



**For Immediate Release**  
**City of Buda Main Street Program**

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## **BUDA MAIN STREET PROGRAM RECEIVES 2020 NATIONAL MAIN STREET ACCREDITATION**

*Buda, Texas* – Buda Main Street has been designated as a 2020 Accredited Main Street America™ program. Accredited status is Main Street America’s top tier of recognition and signifies a demonstrated commitment to comprehensive commercial district revitalization and proven track record of successfully applying the Main Street Approach™. To achieve accreditation each year, local programs must provide evidence of annual progress under selection criteria including engaged partnerships, staffing, volunteer efforts, preservation ethic, physical improvements in the district, and growth in program capacity.

“We are proud to recognize this year’s 860 Nationally Accredited Main Street America programs that have dedicated themselves to strengthening their communities,” said Patrice Frey, President & CEO of the National Main Street Center. “These Accredited Main Street programs have proven to be powerful engines for revitalization by sparking impressive economic returns and preserving the character of their communities. During these challenging times, these Main Street programs will be key to bringing economic vitality back to commercial districts and improving quality of life during the recovery process.”

In 2019 alone, \$6.45 billion of public and private reinvestment was generated, 6,466 net new businesses were opened, 32,316 net new jobs were created, and 10,412 buildings were rehabilitated in Main Street America communities.

Buda’s Main Street performance is evaluated by the Texas Main Street Program of the Texas Historical Commission, which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify the local programs that meet ten rigorous performance standards. Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts and include standards such as fostering strong public-private partnerships, documenting programmatic progress, and actively preserving historic buildings.

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### **ABOUT BUDA MAIN STREET**

The mission of the Buda Main Street Program is to enhance downtown Buda while maintaining its historic roots. The vision is a vibrant downtown that connects community, visitors, and business. A nine-member board appointed by Buda City Council oversee the work plan for the



organization and makes recommendations to Council on behalf of the central business district in the areas of design, promotion, economic vitality, and organization. More information can be found at [www.downtownbudatx.com](http://www.downtownbudatx.com).

#### **ABOUT TEXAS MAIN STREET PROGRAM**

The TMSP was one of the first state-coordinating programs in the country, accepting its first local programs in 1981. Local Main Street programs focus on responsibly utilizing a community's historic assets in its downtown for economic benefit and increased quality of life. Over those four decades, 180 communities have been accepted in the state program. There are currently 89 designated communities in Texas. Main Street communities are selected through an application process. Additional information can be found on the Texas Historical Commission website at <https://www.thc.texas.gov/mainstreet>.

#### **ABOUT MAIN STREET AMERICA**

[Main Street America](#) has been helping revitalize older and historic commercial districts for 40 years. Today, it is a network of more than 1,600 neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban, who share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. Since 1980, communities participating in the program have leveraged more than \$85.43 billion in new public and private investment, generated 672,333 net new jobs and 150,079 net new businesses, and rehabilitated more than 295,348 buildings. Main Street America is a program of the nonprofit National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.