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TEXAS CRAFT BREWERS GUILD + METHOD ARCHITECTURE ANNOUNCE 2025-2026 GRANTEES

Five aspiring Texas craft brewers receive grants for association membership

Austin, Texas (July 1, 2025) —The recipients have been announced for the fifth year of a grant program awarding aspiring craft brewers with membership in the Texas Craft Brewers Guild.

Grantees receive one year of membership - a \$300 value - in the trade association that represents small and independent craft breweries in the Lone Star State. The grants are funded by Method Architecture, a Texas-based firm that's also a long-time member of the Guild.

The 2025 grantees are (in alphabetical order):

Crest Brewing - Dade
Golden Lotus Brewing Company - San Marcos
NightOwl BrewHouse - Gonzales
Stone Abbey Brewing - College Station
Sun Brewing Company - Canutillo

Brewery in Planning members can access the Guild's library of recorded and live online educational resources, attend monthly member meetups and annual conferences, connect with more than 240 veteran brewery owners statewide, and build relationships with hundreds of vendors who will be critical to their success as brewers and business owners.

Bay Area Brewing Company opened in Rockport earlier in 2024. Owners and Navy veterans Will and Deidre Amaya were selected as grantees in the 2023 cycle.

“The Brewery in Planning Grant is not just a monetary award. Upon receiving the news that Bay Area Brewing Company was selected, we were humbled and appreciative. We [used] the recognition as an opportunity to build our brand and grow our community following as we sought crowd funding and being taken seriously in a lucrative coastal real estate market.”

The costs to enter the craft brewing industry remain high in the wake of ongoing challenges that began during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, people of color, women, LGBT+ individuals, and entrepreneurs outside of metropolitan areas are known to experience particularly high barriers to credit, capital, and other necessary support for entrepreneurship.

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"Every great brewery starts with a bold idea and the right support," said Katherine Rorie, Principal | Director of Market Operations at Method Architecture. "This grant isn't just financial aid—it's a gateway into a vibrant, collaborative community that values authenticity, creativity, and local impact. We're honored to play a role in helping the next generation of Texas brewers thrive."

Method's architectural brewery projects include the Houston-based True Anomaly Brewing Company (winner of one of two [Texas Craft Brewers Cup 2023 Brewery of the Year awards](#)) and Holler Brewing Company, a 2023 World Beer Cup silver medal winner, also in Houston.

"Breweries in planning have to prioritize every dollar as they get their projects going," said Meg Ellis, Deputy Director for the Guild. "So to benefit from Guild membership in the crucial early phases and still be able to allocate funds toward hard costs like equipment orders and facilities improvements can have a huge impact down the road."

Many of the grantees will join their industry peers during the Texas Craft Brewers Guild's annual summer conference and trade show, the [Texas Brewery Roundup](#), which takes place June 27-29 in Houston.

Images and additional details about the 2025 grantees are available here:
<https://texascraftbrewersguild.org/2025bipgrantees/>

Learn about the previous year's grantees here: <https://texascraftbrewersguild.org/2024bipgrantees/>

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ABOUT THE TEXAS CRAFT BREWERS GUILD

As a member-driven organization, the Texas Craft Brewers Guild fights for the advancement of independent beer brewed in the Lone Star state. Together, we promote, propel, and protect our collective interests while enlisting our fellow Texans to raise a glass and join us. Formed in 2009 by a band of brewers, today, the Guild has more than 300 brewery members throughout the state, including operating breweries as well as breweries in planning. The Guild offers membership categories for a variety of businesses and organizations that are craft-adjacent, including suppliers, service providers, educational institutions, and retailers who feature Texas craft beer in their bars, restaurants, and bottle shops across the state. In 2024 the Guild launched the Brew City, Texas program, which aims to unite breweries and their home communities in propelling Texas to the forefront of craft beer generated economic development and tourism. To learn more about the Texas Craft Brewers Guild visit texascraftbrewersguild.org. The official mobile app of the Texas Craft Brewers Guild, Texas Brewery Passport™, is available in the App Store and Google Play.

ABOUT METHOD ARCHITECTURE

Method Architecture is a minority-owned, ego-free architecture and interior design firm that specializes in brewery and distillery design. The firm has designed over 40 breweries and distilleries within the state of Texas, including Buffalo Bayou Brewing Company, Karbach Brewing, True Anomaly Brewing, Holler Brewing, and more. Method has offices in Austin, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio.