

**APPLICATION FOR USE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY  
HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS**

**FOR BEACH/PARK ON WATERWAY FUNDING**

Thank you for your interest in promoting tourism and the hotel industry in Jefferson County through the utilization of county Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds. The use of HOT funds is regulated by law (Tax Code 352.1033), which limits the use of those funds for the direct enhancement and promotion of tourism AND the convention and hotel industry. In addition, the project must fit into one of the categories listed under section I, subsection B. The following information will be used to determine eligibility

**I. CRITERIA**

**A. General Information**

1. Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_
2. Total Amount of Funds Requested by this Grant \_\_\_\_\_
3. Year and months in which funds will be used:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Categories: (Choose one that best describes project)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Clean public beaches
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Acquire, furnish or maintain facilities, including parks, which enhance public access to beaches.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Provide and maintain public restrooms on or adjacent to beach and beach access facilities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Create, renovate, promote, and maintain parks adjacent to bays, rivers, and other navigable waterways if the county does not operate a public beach on the Gulf of Mexico



### III. MARKETING PLANS

- A. What type of events/activities is held at the beach/park on a waterway in question which attracts visitors from outside 50 miles of Jefferson County?
- B. Are there current or planned marketing efforts in place to promote the beach/park on the waterway in question to visitors from outside 50 miles of Jefferson County? Please explain in detail.

**By signing this application**, I, individually and on behalf of my organization, represent and agree that:

1. I have full authority to execute this application on behalf of myself, group, and organization;
2. Any funds allocated out of Hotel Occupancy Tax monies will be used solely in the manner set forth in the award letter;
3. I and my organization will, within 60 days following the date of my/our project/event, provide a complete and detailed accounting to the Jefferson County Tourism Commission, c/o Kathi Hughes, in such form as may be provided/requested;
4. Failure to provide the report within 60 days and/or to use the allocated monies solely for the purposes for which such funds were awarded shall render me and my group/organization liable for reimbursement to Jefferson County of all such funds, plus reasonable court costs and attorney fees.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person Completing Form \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Tax ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Return Form to:       Kathi Weathington Hughes  
                              Ben J. Rogers Regional Visitors Center  
                              5055 IH-10 South  
                              Beaumont, Texas 77705

Please submit a W-9 form with application. Questions with regard to the application should be forwarded to Mrs. Kathi Hughes at 409-842-0500.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Grants of hotel occupancy tax revenues may statutorily be used only for the promotion of tourism. Expenditure of funds for unauthorized purposes may result in recapture and/or enter into funding decisions in future funding cycles.