

### *OVERVIEW*

In August of 1991, the citizens of Brownsville voted three to one in favor of an economic development sales tax to support the development of economic development projects within the City of Brownsville and its Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). In accordance with the Economic Development Act of 1979, the collection of the sales tax began in 1992 and currently the ¼-cent sales tax generates nearly \$4.6 million annually. These funds are administered through an established Type A Development Corporation known as the **Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation** (GBIC). With a five (5) member board of directors (each member is appointed by the Brownsville City Commission), the GBIC administers the proceeds of the economic development sales tax.

### *COMMITTEE'S TASKS*

The Incentive Committee ensures that proper due diligence has been completed on the requesting entity, they review analyze the Project Expenditure request and all the information provided and then recommend the level of funding for the Project. Once the amount has been determined, the recommendation of the Incentive Committee is presented to the GBIC Board for their consideration and action as they have the final say as to what level of funding is to be provided.

In addition to vetting projects for GBIC, the founding members of the committee will have the following charge and tasks:

- Determine the categories of funding for economic development projects which provide the best benefit and economic impact for the Greater Brownsville region.
- Evaluate current economic development program projects and their ROI to GBIC and Brownsville.
- Make recommendations to improve the incentive workflow and changes to existing programs.
- Examine other EDO incentive processes as to borrow ideas for the GBIC incentives workflow.
- Install a set of key measurements, deliverables and a matrix to qualify projects for GBIC.

## INSTRUCTIONS

We request the following information to help us make the best possible placement. You should complete all sections of the application that pertain to you. Please make sure to fill out all questions and if you are unable to provide any of the required information please enter N/A.

Please submit your application via email to [jvelasquez@greaterbrownsville.com](mailto:jvelasquez@greaterbrownsville.com) or via fax to 956-561-4188.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Please provide your contact information:**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Education \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide your employer's information:**

Employer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Please advise your occupation/position: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**Please specify membership in any other Governmental Board/Commission/Committee (city, county, state, national); include year and position:**

**Entity**

**Position & Year**

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**Professional Affiliations (please list below):**

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**Volunteer or Community Experience (e.g. school board, scouts, other local organizations, charities, groups):**

**Entity**

**Position & Year**

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

Are you, or can you be, qualified to vote in a City of Brownsville election: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen of the City of Brownsville, if no, please specify if you own/operate a business within the City of Brownsville: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever represented any other private person, group or entity for compensation before the City Council or any department, commission, board, or committee of the City within the last three years:

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Do you or your employer have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with GBIC: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any litigation pending or completed within the last 12 months, either personally or professionally that would affect your ability to fulfill the functions of the board of or commission, if selected? If yes, please explain.

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Have you ever been convicted of violating any federal, state, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? If yes, please explain. (Do not include traffic violations) \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide a brief narrative outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to the GBIC Incentive Committee:**

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I have read and understood the guidelines set out in this application. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this application is true and correct, as evidenced by my signature below. I understand that if any member of the public makes request for information included in this application for appointment, most of the information must be disclosed under the Public Information Act. I hereby release GBIC board members and employees from any and all liability whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Public Information Act or any other law requiring its release.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_