

**TEXAS HISTORIC COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION PROGRAM**  
Round XIII Grant Cycle Application Criteria and Scoring Values  
FY 2024-25

The following criteria and scoring values will be used to evaluate **FULL RESTORATION** and **PLANNING** grant requests:

**BUILDING-BASED CRITERIA:**

1. *Historic Designations* (1, 2, 4, or 6 points) status of the courthouse in terms of state and local historical designations that are in place
2. *Age of the Courthouse* (2, 4, or 6 points) the year selected as the Restoration Period for the courthouse
3. *Architecture* (2, 6, 8, 10, or 14 points) importance of the building within an architectural style/context
4. *Historic Significance* (0, 2, 6, 10, or 14 points) whether the history associated with the courthouse is significant locally, statewide or nationally
5. *Endangerment* (0, 5, 10, 13, 15, or 20 points) degree of endangerment of the building or its users
6. *Integrity* (0, 2, 6, 10, or 14 points) degree of surviving integrity of the original design and materials, or those of the selected Restoration Period

**PROJECT-BASED CRITERIA:**

7. *Current Use* (0, 6, or 10 points) status of the building as a functioning courthouse
8. *Future Use* (0, 10, or 20 points) use of the building as a courthouse after the project
9. *County Records* (0, 2, or 4 points) the existence of a plan for protecting government records during and after the project
10. *Fix Inappropriate Changes* (0, 6, 10, or 14 points) proposal addresses and remedies former inappropriate changes
11. *Master Plan* (0, 6, 12, or 18 points) proposal is in conformance with the approved master plan and addresses the work in an appropriate sequence
12. *Full Restoration* (0 or 20 points) proposal results in a fully restored county courthouse, both exterior and interior

**APPLICANT COMMITMENT-BASED CRITERIA:**

13. *Current Deed* (0, 6, 12, 18, or 20 points) courthouse is subject to a current preservation easement held by the commission (not a former THCPP easement)
14. *Future THCPP Deed* (0, 8, 14, or 20 points) willingness to place a new THCPP preservation easement on the courthouse
15. *County Preservation Support* (0, 1, or 2 points) local government's provision of preservation incentives and support of the county historical commission and other county-wide preservation efforts
16. *Local Resources* (0, 2, or 4 points) effort to protect and enhance surrounding historic resources
17. *Local Support* (0 or 2 points) evidence of community support and commitment to protection
18. *Compliance* (0, 2, or 4 points) history of compliance with the state courthouse law (Texas Government Code, Section 442.0081-0083, the Antiquities Code of Texas (Texas Natural Resources Code Ch. 191) and any Preservation Easement/s
19. *Cash Overmatch* (0-8 points) applicant's provision of a cash overmatch greater than 15 % of the grant request
20. *Plans and Specifications* (0, 5, or 10 points) approved 95% architectural plans and specifications that describe a Full Restoration construction project
21. *County Revenue* (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, or 20 points) an applicant's ability to contribute financially to the project
22. *Longevity (0-5 points)* based on the number of times an applicant has applied for a Full Restoration grant

**The following criteria and scoring values will be used to evaluate *EMERGENCY GRANT* requests:**

**BUILDING-BASED CRITERIA:**

1. *Endangerment* (0, 5, 10, 13, 15, or 20 points) degree of endangerment of the building or its users

**PROJECT-BASED CRITERIA:**

2. *Current Use* (0, 6, or 10 points) status of the building as a functioning courthouse
3. *Future Use* (0, 10, or 20 points) use of the building as a courthouse after the project
4. *Master Plan* (0, 6, 12, or 18 points) proposal is in conformance with the approved master plan and addresses the work in an appropriate sequence

**APPLICANT COMMITMENT-BASED CRITERIA:**

5. *Future THCPP Deed* (0, 8, 14, or 20 points) willingness to place a new THCPP preservation easement on the courthouse
6. *Compliance* (0, 2, or 4 points) history of compliance with the state courthouse law (Texas Government Code, Section 442.0081-0083, the Antiquities Code of Texas (Texas Natural Resources Code Ch. 191) and any Preservation Easement/s
7. *County Revenue* (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, or 20 points) an applicant's ability to contribute financially to the project

**The following criteria and scoring values will be used from the full set of 22 criteria to evaluate *EMERGENCY GRANT REQUESTS* for *PREVIOUSLY RESTORED COURTHOUSES*:**

**BUILDING-BASED CRITERIA:**

1. *Historic Designations* (1, 2, 4, or 6 points) status of the courthouse in terms of state and local historical designations that are in place
2. *Age of the Courthouse* (2, 4, or 6 points) the year selected as the Restoration Period for the courthouse
3. *Architectural Significance* (2, 6, 8, 10, or 14 points) importance of the building within an architectural style/context
4. *Historic Significance* (0, 2, 6, 10, or 14 points) whether the history associated with the courthouse is significant locally, statewide or nationally
5. *Endangerment* (0, 5, 10, 13, 15, or 20 points) degree of endangerment of the building or its users
6. *Integrity* (0, 2, 6, 10, or 14 points) degree of surviving integrity of the original design and materials, or those of the selected Restoration Period

**PROJECT-BASED CRITERIA:**

7. *Current Use* (0, 6, or 10 points) status of the building as a functioning courthouse
8. *Future Use* (0, 10, or 20 points) use of the building as a courthouse after the project
9. *Fix Inappropriate Changes* (0, 6, 10, or 14 points) proposal addresses and remedies former inappropriate changes
10. *Master Plan* (0, 6, 12, or 18 points) proposal is in conformance with the approved master plan and addresses the work in an appropriate sequence

**APPLICANT COMMITMENT-BASED CRITERIA:**

11. *Current Deed* (0, 6, 12, 18, or 20 points) courthouse is subject to a current preservation easement held by the commission (not a former THCPP easement)
12. *Future THCPP Deed* (0, 8, 14, or 20 points) willingness to place a new THCPP preservation easement on the courthouse
13. *Compliance* (0, 2, or 4 points) history of compliance with the state courthouse law (Texas Government Code, Section 442.0081-0083, the Antiquities Code of Texas (Texas Natural Resources Code Ch. 191) and any Preservation Easement/s
14. *County Revenue* (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, or 20 points) an applicant's ability to contribute financially to the project