



CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS
Mayor Jim Gardner

T-MOBILE HOMETOWN GRANT Q4 2023

T-MOBILE

***DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION WITH
PLANTERS AND BENCHES***

PROJECT NARRATIVE





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Summary

The City of Palacios, Texas, is a small, rural, coastal town with approximately 4,400 citizens located within Matagorda County, Texas, and is located halfway between Houston and Corpus Christi on State Highway 35.

Palacios is known as the “Shrimp Capital of Texas” and is well known for its fishing, diversity of bird life, and friendliness. The City of Palacios population increases significantly from October to March every year due to an influx of “Winter Texans”. Approximately 60% of our residents are Hispanic and 10% are Vietnamese. Palacios is a very diverse and multi-ethnic city, and we include all cultures in our daily routines.

The city has an average household income of \$59,885 with a poverty level of 20.16% according to: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities/palacios-tx-population>. Palacios is designated persistent poverty, historically disadvantaged, and economically distressed.

The City of Palacios is requesting T-Mobile Hometown Grant funding to assist in the Downtown Beautification With Planters and Benches project. The project will greatly affect the disadvantaged communities in Palacios.

The T-Mobile Hometown Grant Project, if funded, will directly address beautification of our downtown Main street in Palacios. The city will break ground within 30 days of receiving the award. Further, the use of recycled material will be a large component of the project.

I. Project Information – Project Description, Location, and Parties



The City of Palacios will purchase and install planters with benches between:

- Four (4) on the north side of Main Street between 3rd Street and 6th Street near the Palacios Library, Old Main Bookstore, The Weekender, and Styles by Rosie
- Four (4) on the south side of Main Street between 3rd Street and 6th Street near CMC Co Management Resources, Pirate Queen Designs, Right Look Salon, and Palacios Mexican Restaurant (PMR)

The City of Palacios is considered a Disadvantaged Community throughout most of our town and the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Project will directly address beautification in our Downtown

area. The City of Palacios has made great efforts to revitalize the Downtown area to attract new jobs and opportunities for our disadvantaged communities. Tractor Supply has just started renovation of an older building to open in Palacios, Texas. Several buildings in the downtown area were sold this year and are in the process of being renovated and turned into a store, a restaurant, and an art gallery. The beautification of our downtown area is critical to our survival as a town.

Before Beautification efforts began.



After the beginning stages of beautification:



Palacios staff has worked with many State and Federal pass-through grants and is experienced in handling grant reimbursements, receipting, and reporting. Palacios currently works with grants from the General Land Office, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Agriculture, Criminal Justice Department, and more.

The City of Palacios will purchase and install planters with benches along Main Street. Attached Letters of Support show that the Palacios Senior Center will be maintaining the planters and Frontier Gallery will be supporting the beautification efforts with a donation of some of the needed plants and flowers for the planters. The maintenance of the actual planters and benches will be provided by the City of Palacios. This is a collaborative community project which will include citizens of our disadvantaged, challenged, younger and older populations in this program.



II. Grant Funds, Sources and Uses of all Project Funding

Project budget funding Sources share in dollars:

1. City of Palacios
\$4,480 – City's portion

2. T-Mobile Hometown Grant
\$25,021 – T-Mobile Grant’s portion

Detailed Budget

The City of Palacios Downtown Beautification with Planters and Benches is expected to cost \$29,501.

\$18,021	Purchase of Planters with Benches	61%
\$7,000	Purchase of plants and flowers	24%
\$4,480	City labor to install Planters with Benches	15%
\$25,021	Total	100%

The City of Palacios is requesting \$25,501 of T-Mobile Hometown Grant Funds. If granted the full amount of funding, the City of Palacios in-kind match will be \$4,480.

III. Timeline

1. Schedule

- a. The project will be ready to begin within 30 days upon an award. The city will order the planters with benches upon receiving award and award begin date.
- b. Planters with benches are expected to arrive within two weeks of order date.
- c. Public Works Crewmembers will take approximately two weeks to assemble planters and benches and place along Main Street.
- d. In March 2024, all plants and flowers will be delivered and installed into the planters.
- e. In March 2024, rotations will begin with Palacios Senior Center, Boy Scouts, other clubs, and community members regarding maintenance of the plants and flowers in the planters.
- f. Twice a year the Public Works Crewmembers will pressure wash and clean the planters and benches.

IV. T-Mobile Priorities

The following are the priority considerations and commitments that the City of Palacios makes to our community:

- All grants given to the City of Palacios are handled with integrity, responsibility, and transparency.
- We promise to listen and work with our citizens to help benefit our community. The community impact for this project will bring together government, seniors, young children, and so many more of all races, gender, and socio-economic facets of life.
- We promise to work with our local community to improve our community and to keep as much city revenue in our community as possible by purchasing from local businesses.
 - We promise to work diligently to complete projects in a timely manner.

- We promise to build a sustainable future for our children.