



# Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for Counties

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In conjunction with Local Government Code 381.004 and Texas Property Code Section 74.602, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts is authorized to distribute a portion of unclaimed capital credits to counties for specific uses.

## What are unclaimed capital credits?

Electric cooperatives that have lost contact with a previous customer sometimes report capital credits to the Comptroller's office as unclaimed property. Texas law allows counties to claim a portion of unclaimed capital credits originating from their county and use them for specific programs.

## How are funds divided among counties?

- Electric cooperatives report to the Comptroller unclaimed capital credits and the county of service from which they originated.
- The amount available to each county is based on that county's total capital credits remitted per reporting year, minus anticipated claims as determined by the Comptroller.
- A county may or may not receive funds in a given year.

## Who qualifies?

- Any county can request a portion of those funds.
- The county must follow instructions in Local Government Code Section 381.004 to request funds.
- The commissioners court is the primary governing body and ultimate decision-making authority on the legitimacy of fund requests.

## General uses of capital credits

The county commissioners court may use capital credits to develop and administer a program:\*

- for state or local economic development
- for small or disadvantaged business development
- to stimulate, encourage and develop business location and commercial activity in the county
- to promote or advertise the county and its vicinity or conduct a solicitation program to attract conventions, visitors and businesses
- to improve the extent to which women and minority businesses are awarded county contracts
- to support comprehensive literacy programs that benefit county residents
- for the encouragement, promotion, improvement and application of the arts
- to support a children's advocacy center

\*Review Local Government Code Section 381.004 before starting a program.

## How to request capital credits

The county judge and/or commissioners court must complete and submit the form on the back of this notice.

- The form must be signed by a representative of the commissioners court or the county judge.
- The form must include the complete name, address and federal tax identification number of the commissioners court. Funds will be paid directly to the court.

If you have any questions, contact Taj Williams:  
taj.williams@cpa.texas.gov or 512-463-1189.

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FOR QUESTIONS ON CAPITAL  
CREDITS, CONTACT TAJ WILLIAMS  
**512-463-1189.**

## UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CAPITAL CREDITS FOR COUNTIES

## County Request for Capital Credits

County name Panola County County FEIN 75-6001106Authorized by  Judge  Commissioners CourtName of County Judge LeeAnn Jones Approved Date 3-28-16

## Send the requested funds to:

Address 110 S. Sycamore, Room 216-A City Carthage State Tx Zip 75633

I acknowledge that the purpose of the funds is in compliance with provisions of  
Texas Local Government Code Section 381.004.

Name LeeAnn Jones Title County Judge Phone 903-693-0391Signature  Date 03-28-16

You may submit this form by mail, fax or email by May 1, 2016.

Mail Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts  
Unclaimed Property Division  
Holder Reporting Section  
P.O. Box 12019  
Austin, Texas 78711-2019

Fax 512-475-3609  
Email taj.williams@cpa.texas.gov

**FOR COMPTROLLER'S USE ONLY:** We are authorized to release \_\_\_\_\_% of the total amount available to your county. We will send a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payment to the address provided above. By requesting funds, you have certified that they will be used in compliance with the provisions of Texas Local Government Code Section 381.004.

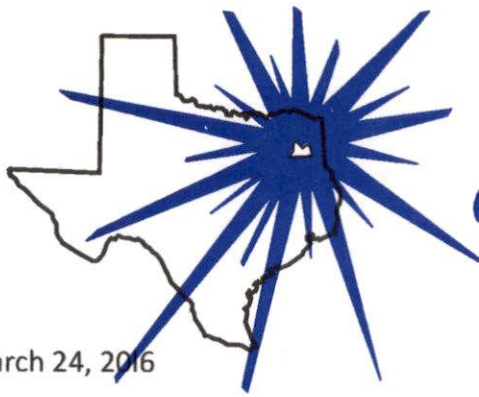
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# Panola County

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
300 W. PANOLA PHONE (903) 693-6634  
CARTHAGE, TEXAS 75633

March 24, 2016

Honorable LeeAnn Jones  
Panola County Courthouse  
110 S. Sycamore  
Carthage, Texas, 75633

Dear Judge Jones;

The Panola County Chamber of Commerce requests your consideration for the electric coop funds to be given back to the county under section 74.602 (b) (3) of the Texas Property Code.

The funds will be used for the economic development activities of the Chamber of Commerce in Compliance with Section 381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Our Federal Tax ID is: 750-71-5353

Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tommie Ritter Smith  
President

State of Texas

County of Panola

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Tommie Smith

Known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

Given under my hand and seal of office the 24th day of March.

Notary Public Signature

