



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & 60 DAY COMMENT PERIOD ON THE USE OF TYPE B FUNDS FOR THE DOWNTOWN SAN BENITO ARTS MURAL PROGRAM

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Sec. 505.160 the San Benito EDC hereby conducts this notice announcing the opening of its sixty (60) day comment period & public hearing.

The San Benito EDC, hereby gives notice, pursuant, to Texas Local Government Code, Sec. 505.160 that it will conduct a sixty (60) day comment period that will open on **Friday, August 19th 2022, and will close on Monday, October 17th 2022**, for the consideration to use Type B sales tax funds for the following project/activity:

The San Benito Economic Development Corporation is proposing to implement a Downtown San Benito Arts Mural Program to promote and commemorate San Benito's rich cultural heritage, reinforce the growth of arts and culture within the city and increase tourism to the area. The project shall strive for diversity of style, scale, and media and represented in a series of murals on buildings in the City of San Benito. The program is possible and pursuant to the Authority of the EDC under Sec. 505.103, Local Gov't code and the EDC's Board intent to improve the aesthetic of the community with murals and increase tourism to the City of San Benito.

A total of \$20,000 will be available for this program for artist and business owners located within the San Benito Downtown District. The project stipend for each site will range from \$1,000 to \$7,000 depending on the complexity of the work. This stipend includes all costs associate with the project; including but not limited to the artists' fees, architecture/engineering fees, installation, insurance, travel, fabrication, landscaping, if necessary, permit fees, lighting. Exact amount of the stipend is subject to the review and selection by the Downtown Committee, approval by the EDC Board of Director's and final approval of the City of San Benito City Commission.

The exact size of the mural will be determined in collaboration, the artist, the selection committee, and the property owner but should be no larger than 20' x 20' and be 7ft above ground level to allow for proper placement. The location of the mural will be determined in collaboration with the artist, property owner, and selection committee, but should be within the downtown corridor or one block from the parameters.

A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2022 at 5:30 PM at the San Benito EDC located at 701 N. Bowie Street, San Benito, TX 78586. Note that funding for this program requires approval from the San Benito EDC Board of Directors and the San Benito City Commission.

To review proposed program and provide comments within the sixty (60) day comment period, please contact Katarina Guerra, Business & Downtown Development/Marketing Coordinator, via email at info@sanbenitoedc.us or via phone at (956)626-1350. The public is invited to attend the public hearing and provide their comments. Accommodations with handicap/disabilities shall be provided by calling (956)626-1350.

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