



EAST ALDINE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Subject to availability of funds and annual priorities, the East Aldine Management District (the “District”) offers limited financial support to community groups, schools, and nonprofit organizations for projects that improve the East Aldine area. The District’s goal is to use its resources to improve the well-being, safety, and overall quality of life in the community. By providing such assistance, the District aspires to increase community participation and to foster a renewed sense of community identity and vision.

1. Any nonprofit organization working directly with the citizens, businesses, schools, youth, neighborhoods, or other nonprofit organizations located within the District’s boundaries is eligible to apply.
2. Any public or private school serving students within the East Aldine District’s boundaries, subject to prior approval by the school’s principal and appropriate ISD administrative official or grants officer. (Please check with school administration for additional policies, procedures, or limitations.)
3. Any first responders’ agency providing for the safety, security, and health of the citizens of East Aldine.
4. The following types of Aldine neighborhood groups may apply:
 - unincorporated informal neighborhood groups
 - incorporated formal neighborhood groups, such as homeowners and tenant associations, civic clubs, parent patrols, and neighborhood watch groups
 - neighbors living in an apartment complex or mobile home community
5. Grants will not be made to:
 - individuals
 - organizations or activities designed to elect candidates to public office
 - projects that have already taken place or costs already incurred
 - pay salaries
 - religious organizations for the purpose of proselytizing
5. Organizations or groups that wish to apply for funds from the District must complete an application form and provide all documents, authorizing signatures, and supporting information requested. In addition, 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) nonprofit organizations must supply a copy of their most recent 990 form and IRS determination letter. Schools must submit appropriate documentation of administrative approval of the request with the District application in accordance with item 2 above.
6. Applications will be reviewed by the Community Development Committee for recommendation to the District’s Board of Directors, which makes the final decision. A member of the District’s staff may call if the Committee or the Board requires additional information about a grant application. Groups being considered for funding will be notified regarding the Board’s decision.
7. Completed, fully authorized applications must be submitted at least 60 days in advance of a District board and committee meeting, both of which are normally held on the third Tuesday of the month.
8. Projects may be given priority for funding if they are compatible with the District’s annual plan and if they demonstrate some of the following characteristics:
 - bringing people together to work on community issues and build linkages between communities, including youth, elders, businesses, schools, institutions, religious organizations, and other important stakeholders.
 - providing citizens an opportunity to take a more active role in and responsibility for what happens in their community
 - fostering confidence and trust among diverse groups
 - identifying and developing leadership and organizing skills
 - contributing to the public safety, health, beauty, or economic development of the East Aldine area