

**Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program
Application Criteria and Scoring Values**

A. The following items will not receive scoring values since they are required elements of the grant applications:

- (1) the amount of money available for a grant
- (2) the percentage of the cost the county will contribute
- (3) any in-kind contributions the county will provide
- (4) the cost of the proposed project
- (5) the county's approved master preservation plan

B. The following criteria and scoring values will be used to rate the grant applications:

- (1) the historic significance of the courthouse *(2-14 points)*
- (2) status of the building as a functioning courthouse *(20 points)*
- (3) county's provision of a cash overmatch greater than 15 % of the grant request *(2-8 points)*
- (4) courthouse is subject to a current conservation easement or covenant held by the commission *(6-20 points)*
- (5) county is willing to place a new preservation easement on the courthouse as part of the grant process *(0-20 points)*
- (6) age of the courthouse *(4-20 points)*
- (7) status of the courthouse in terms of state and local historical designations that are in place *(2-6 points)*
- (8) location of the county in a region with few awarded courthouse grant applications *(4 points)*
- (9) degree of surviving integrity of original design and materials *(0-14 points)*
- (10) proposal is in conformance with the approved master plan and addresses the work in proper sequence *(6-18 points)*
- (11) county government's provision of preservation incentives and support of the county historical commission and other county-wide preservation efforts *(4 points)*
- (12) use of the building as a courthouse after the project *(10 points)*
- (13) importance of the building within an architectural style/context *(2-14 points)*
- (14) evidence of community support and county commitment to protection *(2 points)*
- (15) proposal addresses and remedies former inappropriate changes *(2-14 points)*
- (16) existence of a plan for protecting county records during restoration and after restoration *(4 points)*
- (17) effort to protect and enhance surrounding historic resources *(4 points)*
- (18) degree of endangerment *(2-20 points)*