

OTHER INCENTIVES

El Paso, Texas offers various tax credits, exemptions, and incentives to businesses starting up and or operating in the city of El Paso. The City's Economic & International Development Department coordinates the Local and State incentives listed below:

LOCAL INCENTIVES

Chapter 380 Economic Development Grant Program

Chapter 380 of the Local Government Code provides legislative authority for Texas municipalities to provide grants or loans of city funds or services in order to promote economic development.

Chapter 381 Economic Development Grant Program

Chapter 381 of the Local Government Code provides legislative authority for Texas counties to provide grants or loans of county funds or services in order to promote economic development.

Tax Abatement

Tax abatement provides ad valorem property tax relief on a portion of the increased value of real and/or tangible personal property located in a redevelopment zone, for a period of up to 10 years.

STATE INCENTIVES

Texas Enterprise Fund

The Texas Enterprise Fund was established in 2003 as a "deal closing" fund allowing the state to respond quickly prospective Texas employers. The funds are used primarily to attract new business to the state or assist with the substantial expansion of an existing business as part of a competitive recruitment situation.

Texas Enterprise Zone Program

The Texas Enterprise Zone Program is an economic development tool for local communities to partner with the State of Texas to promote job creation and capital investment in economically distressed areas of the state. The entire county of El Paso qualifies for Enterprise Zone designation.

Manufacturing Machinery & Equipment

Leased or purchased machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and accessories that have a useful life of more than six months, and that are used or consumed in the manufacturing, processing, fabricating, or repairing of tangible personal property for ultimate sale, are exempt from state and local sales and use tax.

Training Programs

The Skills Development Fund provides grants that help companies and labor unions form partnerships with local community colleges and technical schools to provide custom job training.

OTHER FEDERAL INCENTIVES

Federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC). The Work Opportunity Tax Credit is an income tax credit for employers who hire employees from eligible groups including youth, ex-offenders, and public assistance recipients.

EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program

This program is administered by U.S. Citizens and Immigration Services (USCIS), the EB-5 Program provides a pathway to U.S. citizenship for foreign individuals and their dependent family members through investment in the United States. To be eligible for a visa and permanent resident status, individuals must invest a minimum of \$500,000 or \$1 million in a new commercial enterprise that creates at least 10 jobs for a minimum of two years.