



**City of Lago Vista
Charitable Contribution and Non-Profit
Funding Application**

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Name of Agency/Organization:

Keep Lago Vista Beautiful

Address:

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City, State & Zip:

Lago Vista, TX 78645

Contact Person:

Janice Didier

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Project Title:

Annual Budget

Amount of Funds Requested:

75,200.00

Project Status: (check one)

Existing

Expansion

New

Briefly describe the program:

Keep Lago Vista Beautiful is a City of Lago Vista committee formed in 1992 by mayoral proclamation to promote the well-being of the community by developing programs for cleanup, recycling, and the use of Lago Vista resources. We are an all-volunteer affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful. We maintain 18 Adopt-A-Spots, have planted 36 new trees (all donated or awarded by grants), and installed drip irrigation systems for all of our spots and trees. We have put in art installations around the city. KLVB works to increase the attractiveness of our city.

Describe the services the program provides:

KLVB provides litter pickup with the Adopt-A-Street program, Trash Offs, and Sweeps. Through Adopt-A-Spot maintenance, we enhance and maintain city properties. We arrange for placing the work of local artists around the city. KLVB also plans and implements new, larger beautification projects throughout our city annually. Many local groups joined our Spring Sweep Including the Boy Scouts, high school student clubs, church groups, local businesses, other nonprofits and even the Police Department. These disparate groups contribute to developing pride in our city.

If organization received support from the City of Lago Vista previously, provide the following information:

Year Received:

2025

Dollar Amount

24,500.00

Project Supported

Annual Budget

Charitable Contributions and Nonprofit Funding Request Application Questionnaire

The City strongly requests that all answers be typed.

Submission of a completed questionnaire is required for application consideration.

1. What is the agency's mission?

Keep Lago Vista Beautiful's mission is to enhance and preserve the natural Hill Country charm of Lago Vista through progressive community projects focused on cleanup, recycling, and beautification.

2. What are the goals of the program for which you are requesting funding?

KLVB will maintain and enhance 19 city owned properties and already established trees, add beauty to the Ann Murrow Circle, create a walkway through Bowden Point, and repurpose the monument signage located at the point. (See attached breakdown and images)

3. How will you know you met these goals by the end of the funding year?

The adopted city owned properties and trees will continue to thrive and contribute to the beauty of the city aided by improvements to the Ann Murrow Circle. People will be able to easily walk through the park at Bowden Point among the garden beds and art pieces.

4. Describe the impact of services on the community

We add to the natural beauty of Lago Vista through our litter initiatives and our Adopt-A-Spots. We enhance the city through park projects and the visual arts. We educate our population about caring for the environment through our community outreach and by bringing in local experts to educate during events. People can often be seen frequenting our park spaces for purposes of recreation and relaxation. Through our work, we develop a sense of belonging to some place that is cherished by its residents. This attracts new residents and tourists who support our local businesses, enticing new businesses to open, and, we believe, contributed to Lago Vista's Scenic City Certification, awarded last October. (See attached testimonials)

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5. If the request for funding for the proposed fiscal year is an increase from the previous fiscal year, please justify such increase:

This year, we seek to support the City's Master Plan proposals by constructing the walkway through the park at Bowden Point and repurposing the monument signage. We seek to upgrade the areas around the Ann Murrow Circle. These are new, major projects that extend beyond our regular care and maintenance responsibilities. Once completed, our city will benefit from the use of these and all our areas by residents, tourists, and those employed in the city.

6. Provide information on the overall financial position of the organization.

Include: annual budget, sources of funding (e.g., fund raisers, charitable donations)

KLVB operates mainly on funding provided by the city. This year, we have also received a grant from the Women's Club; discounts, materials, and services from local businesses; and donations from the public, including a digitally accessible "wish list."

However, our greatest financial contribution is in the form of returns to the city. In 2024, we received \$26,568.66 in in-kind donations from local businesses. KLVB and other associated volunteers provided 3,191 hours of labor on city projects. According to the State of Texas, that amounts to a value of \$106,875.00. Combined for 2024, KLVB returned \$133,416.66 in goods and services to the City and citizens of Lago Vista.

We are on a strong trajectory of growth and have already exceeded last year's in-kind donations. With one project alone (Dawn Median Mosaic Pollinator Garden), we have received a value of \$56,500 in labor and service. Additionally, KLVB volunteers have provided 2,688 labor hours on our other projects, valued at \$90,028.00, culminating in a total of \$146,528, with four months remaining in the year. To put this in perspective, the average salary for a City Parks & Recreation employee is approximately \$45,000 per year. Meaning, our volunteers have already contributed the equivalent of over three full-time positions, at no cost to the City.

As the City Council considers our funding request, please consider the real return on taxpayer dollars.



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Submitted By: |

Signature of Executive Director (if applicable)

Date

Printed Name of Executive Director (if applicable)

Approval:

Janice E. Didier
Signature of Organization Representative

6/28/2025

Date

Janice E. Didier
Printed Name Organization Representative

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Date Received: _____ By: _____

Date Reviewed: _____ Reviewed By: _____

Submit for Board Review: Yes _____ Council Meeting Date: _____

Ineligible? Yes _____ Reason: _____

Council Decision: Approve \$ _____ Date: _____

Council Comments: _____

Finance Officer Reviewer: _____ Fund Distribution Date: _____

KLVB 2026 Funding Proposal

Administration: **\$2,500.00**

Supplies: **\$500.00**

Adopt-a-Spots:

1. Boggy/Lohman	\$ 250.00
2. Bowden Point (all beds)	\$ 750.00
3. Cactus Garden	\$ 0.00
4. City Hall	\$ 250.00
5. Lago Vista Wall	\$ 100.00
6. Dawn Median	\$ 250.00
7. Dawn Point	\$ 400.00
8. Golf Course Patio	\$ 250.00
9. Highland Lakes Drive Rock	\$ 100.00
10. Library	\$ 250.00
11. Water Tower	\$ 0.00
12. Windmill	\$ 250.00
13. Library Friends Park	\$ 100.00
14. Oleanders at the Fire Station	\$ 0.00
15. Sports Complex	
a. Faye's Garden	\$ 250.00
b. Picnic/Parking Bed	\$ 50.00
16. Wind Spiral/Sage/Triangles	\$ 250.00
17. Veterans Memorial Park	\$ 250.00
18. Golf Club Front Beds	\$ 250.00

subtotal **\$3,700.00**

Tree maintenance: **\$2,500.00**

Major projects to propose:

1. Bowden Point walking trail	
a. Concrete walking trail	\$41,000.00
b. Walkway bridge	\$ 9,000.00
2. Bowden Point Sign	\$ 9,000.00
3. Circle enhancements	
a. EarthPlanter Pots (4)	\$ 3,200.00
b. Pro-Mix	\$ 900.00
c. Plants	\$ 300.00
4. Across from Circle	

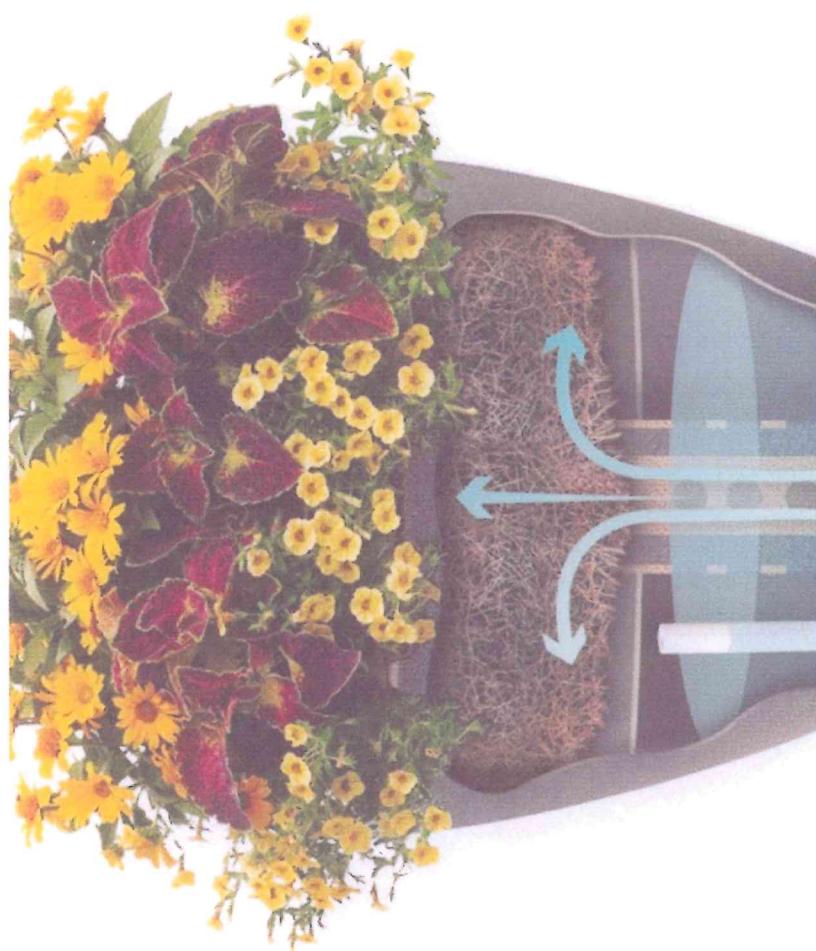
a. **Masonry along Texas sage bed** \$ 1,300.00
b. **Drip Irrigation** \$ 250.00
c. **Mulch sage and trees** \$ 350.00
d. **Swing set** \$ 700.00

subtotal \$66,000.00

Grand total \$75,200.00







Testimonials

BrandyJo Fontenot LeBlanc Miller

As a resident of Lago Vista, I can say with deep gratitude that Keep Lago Vista Beautiful has made a lasting, living impact on our community. Their dedication to enhancing green spaces, medians, and public areas doesn't just make our town prettier—it creates a deeper sense of connection, pride, and stewardship.

Thanks to their generosity and love of native plants, I've been able to expand my little orchard with elderberry, desert willow, persimmon, and chitalpa—beautiful additions that now grow alongside my peach, fig, and Texas persimmon trees. They regularly share seedlings, small trees, and thoughtful advice tailored to our tough Hill Country soil. We've even used their homemade deer repellent recipe—so practical and helpful for local gardeners!

Keep Lago Vista Beautiful does more than landscape—they educate, inspire, and invite us to be part of something bigger. My family was so moved by their vision that we pitched in to help clear and grade a median on Dawn Drive for one of their newest landscaping projects. It feels good to give back to a group that gives so much.

From murals and pollinator gardens to puzzle exchanges and wildflower beds, KLVB brings beauty and belonging to every corner of town. They don't just beautify Lago Vista—they nurture a shared love for it.

Barbara Wilson Shallue

I am so grateful for KLVB and the work they do to keep our community beautiful. I've lived here for 30 years and they've consistently and tirelessly worked to make it more beautiful each year, despite the challenging weather and influx of new residents. The volunteers make up such a valuable asset that is all too often taken for granted, I think!

Sherri Campbell Jander

Top contributor

Keep Lago vista beautiful is an amazing, hard working organization that has put numerous hours of work to keep the city clean and planted so many beautiful plants! We appreciate everything you do

Heather Lowrey Koenning

I am the sponsor for the environmental science club at Lago Vista HS. KLVB has been a wonderful partner with us!! They played a huge role in getting the word out about our plastics recycling challenge which helped us reach our goal of collecting 1000 lbs of plastic films. They also sponsor city wide clean up and beautification projects which allow our students to be involved in their community! We greatly appreciate all that they do and the encouragement that they show our students!

Gwenne Reher

I've lived in Lago Vista for nearly two decades years, and in that time, I've witnessed firsthand the incredible impact KLVB has had on beautifying our community. From vibrant flower beds to well-maintained parks and public spaces, their efforts have truly transformed the area. Visitors often comment on how clean, inviting, and beautiful our city looks—something that wasn't always the case years ago. Thanks to KLVB's dedication and hard work, Lago Vista has grown into a place we're proud to call home.

Top fan

Alex Mossler

KLVB is Lago Vista's glow-up crew. They make things prettier, cleaner, and more community-minded—without being annoying about it.

Verdict: 10/10. Would pick up trash with again.

If you like your town not looking like a raccoon's bachelor pad, get involved. They've got art, plants, trash bags, and all the small-town good vibes you could want.

Bonnie Rupprecht

As a proud member of the Lago Vista Women's Club, it delights me to see KLVB receive one of our Community Grants every year. The beauty they intersperse around our town in wild flowers, trees, works of art, sharing of plant cuttings with neighborhoods is amazing in our sometimes harsh summers. Thank you KLVB.

Cynthia Hudson Darling

All-star contributor

I ADORE the community painted rocks around the city flower beds naming the local plants.

I never mind stopping at the Dawn and Lohman Ford light because I get to enjoy the butterflies in the KLVB flower beds there.

I've gotten many puzzles from the puzzle boxes to gift to my family and friends.

And the murals have really brightened up the area.

Thanks for all you do, KLVB volunteers. You have a great impact and a big part of why I love where I live.

Top fan

Leslie Anne

As a resident in Lago Vista, I can say that Keep Lago Vista Beautiful has had a profound impact on our community. Their tireless efforts to enhance our green spaces, public areas, and streetscapes have added so much more than just beauty—they've built pride, connection, and a sense of place.

Even the smallest touches—like the puzzle exchange boxes or the colorful murals that brighten our town—serve as visual reminders that we live in a place that cares. These elements spark joy, curiosity, and community. They show us that beauty isn't just a bonus; it's part of what makes life here meaningful.

KLVB builds more than landscaping. They build culture. They build pride. And most of all, they build community. I'm deeply grateful for everything they do.

Christie Markert

Just in the few years we have been in Lago Vista, KLVB has done SO much that impacts our town! Most noticeable to me is they have upgraded our entrance signage to the town, created a beautiful garden with a statue at a prominent intersection (Dawn Drive and Lohman Ford), upgraded our Bowden Point Park with plantings and statues, and I personally greatly enjoy the puzzle boxes around town. The flowers and the murals have really brightened up our little town!!

Trish Burdett

I love the tree planted in honor of my husband and I from my mother and aunt in The Veteran's Memorial Park by KLVB. It has provided shade from stress, beauty to remember and a time in which we all grew. I appreciate the KLVB team for keeping it watered and fed and cared for. Everything I see in our community that is beautiful I know KLVB has had a hand or hands in. Thank you so much for all you do!!

Laura Lynn Lake

Rising contributor

There's so much KLVB does for our community. It may be easier to list what they don't do. There are so many gorgeous flower beds around and not just in parks. You don't just maintain them, you plant them too! I love the generosity around Arbor day with the saplings. I love the puzzle boxes! And I love how KLVB gathers the community and organizes trash pickup all over Lago! Thank you for all you do.

Lily Hewgley

All-star contributor

Keep Lago Vista Beautiful volunteers are always out and about keeping our community green and bringing life to our streets!!! Dawn Drive is beautiful to come home to because of the KLVB volunteers' hard work!! They keep the garden area in tip top shape and have planted new trees to one day make our holiday light display even more brilliant!

Hats off to KLVB for being a vital part of keeping Lago Vista beautiful in keeping it our Home Sweet Home!!!

Marcia Werner

As a property owner and gardener in Lago Vista for decades, I understand the challenge of dealing with the weather extremes and wildlife. Keep Lago Vista Beautiful volunteers do an incredible job of not only creating and maintaining public spaces, but also educating everyone on best methods. Everywhere I go in Lago Vista, I admire the beautiful gardens they have provided us.

Jamie Cole

EMCO Rental loves working with KLVB. Our community is enriched everyday by this group of people. We drive by their work and enhancements that would otherwise be overlooked!

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Lynn Tannehill

KLVB is such a blessing to this city !

I have lived in several cities across the United States, and I have never lived with a group of people that put such pride and hard work back into the community . I pass by Bowden's point several times a day and it always makes me feel so good to see how well cared for it is the landscaping, the artwork. It just makes me so happy .

Christmas time is a treat when it's all lit up and beautiful thank you to every single person for every single hour of work that you put into our community!!!!

Kerri Walker

Keep Lago Vista Beautiful has been an amazing partner to **Lago Vista Elementary School**. They brought our vision of a school garden to life and ensured that the foundation was laid for the garden to be successful for years to come. So many students have already loved and learned from the garden and I have no doubt that the contributions that Keep Lago Vista Beautiful has made to our school will continue to benefit many students in the future.