

**COURT ORDER  
2018-0982**



Reauthorization of Under-Told Historical Marker Funding

On a motion made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1, and seconded by Commissioner John Wiley Price, District 3, the following order was passed and adopted by the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, State of Texas:

BRIEFING DATE: 8/21/2018  
FUNDING SOURCE: Fund 168

Be it resolved and ordered that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby authorize the Historical Commission's Under-Told Historical Marker funding program as an on-going program, that funding equivalent to up to one-half of two small markers be budgeted annually for the program, and that it otherwise continue to be operated under its existing policies, procedures, and rules per Court Order 2016-0837 and 2017-0887.

Done in open court August 21, 2018, by the following vote:

IN FAVOR: Honorable Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge  
Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1  
Commissioner Mike Cantrell, District 2  
Commissioner John Wiley Price, District 3  
Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4

OPPOSED: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None

Recommended by: Rick Loessberg  
Originating Department: Planning and Development

**COURT ORDER  
2017-0887**



Reauthorization of Pilot Historical Marker Funding Program

On a motion made by Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4, and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1, the following order was passed and adopted by the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, State of Texas:

BRIEFING DATE: 7/5/2017  
FUNDING SOURCE: Fund 168

Be it resolved and ordered that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby reauthorize the Historical Commission's under-told history marker funding program for an additional year, that it be operated in accordance with the attached program description, and that \$1100 from Fund 168 be allocated to provide marker funding under this program.

Done in open court July 5, 2017, by the following vote:

IN FAVOR: Honorable Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge  
Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1  
Commissioner Mike Cantrell, District 2  
Commissioner John Wiley Price, District 3  
Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4

OPPOSED: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None

**DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MARKER FUNDING PROGRAM FOR UNDER-TOLD  
ELEMENTS OF DALLAS COUNTY HISTORY**



**Purpose:** To encourage the placement of historical markers for elements of Dallas County's history that generally have not received the same level of acknowledgment as other elements.

**Justification:** There is a concern that many key aspects of Dallas County history are not already commemorated by State markers and that the cost of such markers may prevent some marker applications from even being developed. While the State has a program where it will provide funding for markers associated with "under-told" aspects of Texas history, it is only able to fund about 22% of all requests that it receives.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Marker must involve a subject/topic that increases the public's awareness of the diversity of Dallas County's history and its cultures and that has not been previously well-represented with other markers. Meeting the program's various criteria does not obligate the County provide funding assistance for any particular application.

**Maximum Assistance Provided Per Marker:** Subject to the State approving the associated marker application, the program will 50% of the cost (up to \$550) of a small version of a subject marker, a cemetery marker or an RTHL marker. County commitment to provide funding will remain in effect until May 1, 2018 after the State has approved the marker application. County funding will be provided once the other funds needed for the marker have either been submitted to the State or the County.

**Funding Allocated to Program:** \$1100 will be allocated for this Program which is only to be operated through the Fall 2017 Texas Historical Commission marker application cycle.

**Application Procedure:** Applicants will be required to provide a brief description of the proposed marker subject/topic and an explanation of how this subject/topic meets the program's "under-represented" eligibility requirement. Applicants will also be required to provide information about whether their share of a marker's cost is presently available or how it will be covered. An application form covering these items will be developed.

**Application Schedule:** The schedule for this program will run concurrently with the State's Fall 2017 marker application cycle. Parties interested in receiving funding from this program will simultaneously submit the information required by the County at the same time that they submit their standard State marker application to the Commission.

**Evaluation Process:** Applications will be evaluated after the State's Fall 2017 marker application cycle has ended by a committee of the Commission in accordance with Court Order 2016-0837 and using the following criteria:

- The extent proposed topic relates to an under-told facet of Dallas County history. To what degree have markers previously been provided for this topic, geographic area, and/or population group?
- The historical significance of proposed topic. Just because something occurred thirty or fifty years ago does not make it historic. How has proposed topic influenced Dallas County's past/present?
- The location of proposed marker. Will marker be situated at a location with high-visibility? Will marker commemorate an event or a subject that is no longer physically visible?
- The applicant's ability to provide the remaining funding needed for the marker.

Committee recommendations will be presented to the Historical Commission for consideration. The County's Historical Commission will make the final determination of whether to fund an application.

**COURT ORDER  
2016-0837**



Evaluation Policies for Under-Told Historical Marker Funding Program

On a motion made by Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4, and seconded by Commissioner John Wiley Price, District 3, the following order was passed and adopted by the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, State of Texas:

BRIEFING DATE: 7/5/2016

Be it resolved and ordered that the Dallas County Commissioners Court hereby approves and adopts the attached policies for Dallas County's under-told marker funding program and that these policies be used to evaluate funding applications submitted under this program.

Done in open court July 5, 2016, by the following vote:

IN FAVOR: Honorable Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge  
Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1  
Commissioner Mike Cantrell, District 2  
Commissioner John Wiley Price, District 3  
Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4

OPPOSED: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None

## Policies for Evaluating Applications for

### Dallas County Historical Commission Under-Told Historical Marker Funding

1. Applications will be evaluated by a separate three-member funding committee appointed by the Historical Commission chair with one of the committee members also being a member of the Commission's marker committee. The funding committee shall provide the full Commission with a written report of its recommendations with the Commission having the authority to accept, reject, or modify any or all of the committee's recommendations.
2. In order to ensure consistency and objectivity in the process, all applications will be evaluated by the funding committee using a 100-point scoring system with the following criteria:
  - Historical significance of subject/topic **(0-40 points)**
  - Degree topic/subject represents an under-told element of County history **(0-40 points)**
  - Proposed location/visibility of marker **(0-10 points)**
  - Ability of applicant to provide other needed funding **(0-10 points)**

**100 points**
3. In the event that a Commission member has been involved with the direct development of a submitted application, that member must recuse himself from all discussion and voting on that application. Activities requiring members to recuse themselves from such consideration shall include, but are not limited to, suggesting the subject of a submitted application to the applicant, helping write or reviewing a draft of a submitted application, financially contributing or offering to financially contribute to the applicant's share of the cost of the marker for a submitted application, or serving as an officer for an organization that submitted an application. Questions pertaining as to whether a member should recuse himself shall be directed to the Commission's chair and to the County's Director of Planning & Development.
4. Submitted applications shall be considered as the official application. The evaluation of an application shall generally be based on the information contained within the application. However, the committee may ask for additional information from the applicant if it is needed. Similarly, outside or personal knowledge/information that a committee member possesses may be utilized, but only if it is shared with all other members and if it is noted in the committee's written report.
5. Revisions to these policies may only be done with the formal approval of the Commissioners Court.