



STEPHENS COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

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Oct 13, 2026

RE: La Casa Wind Project Non-Profit Funding — Request for Applications

Stephens County is now accepting applications for non-profit funding provided through the La Casa Wind abatement. The abatement requires La Casa Wind, LLC to contribute a total of \$75,000 each year to local non-profit organizations designated by the Stephens County Commissioners Court.

This letter explains who may apply for a share of these funds, what an application must include, and how and when to submit it. Funds awarded in this cycle will be paid by check in December (2026) or January (2027).

We are grateful for this agreement in the abatement process and that the Commissioners can contribute to the work our local non-profits do every day for the people of Stephens County. Please understand that funding is limited. Our goal is to help our local citizens.

Who may apply

An organization may apply if it:

- Is recognized by the IRS as tax-exempt;
- Is in good standing with the State of Texas (or qualifies under the substitute documentation described below); and
- Provides programs or services that benefit the residents of Stephens County.

Funds may not be used to pay employees, employment benefits, or contract labor. Funds must be used only for the purposes the Commissioners Court approves. Applying does not guarantee an award, and the amount awarded may be less than the amount requested.

What to include in your application

No special form is required. Your application may be submitted as a letter, organized in the three sections below.

Section 1 — Organization information

- Legal name of the organization
- Date the organization was established
- The organization's primary mission

Section 2 — Allocation request

- The allocation amount requested
- A description of the specific programs, services, projects, or activities the funds will support
- Who will benefit, and how the work serves Stephens County residents

Section 3 — Required documents

Please attach all of the following. Applications missing any item may not be considered.

1. **IRS determination letter** recognizing the organization's tax-exempt status.
2. **Status or Certificate of Account Status** from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, showing the organization's franchise tax account status. (SOSDirect).
3. **Signed certification** (Attachment A), signed by an officer or other person authorized to be the primary contact and act for the organization.



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Substitute documentation

Some organizations do not have one or more of the documents above. They may submit the following instead. Substitute documentation may be provided, but the Commissioners Court may request additional information from any applicant.

How and when to apply

Applications must be received by **November 1, 2026**.

- **By email:** commissioners@stephenscountytexas.gov, with "La Casa Non-Profit Application" in the subject line
- **By mail or hand delivery:** Office of the County Judge, Stephens County Courthouse, 200 West Walker, Ste. 114, Breckenridge, Texas 76424

The Commissioners Court will review applications and select recipients in an open meeting. Selected organizations will be notified and may be asked to sign a written funding agreement before payment.

La Casa will issue checks in December 2026 or January 2027.

Questions may be directed to the Office of the County Judge at 254-559-2371.

Sincerely,

William W. Thompson
County Judge, Stephens County

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Attachment A — Required Certification and Authorization

The primary contact named in this application will serve as the organization's representative for communications concerning this application, requests for additional information, allocation approval, and any required reporting.

I certify that I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the organization identified. I further certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information and supporting documents submitted with this application are true, accurate, and complete.

If an allocation is approved, the organization agrees to:

1. Use the funds only for the purposes approved by Stephens County and consistent with applicable law and any written funding agreement.
2. Maintain accurate financial records documenting the receipt, expenditure, and use of county funds.
3. Provide invoices, financial reports, receipts, or other supporting records when required by the County.
4. Notify Stephens County of material changes affecting the organization's eligibility, tax-exempt status, proposed use of funds, or ability to fulfill the stated purpose of the allocation.
5. Return or otherwise account for any funds required by the applicable funding agreement or law to be returned or reconciled.
6. Comply with applicable requirements governing the expenditure and accounting of public funds.
7. I understand that these funds may not be used to pay employees, employment benefits, or contract labor.

I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee approval or payment of the requested allocation. Any allocation is subject to applicable law, available funding, and approval by the appropriate Stephens County authority.

Organization: _____

Authorized Representative Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

eMail: _____

Preferred method of contact _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____