

# Local Governments Disproportionately Affected by Property Tax Relief for Disabled Veterans



Texas is home to 14 active-duty military installations. **Local Government Code Section 140.011** provides a relief program that assists qualifying **counties or cities** disproportionately affected by the 100 percent property tax exemption granted to 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses under Tax Code Section 11.131. This local government relief program helps qualifying taxing units recover some revenue lost as a result of this exemption.

## Application and Procedural Requirements

A qualifying local government must file Form 50-833, *Local Governments Disproportionately Affected by Disabled Veterans Exemption*, and all supporting documents with the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division (PTAD). It must be **received no earlier than Feb. 1 and not later than April 1** of the year following the end of the fiscal year in which the applicant is seeking relief. Local Government Code Section 140.011 provides statutory authority for the program, and Comptroller Rules 9.4321-9.4327 provide specific requirements and procedures.

**Two  
qualifiers  
must be  
met:**

- A **city** must be **adjacent** to a U.S. military installation, or a **county** must have a U.S. military installation located **wholly or partly** in the county; and
- The local government filing the application must show that its lost ad valorem tax revenue, resulting from exemptions granted under Tax Code Section 11.131, is equal to or greater than 2 percent of its general revenue fund for the fiscal year.

## Program Funding Source

- Texas Legislature
- General Appropriations Act

The Comptroller's office administers each approved applicant's reimbursement amount by multiplying the approved applicant's requested amount by the allocated percentage. To determine the allocated percentage, divide the appropriated funds by the total amount requested from the qualified applicants. The table provides data of funds requested, funds appropriated and percentage allocated to qualified local government applicants.

Fiscal Year	Qualified Applicants	Appropriated Funds	Total Requested Payment	Allocated Percentage
2024	9	\$9,500,000	\$34,688,500.53	0.273865974
2023	7	\$10,500,000	\$21,778,855.23	0.482119004
2022	5	\$8,500,000	\$17,934,906.28	0.473936126
2021	5	\$10,500,000	\$15,097,143.67	0.473936126

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## Can disabled veterans apply for this program?

No, this program is not for property owners. It was introduced to help qualified local governments recover lost property tax revenue resulting from the exemptions granted under Tax Code Section 11.131 to disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.

## Which taxing units may apply for this program?

Qualifying cities and counties may apply.

## What revenue sources are considered “general fund revenue” when determining qualification for payment?

General fund revenue includes:

- ad valorem taxes;
- sales and use taxes;
- franchise taxes, fees or assessments collected for use of right-of-way;
- building, development, permit and inspection fees;
- court fees and fines;
- miscellaneous fees; and
- interest earned by the local government.

## Does a qualifying taxing unit receive the full requested amount?

The amount paid to a taxing unit depends on the funds appropriated in the state budget and the total amount requested by all qualified applicants.

## How must applicants provide supporting documentation verifying information included on their application?

For information to be verified:

- they must use the area provided on the application to list the number and applicable pages; and
- they must highlight the referenced figure in the supporting documentation.

## How may an application be submitted?

An application may be submitted by certified mail at the address below or emailed to [ptad.dvttl@cpa.texas.gov](mailto:ptad.dvttl@cpa.texas.gov).

Comptroller of Public Accounts  
Property Tax Assistance Division  
P.O. Box 13528  
Austin, Texas 78711-9939

## Who must sign the application certifying that the information submitted is true and correct?

An official of the local government that is authorized to bind the taxing unit can sign the application.

## Which agency reviews the application for completeness?

The Comptroller’s Property Tax Assistance Division reviews and determines qualification of the applicants according to Local Government Code Section 140.011 and Comptroller Rules 9.4321-9.4327.

## What must the taxing unit provide as proof that they meet the location requirements?

The taxing unit must provide a map that shows its location in relation to a U.S. military installation.

## Can an application be rejected?

Yes. PTAD can reject an application if the taxing unit does not meet the criteria mentioned in Local Government Code Section 140.011 or the application is incomplete or does not meet the requirements in Comptroller Rules 9.4321-9.4327.

For more information, visit our website:

[comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax](https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax)

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