Community Economic Development Award (CEDA)

About the CEDA…

Purpose

In 1995, the TEDC established the Community Economic Development Award (CEDA), to honor excellence and exceptional contributions of Texas communities in economic development.

CEDA Criteria…

Innovativeness

Transferability

Community Commitment and Leverage

Measurable Objectives

Ancillary Benefits to the Community

How to apply for a CEDA?

Application
- Download application from TEDC's website "Awards"
- Open July 1, 2025
- Submit to Amy Swank by August 29, 2025

Qualifications
- Project meets scope of Award (ie. not a workforce project)
- Project timeline must be between June 1, 2024 and May 31, 2025
- Must be a TEDC member to apply

Why Apply for a CEDA?

Recognition & Acknowledgement

CEDA recipients receive public acknowledgement of their success and economic development achievement through a press release and plaque

Achievement & Prestige

A chance to join a select group of CEDA recipients that were acknowledged as demonstrating excellence in economic development

Marketing & Public Relations

Recipients may use the CEDA for marketing efforts and to demonstrate to their board, community and investors of their achievement

FAQ About CEDA?

Can you apply for the CEDA if you are a previous recipient or applicant?

Yes. There are no restrictions for applying in multiple years. However, you may not submit the same project more than once.

What constitutes the time period for the start of a project in order to qualify?

Goundbreaking, signed lease or executed contract. A press release or announcement is not sufficient.

Can multiple entries from the same organization/entity be submitted in the same year

No. An application from different entities that are from the same community/region may apply, but not multiple submittals from the same organization/entity.

FAQ About CEDA?

How do I determine the appropriate population category for my submittal if I am part of a regional group?

If submitting an entry for a city or county, use the most recently published census population. If submitting an entry for a multi-community region, use the census population for the project's area (ie. portion of region affected or involved in the project).

Can the narrative portion of the application be double-spaced?

Yes. Spacing of the text can be single or doubled space, as long as the narrative portion does not exceed 4-8/12 x 11 pages. The narrative portion of the application cannot begin on the application page (page 1 of the application)

Can I submit a comprehensive application of multiple projects or a program?

Yes. You can submit an application that summarizes a program or multiple projects in one application.