CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS

Grants & Street Improvements

A Guide for Troup Residents

September 2026

Troup residents often ask how the City pays for new sidewalks, playgrounds, police equipment, and street repairs. This guide answers that question. It shows the outside grants and low-cost loans the City has brought in since 2013, and every street project completed since 2016 — all in one place, using the City's own records.

Grants are funds the state or federal government awards to cities for specific projects. They help pay for local improvements without raising local taxes. Not every project can be paid for with a grant, though — this guide also explains how the City pays for the projects that grants don't cover, like most street repairs.

$3,992,878	6.132 Miles	30 Projects
in grants and low-cost loans received since 2013	*of streets paved, chip-sealed, or resurfaced since 2016*	*completed to improve Troup's streets*

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1. Grants and Low-Cost Loans Troup Has Received

Since 2013, the City of Troup has brought in almost $4 million in grants and one low-cost loan from state and federal programs. This money has paid for new sidewalks, water and sewer line repairs, playground improvements, police equipment, and emergency repairs — all without raising property taxes to cover the full cost.

That's especially important for the water and sewer projects on this list — things like the wastewater treatment plant upgrade, new water lines, sewer line repairs, and lift station repairs. Water and sewer utilities are typically paid for through the rates residents pay on their monthly bill, not property taxes. Without this grant and loan funding, the City would likely have needed to raise water and sewer rates to pay for these repairs instead.

Where the Money Came From	Amount	Share of Total
Federal grants	$2,999,878	75%
Low-cost federal loan (for the wastewater plant)	$840,000	21%
State grants (Texas Parks & Wildlife)	$153,000	4%
TOTAL RECEIVED	**$3,992,878**	**100%**

A quick note on the downtown sidewalk projects below: the City's required local match for those grants came from Troup Community Development Corporation sales-tax funds — not from property taxes.

Full List of Grants and Loans Received

Year	Project	Amount	Funding Source
Home Repair Assistance			
2013	Home repairs – 836 Arp Drive & 804 S Athena	$166,469	State Housing Program (TDHCA)
2015	Home repairs – 105 W Hollis & 403 S Short	$190,100	State Housing Program (TDHCA)
—	**Subtotal**	**$356,569**	—
Water & Sewer Line Work (Community Development Block Grant)			
2017	New 8-inch water main on East Paschal Street	$250,000	Community Development Block Grant
2021	Sewer line and manhole repairs	$350,000	Community Development Block Grant
—	**Subtotal**	**$600,000**	—
Downtown Sidewalks & Lighting			
2015	New sidewalks – north side, 100 block of West Duval	$155,000	Downtown Revitalization Grant
2018	New sidewalks – south side of West Duval & west side of South Georgia (100 blocks)	$250,000	Downtown Revitalization Grant
2020	New sidewalks – East Calvert, South Georgia, East Duval & North Georgia (100 blocks)	$500,000	Downtown Revitalization Grant

Year	Project	Amount	Funding Source
—	**Subtotal**	**$905,000**	—
Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Grant			
2019	Wastewater treatment plant upgrade (part of a $1.14 million project)	$300,000	Water Development Board (EPA-funded)
—	**Subtotal**	**$300,000**	—
Emergency & Disaster Repairs (FEMA)			
2021	Emergency repairs after a winter storm	$23,281	FEMA Disaster Relief
2024	Backup generator for the elevated water storage tank	$25,515	FEMA Disaster Relief
2024	Backup generator for Water Well No. 1	$122,040	FEMA Disaster Relief
—	**Subtotal**	**$170,836**	—
Police Department Safety Equipment			
2018	Bullet-resistant body armor for police officers	$11,925	Governor's Office – Public Safety
2018	Body cameras for police officers	$8,176	Governor's Office – Public Safety
2021	New police vehicle	$41,080	Governor's Office – Public Safety
2022	Bullet-resistant shield for police	$15,716	Governor's Office – Public Safety
2024	New police vehicle	$23,956	Governor's Office – Public Safety
2024	Body cameras for police officers	$31,644	Governor's Office – Public Safety
2026	New police vehicle	$27,500	Governor's Office – Public Safety
—	**Subtotal**	**$159,997**	—
American Rescue Plan (COVID Recovery Funds)			
2022	Price Street lift station repair	$161,017	American Rescue Plan (COVID recovery funds)
2022	Tarbutton & Westwood lift station repairs	$284,428	American Rescue Plan (COVID recovery funds)
2022	Sink hole repair on West Duval Street	$12,865	American Rescue Plan (COVID recovery funds)
2022	New air conditioner for City Hall	$9,763	American Rescue Plan (COVID recovery funds)
2022	Grant administration costs	$22,000	American Rescue Plan (COVID recovery funds)
2024	New police vehicle	$17,402	American Rescue Plan (COVID recovery funds)

Year	Project	Amount	Funding Source
—	**Subtotal**	**$507,475**	—
—	**TOTAL FEDERAL GRANTS**	**$2,999,878**	—
Low-Cost Loan (Wastewater Plant)			
2020	Wastewater treatment plant upgrade (part of a $1.14 million project)	$840,000	Water Development Board (EPA-funded)
Park Improvements (State Grants)			
2018	Short Street Park improvements	$61,000	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
2025	Patriot Park improvements	$92,000	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
—	**TOTAL RECEIVED, ALL SOURCES**	**$3,992,878**	—

2. New Funding Troup Is Currently Pursuing

The City doesn't stop looking for outside funding once a project is done — staff and Council are always working on the next application. Here's the biggest one currently in progress:

Water System Improvements – Up to $10 Million

In 2026, Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment creating new state funding for water and wastewater infrastructure across Texas. Troup City Council voted on July 20, 2026 to apply for up to $10,000,000 from this program, called the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) program, through the Texas Water Development Board. A funding decision from the state is still pending.

This request has not been awarded yet. If approved, it would be the largest single grant in Troup's history — but until the state makes a decision, it should be treated as a request in progress, not money the City has in hand.

The City also has several other smaller requests in progress for public safety, drainage, and community development projects. Residents can always check with City Hall for the latest status on any application.

3. Street Projects Completed Since 2016

Since 2016, Troup has completed 30 separate street projects covering just over 6 miles of roadway. These projects use three different methods, depending on the street's condition and how much traffic it carries:

- Paved (asphalt overlay) – a full, long-lasting new driving surface. Used on 24 projects covering 4.592 miles.
- Chip sealed – a lower-cost surface treatment that protects the road and smooths it out. Used on 4 projects covering 0.880 miles, all in 2016.
- Recycled asphalt (RAP) – ground-up, reused asphalt material applied as a surface. Used on 2 projects covering 0.660 miles in 2025.

Type of Work	Projects	Miles	Typically Paid For By	Years
Paved (asphalt)	24	4.592	County partnerships & private contractors	2016–2026
Chip sealed	4	0.880	Multi-city partnership	2016
Recycled asphalt (RAP)	2	0.660	City street crew	2025
TOTAL COMPLETED	**30**	**6.132**	**—**	**—**

None of these 30 street projects were paid for with a grant. Almost all of them were funded through cost-sharing partnerships with Smith and Cherokee Counties, or through the City's own street budget and private contractors. Part 4 explains why — and what the City is doing about it.

Every Street Project, Block by Block

Look up a specific street below to see when it was worked on and how it was paid for.

Paved (Asphalt) — 24 Projects, 4.592 Miles

#	Street	Miles	Paid For By	Year
1	North Virginia, East Duval to East Bryant	0.140	Private Contractor	2017
2	East Bryant, North Carolina to North Georgia	0.130	Smith County Partnership	2023
3	East McKay, North Ponsard to North Carolina	0.070	Smith County Partnership	2023
4	North Carolina, East McKay to East Bryant	0.070	Smith County Partnership	2023
5	North Cross, East Bryant to SH 135	0.310	Smith County Partnership	2018
6	East Bailey, North Cross to Sadler Street	0.440	Smith County Partnership	2018
7	West Bradford, North Jarvis to North Church	0.130	Smith County Partnership	2019
8	South Church, West Duval to West Paschal	0.130	Smith County Partnership	2019
9	West Paschal, SH 135 to South Beulah	0.350	Smith County Partnership	2019
10	County Line Road, SH 135 to the county line	0.420	Smith County Partnership	2020
11	County Road 2151, North Georgia to the county line	0.190	Smith County Partnership	2020
12	West Oak, South Georgia to South Front	0.330	Cherokee County Partnership	2020
13	West Ross, North Jarvis to the end	0.530	Smith County Partnership	2016
14	North Georgia, East Duval to Troup City Cemetery	0.190	Smith County Partnership	2024
15	North Carolina, East Duval to East Bryant	0.120	Smith County Partnership	2024
16	North Alabama, East Duval to East Bryant	0.120	Smith County Partnership	2024
17	South Cross, East Paschal to Matilda	0.100	Private Contractor	2025
18	South Athena, Wilkinson Drive to bridge	0.190	Private Contractor	2025
19	Beulah, West Duval to Noble	0.050	Private Contractor	2025
20	East Paschal, South Alabama to South Georgia	0.330	Smith County Partnership	2026
21	Athena Street, East Paschal to East Magnolia	0.063	Private Contractor	2026
22	South Cross Street, East Paschal to East Magnolia	0.063	Private Contractor	2026
23	South Cross Street, East Duval to newest overlay	0.063	Private Contractor	2026
24	South Athena Street, East Magnolia to Mary Lane concrete	0.063	Private Contractor	2026
—	**TOTAL**	**4.592**	—	—

Chip Sealed — 4 Projects, 0.880 Miles

#	Street	Miles	Paid For By	Year
1	East Magnolia, South Georgia to South Athena	0.250	Multi-City Partnership	2016

#	Street	Miles	Paid For By	Year
2	Oakwood Drive, West Duval to Westwood Drive	0.190	Multi-City Partnership	2016
3	Westwood Drive, West Duval to its end	0.360	Multi-City Partnership	2016
4	Oakwood Circle, Oakwood Drive to its end	0.080	Multi-City Partnership	2016
—	**TOTAL**	**0.880**	—	—

Recycled Asphalt (RAP) — 2 Projects, 0.660 Miles

#	Street	Miles	Paid For By	Year
1	North Georgia, railroad tracks to the county line	0.460	City Street Crew	2025
2	South Front, railroad crossing to West Oak	0.200	City Street Crew	2025
—	**TOTAL**	**0.660**	—	—

4. How Street Work Gets Paid For, and What's Next

Residents sometimes ask why grants pay for sidewalks and playgrounds but not street repairs. Here's the honest answer, in plain terms:

- There is currently no state or federal grant program that pays for everyday residential street repair. Grants exist for specific things like sidewalks, parks, and water systems — not for repaving neighborhood streets.
- Troup already collects the maximum local sales tax allowed under Texas law, so the City cannot create a new sales tax dedicated to street repair.
- As a general-law city, Troup is not allowed to add a separate street-maintenance fee to residents' utility bills.
- Because Troup recently received a Community Development Block Grant, the City is not competitive for another award from that same program for about two more funding cycles.

A Bit of History

Most of Troup's oldest streets were originally paved by charging the property owners next to them, not through property taxes. From the 1970s through the mid-1980s, a federal program called Revenue Sharing helped the City pay for street maintenance. When that federal program ended in 1986, Troup — like most small Texas cities — could no longer keep paving streets at the same pace using local revenue alone.

The gap lasted longer than that. By 2012, the City's General Fund — the fund that pays for street repairs — was essentially broke: Troup owed more in unpaid bills than it had in cash on hand. Getting the City's finances back to a place where street work could be funded again took several years. That's why the City's own records track street projects starting in 2012, even though the first new paving project on the list didn't happen until 2016.

What the City Is Doing About It

Even without a dedicated street-repair grant or tax, the City has been steadily increasing its own investment. The 2026–27 budget sets aside $150,000 for street repairs — a 25% increase over the prior year, and the largest amount the City has ever committed to street repair in a single year. The City continues to pursue other funding pathways as they become available, including:

- Combining street work with water and sewer projects that do qualify for state or federal funding
- Certificates of obligation or general obligation bonds, when appropriate
- Economic development sales-tax funds for streets serving businesses

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Questions about a specific grant, project, or street? Contact the Office of the City Manager at 903.842.3128 or visit trouptx.com.