadway Name or Designation | Project Limits | Scope / Type of Work | Type of Facility | Existing Surface | Competitive Bid or County Forces? | Proposed Begin Construction Date (Mo./Yr.) | Proposed End Construction Date (Mo./Yr.) | Engineering | ROW/Utilities | Construction | Estimated Total Project Cost | State Share | County Share |
| EX.#1 | CR 2 | From Main Street to 2 miles East of Driller Drive | 2" Overlay and spot base repair | 2-lane Rural | Asphalt | Competitive Bid | 09/2014 | 06/2015 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 1,680,000 | \$ 1,750,000 | \$ 1,400,000 | \$ 350,000 |
| EX.#2 | CR 1041 | From SH 37 to CR 1051 | Add gravel and re-grade county road due to heavy truck use | 2-lane Rural | Un-surfaced | County Forces | 05/2014 | 07/2014 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 250,000 | \$ 250,000 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 50,000 |

Examples:

Your County's Prioritized Project List:

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These two funding columns are locked and cannot be changed. The percentages are dictated by whether you are an Economically Disadvantaged County or not.