

Preserving Rural Charm... Promoting Real Growth

The Flatonia Economic Development Commission (FEDC) is a group of committed volunteers, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, who strive to preserve our valued rural charm while preparing for real growth. The FEDC seeks to assist the city in promoting smart growth, increasing employment availability, and diversifying the industrial, retail, and commercial activity for the entire southwest Fayette County area.

The FEDC normally meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the Flatonia City Hall Council Chambers. Visitors are welcome and the agenda's are posted in advance at the Post Office and on the City of Flatonia's Website.

FLATONIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



BUSINESS INCENTIVE AWARD PROGRAM

- Signage Improvement
- Facade Improvement
- Employee Skills Improvement
- Advertising Expenses
- Commercial Building Upgrade

The 2010 Flatonia Incentive Award Program was developed by the Flatonia Economic Development Commission (FEDC) and approved by the Flatonia City Council.

The Flatonia Economic Incentive Program, the first such program for Flatonia, is designed to improve the aesthetic image of the Flatonia Business District, help promote Flatonia in a positive manner and improve the technical skills of the local work force.

The dollar amount allocated to the Incentive Program for 2010 is \$17,000 if fully utilized.

Copies of the complete Economic Incentive Award Program and Incentive Award Application may be obtained from the City web page, www.ci.flatonia.tx.us.

Copies may also be obtained at the City Hall located at 125 E. South Main St. Completed applications must be returned to City Hall and will be considered on a first come, first serve basis.

The Incentive Award Program consists of the following:

1. Improve Business Signage

Assist existing businesses to improve existing signage or replace existing signage with an Incentive award up to \$250 per business. A total of 10 such awards are available for 2010.

2. Facade Improvement

Assist with existing business facade improvement. The intent is to encourage businesses to upgrade their business facade to portray a professional image indicative of a thriving, successful business district. This incentive would be a matching fund up to \$500 per business payable on successful completion of the facade improvement. A total of 10 facade improvement awards are available for 2010.

3. Employee Skill Improvement

Upgrade of business staff skills incentive award is available for current employees. Any accredited program available through Blinn Junior College or other approved sources improving the work skills of an employee would qualify for up to \$300 per employee successfully completing

the approved course. A maximum of 5 businesses, two employees per business, would be eligible for this incentive award in 2010.

4. Advertising Expenses

Assist existing businesses with advertising that promotes both Flatonia and the business. The award would be up to \$250 in matching funds. The advertisement requires prior approval by the FEDC. This incentive is available to 10 businesses.

5. Commercial Building Upgrades

Assist businesses in upgrade of commercial buildings to meet present Federal and Local building codes. Matching funds up to \$1000 would be awarded on successful completion of the upgrade. A total of 3 such awards would be granted in 2010.

Please review the complete Economic Incentive Award Program for full details of each incentive award.

To apply for an Incentive Award, an Incentive Award application must be completed and returned to City Hall.

For further Information, please call Ken Knight, City Manager at 361-865-3548