

City of Villa Grove Economic Development Application Tax Increment Financing Assistance

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General Policy:

While tax increment financing (TIF) is an important and useful tool in attracting and retaining businesses, it is essential that it is used appropriately to accomplish the City's economic development goals and objectives. The fundamental principle that makes TIF viable is that it is designed to encourage development which would not otherwise occur. The City is responsible to assure that the project would not occur "but for" the assistance provided through TIF. It is the policy of the City to consider the judicious use of TIF for those projects which demonstrate a substantial and significant public benefit by constructing public improvements in support of developments that will create new jobs, retain existing jobs, eliminate blight, strengthen the economic base of the City, increase property values and tax revenues, create economic stability, and stabilize and upgrade existing neighborhoods and areas. Priority will be given to projects that meet these goals.

Policy Guidelines:

The following criteria are to be used by the City to evaluate TIF applications:

1. Each TIF applicant must demonstrate that without the use of TIF, the project is not feasible and would not otherwise be completed.
2. Each TIF applicant must possess the financial and technical ability to complete and operate the project as proposed.
3. Projects involving retail development that is targeted to encourage an inflow of customers from outside the City or that will provide services that are currently unavailable or in short supply in the City will be viewed more favorably.
4. Allowable uses of TIF assistance funds include: Land acquisition, Planning, legal, engineering or architectural services, Demolition of buildings and clearing of property, Construction costs of infrastructure improvements, Rehabilitation of existing structures and financing costs.

The City enters into "redevelopment agreements" with businesses that either locate or make substantial improvements within the TIF district. Through this agreement, the business agrees to complete the project and make certain improvements. A business cannot assume the City will financially participate in the project. Decisions are made on a project-by-project basis and must receive City Board approval before the staff can process any assistance.

Consideration for project assistance is to be reviewed for compliance with the following requirements:

- The business must be a "for profit" business in good financial standing
- The business must be located within the established TIF district
- The business must show the financial capability to complete the proposed project

Tax Increment Financing Assistance Application

Applicant Information

Project Name _____

Company Name _____

Business Form: ___Corporation ___Partnership _____Sole Proprietorship

Contact Person/Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Office _____ Alternate Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Project Information

Address of Proposed Project _____

Parcel ID Numbers Involved: _____

Total Project Cost: \$_____ Amount of TIF Assistance Requested: _____

Economic Development Information

Estimated Number of new jobs that will be created after the completion of the project

Full- Time: _____ Part-Time: _____

Type of jobs: _____

Range of Compensation: _____

Estimated Number of jobs retained after completion of the project

Full- Time: _____ Part-Time: _____

Current annual gross sales: \$_____ Estimated annual gross sales: \$_____

Current annual taxable sales: \$_____ Estimated annual taxable sales: \$_____

Example Cost Breakdown Categories (Contractor Bids Preferable)	Estimated Amount (\$)	Source of Funds
Purchase of Land		
Demolition Cost		
Purchase of Existing Facility		
Construction of New Building(s)		
Renovation of Existing Structure		
Cost of Installation of Machinery & Equipment		
Architectural & Engineering Fees		
Legal & Other Professional Fees		
Other (Please Specify)		
Other (Please Specify)		
Other (Please Specify)		
Total Project Costs		
*Include alternative cost estimate breakdowns as may be appropriate		

(REQUIRED) Please include a narrative that will address the following:

1. Description of Business/Company
2. **Copy of most recent Real Estate Tax Bill**
3. Project Description
4. Construction information that may include the number of square feet to be demolished and constructed, the number and square footage of units, parking, and the number of construction phases;
5. A request for the City's assistance with the project that specifies the type(s) of assistance needed and why it is needed.
6. Construction start date and timeline for project completion.
7. Applicant may need to also submit any additional information such as site plans, environmental studies, marketing studies, business plans, engineering or architectural drawings to be included for review and consideration.

Certification by Applicant

The applicant certifies that it will comply with all the rules, regulations and ordinances of the City of Villa Grove, Illinois. Applicant hereby certifies that all information contained above and in exhibits attached hereto is true to his/her best knowledge and belief and are submitted for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance from the City of Villa Grove. Please return application to **City Hall at 612 East Harrison Street, Villa Grove, Illinois 61956-1120 or send directly to contact e-mail.**

Sign _____ Date _____