

Dear Montague County Commissioners Court,

I am sure you are aware that the COVID-19 health pandemic has had a significant negative impact on the businesses in our city. While I am sure that this is probably true to most if not all cities, Saint Jo Economic 4A is dedicated for the sole purpose of attracting and then supporting the businesses of Saint Jo. This has been the case since its inception in 1998. We do this in a number of ways that include:

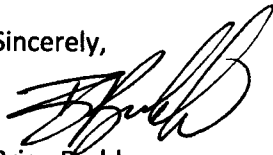
1. Grants and forgivable loans to new start up businesses as well as existing businesses who want to expand.
2. Infrastructure improvements in the business district that bring direct aid to our business community.
3. Solicitation of businesses that want to relocate into Saint Jo.

Some of our current Projects include:

1. Loans to various start up businesses
2. Sewer improvements project on the North side of the square.
3. Roadway improvements from HWY 82 to adjoining businesses

These are only a few of the way that Saint Jo Economic Development A Corporation helps its local business community. We have become aware that Montague County has grant funds that have been dedicated to a program within the County to assist the local communities that have been affected by the shutdowns due to COVID-19. We have also been made aware that funds were issued to Bowie and Nocona EDC's in order to administer these grants within the community. It appears that there was some confusion and our funds were allocated to Nocona EDC. We are in the process of recovering these funds from them to handle grants submitted by Saint Jo Businesses. However, as a result of this added step, Saint Jo is only receiving &7,500.00 in grant funds. As I mentioned earlier our sole intent is to support our City businesses. With that as our goal Saint Jo Economic 4A requests \$5,000.00 in grant funds from the Commissioners Court from the dedicated funds to aid in supporting Saint Jo businesses impacted by COVID-19. Attached you will find a letter from the City of Saint Jo authorizing our existence and good standing and a sample grant application that would be used to administer \$2,500.00 grant to our business community. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



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