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Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Request Form

Guidance

Please provide as much detailed information as possible when filling out this form. This includes the specific Program, Project, or Activity you would like this request under in an appropriations bill.

Submissions that include information specifying the location in the appropriations bill, report, or explanatory statement from the FY 2024 package will have a greater chance for inclusion in the FY 2025 process.

Please find the House Appropriations Committee guidance [here](#). *NOTE: At this time, FY2025 guidance has not been released.*

Disclaimer

By filling out this appropriations request form, you understand this is not an application for federal funding. Submission of this information does not create a binding commitment on any party nor a guarantee that any organization or program will be awarded funding from any federal agency through the appropriation process. Furthermore, the submission, review, and approval of applications for federal funding will be carried out consistent with federal agency rules and regulations. This request may be made publicly available at the recipient's discretion.

Section 1: Organization Information

Organization Name: The City of Pineland, Texas

Street Address: 101 Dogwood / P.O. Box 6

City: Pineland

State: Texas

Zip Code: 75968

Phone Number: 409 584-2846

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/p/City-of-Pineland-100070004553878/>

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Type of Entity: Local Government

Co-Sponsoring Organizations: Sabine County

Section 2: Contact Information

Point person at your organization who our staff may contact regarding this request (please note that our staff may need to contact this person outside of normal business hours).

First Name: Ben
Last Name: Stafford
Street Address: 720 Bancroft Drive
City: Beaumont
State: TX
Zip Code: 77706
Business Phone Number: 409 984-6354
Cell Phone Number: 281 381-6753
E-mail Address: staffordbk@lamarpa.edu

Section 3: Request Details

- 1) **Please give a short title to your request:** Pineland Commercial Driving Academy
- 2) **Please list the priority of this request:**
This is our only submission
- 3) **Problem/Issue Statement:** (Max 250 words)

In 2021, the American Trucking Association (ATA) stated that the United States was 80,000 drivers short of minimum need and predicted the problem would double by 2030. In Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby Counties of Texas, this is exemplified by the desperate need for

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drivers at the Pineland Georgia Pacific Lumber Mill. A recent \$120,000,000 expansion raised the number of lumber deliveries needed per day from 250 deliveries to 300. At the same time drivers are desperately needed, prime age unemployment in this area is more than 4 percentage points above national average. This project matches local unemployed residents with high wage transportation jobs by creating a local CDL training facility in a rural hub. (604ch, 115wd)

4) Request description:

This project requests \$1,482,033.96 in funding to pave 1.3+/- acres of land in Pineland Texas to be used as a commercial driver training area.

5) Request goals and expected outcomes:

This project will create the only commercial driver training facility within a 3-county radius. The new program will – 1) provide driver training for up to 50 students per year, 2) match graduates with local businesses that need commercial drivers for expansion, 3) work with economic development offices to match drivers to new businesses being recruited to the area, and 4) work with local lenders to see up to 20% of graduates move into small business ownership as owner/operators.

6) i. Programmatic Request (if this is only a bill or report language request, please skip to question 7)

We request congressionally directed spending of \$1,482,033.96 into the USDA Community Facility Grant Program.

ii. Program Name and Agency USDA Community Facility Grant Program

iii. Amount included last fiscal year:

iv. Amount included in the President's Budget:

v. Amount you would like to either increase or decrease the President's FY2025 Budget, or total amount you are requesting for FY2025: \$1,482,033.96

7) Bill or Report Language Request (if this is only a programmatic request, please skip to question 9)

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If you are requesting bill, report, or bill and report language, please include both the exact requested language and in what vehicle you would like it to appear (bill, report, both).

8) Community Project Funding (Yes/No) Yes

9) Which appropriations bill and section do you think best suits your request:

Bill: Choose an appropriations bill. Section: [Click here to enter bill section.](#)

10) Please list other Representatives or Senators to whom you are submitting your request:

None

11) Has this, or any similar request, been submitted in prior years? If so, please specify for what fiscal years and to which House and Senate Offices.

This request has not been submitted in a prior year nor has any similar request been submitted by our region.