



TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM OFFICE
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

Music Educational and Community Programs, FY2027

Available

10/5/2026 Due Date

12/7/2026

Purpose:

The Texas Music Office (TMO) is a division within the Office of the Governor's Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office. The TMO promotes the development of the music industry in the state by informing members of that industry and the public about the resources available in the state for music production.

The TMO administers the Music Educational Program. The TMO is accepting applications for grant projects in the 2027 Fiscal Year that will benefit music-related education and community programs sponsored by a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization based in Texas.

Available Funding:

Funding for the TMO grants comes from funds collected from the sale of the Texas Music specialty license plates and donations, pursuant to the Texas Education Code, Section 7.027.

- All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated state funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.
- Applicants are limited to one grant per each state fiscal year (September 15 – August 31).

Eligible Organizations:

Only 501(c)(3) nonprofits based in Texas may apply. The eligibility criteria for the nonprofit includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Be a nonprofit organized and based in Texas;
- Be in good standing with the State of Texas; and
- Owe no delinquent taxes to a taxing unit of Texas.

Application Process:

Applicants will respond to this funding announcement by creating an application in eGrants <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> and then completing the application and uploading various required documents.

TMO grant applications must be submitted by an eligible nonprofit.

- Applicants must have, or register for, an account in eGrants at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov>.



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- Applicants will be required to enter their 9-digit Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) to begin an application.
- Applicants will be required to enter basic organizational information on the *Profile / Details* Tab in eGrants, including contact information for a minimum of three (3) separate grant officials.
- Applicants must provide additional information beyond what is specified in this funding announcement.

If additional help is needed using eGrants, contact the help desk at eGrants@gov.texas.gov.

Funding Announcement Release 10/5/2026

Online System Opening Date 10/5/2026

Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application 12/7/2026 at 5:00PM CST

Earliest Project Start Date 01/01/2027

Project Period:

The grant term will commence as soon as practicable and shall end no later than August 31, 2027. Grant-funded projects may not exceed a 12-month grant period.

Funding Levels

The funding limits are:

Minimum Award – \$1,000

Maximum Award – \$3,000

Eligible Activities and Costs

Grant funds will be paid on a cost-reimbursement basis only.

- Before funds can be disbursed, the grantee must acknowledge that "This project has been made possible (in whole or in part) by a grant from the Texas Music Office, Office of the Governor, from funding provided by sales of the Texas Music branded license plate" in any printed or online materials and include the Texas Music Office logo and license plate information on all materials publicizing or promoting award activities, using logos and assets provided by the TMO.



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Program-Specific Requirements:

- Grantees will be required to submit financial status reports and progress reports via eGrants.
- No grant funds will be disbursed until after the grantee submits the supporting documentation for a presentation or educational event.
- The event must have occurred. For music instruments or lessons, the delivery must have occurred.
- Grantee must submit receipts evidencing full payment.

Eligibility Requirements:

Grants are available to benefit music-related educational and community programs sponsored by nonprofit organizations based in Texas.

If grant funds are awarded for Music Instruments, Lessons or Workshops, the following must be met:

- Music lessons or workshops must be given by a music business professional.
- Music instruments must be purchased from a Texas retailer.
- Applications will be accepted during the announcement time frame.

Prohibitions:

Grant funds may not be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

- Food and beverages (including alcohol)
- Gifts, promotional items and memorabilia, including models, gifts and souvenirs
- International travel
- Fundraising
- Lobbying
- Supplanting
- Outreach and promotional materials that solely promote an organization



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Selection Process

Funding Decisions:

- Applications will be evaluated on eligibility, completeness, and how effectively the project description meets the grant's objectives.
- Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a cost-effective program that offers a comprehensive approach to music lessons, instruments, or workshops.
- Preference will be given to an applicant that has not already received a grant award within the prior state fiscal year.
- Preference will be given to applications that demonstrate a historic component or are celebrating a milestone anniversary.
- Preference will be given to projects occurring in a county with a population of less than 100,000.
- The OOG makes the final decision whether to award a grant. The OOG reserves the right to refuse any grant for any reason. All grant decisions rest completely within the discretionary authority of the OOG. The decisions made by the OOG are final and are not subject to appeal.

Grant Acceptance:

The TMO will notify the applicant of the award decision. If selected, TMO will issue a grant award notice.

The award notice will provide all the conditions and requirements of the grant. Release of final grant award is contingent on the TMO's receipt of the applicant's acceptance of the grant award.

If additional information is needed concerning the grant program, contact the Texas Music Office at music@gov.texas.gov.



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