

Jasper County Development District #1 Funding Guidelines

The Jasper County Development District #1 (known as the District) has available funds that can be used to promote tourism within the District. The District also partners with the Jasper Lake Sam Rayburn Chamber of Commerce to ensure that funds from either agency are used to promote tourism and that funds are not requested from each agency for the same purpose.

The District provides funds to assist in events. The District does not fully fund the event, i.e. the District funding should only cover a part of the cost of the event. In no circumstance shall District Funding be used as a benefit or donation to a person, event or charity, and detailed records must be kept and given to the District on the spending of funds received by the District. No District funds shall be used to purchase/furnish alcoholic beverages.

Requests for funding should be presented a minimum of 90 days before the event for consideration.

Examples of what the District will fund:

Pavilion fees for tournaments or events that will cause tourism in the District. For fishing tournaments that are approved, the payment will be as follows:

- Under 100 participants – No Funding
- 100 – 150 participants - \$250.00
- 151 and over - \$500/\$700

Corporate/Business meetings, retreats, outings, or events
Group/Chapter meetings, retreats, outings, or events
Concerts
Trail Rides
Job/Event/Sales fairs
Land Purchase
Building Costs
Improvements

Events that are spread over two days the District may provide funding for:

Hotel Rooms (within the District)
Meeting Rooms (within the District)
Event funding
Entertainment funding
Catering funding
Advertising

What you need to do to apply for funds:

Complete an application
Attached a proposed budget for the event
If the event is a paid event, a copy of the fee schedule
If prizes are awarded, a copy of the prize payout information
Copy of your insurance

After the event:

Complete the Event Evaluation Form within 45 days.
Submit a Zip Code survey for paid events
A financial statement of the event
Copies of all advertising of the event
Detailed expense report of how the District's funds were spent.

The District reserves the right to review each application and modify any award of money to best suit the District.

The District at its discretion may alter the information needed by the post event evaluation depending on the event/expenditure. The District may also allow you to combine information from several events into one form (i.e. fishing circuit).

Failure to complete the necessary information will result in your application being denied