

Habersham County Development Authority
Incentives Guidelines

The following standards shall guide the Habersham County Development Authority (HCDA) in determining if a business receives tax incentives in Habersham County.

In order to be eligible for inducements, a business will be considered by the following criteria:

1. Eligible businesses can include new and existing businesses.
2. The investment should be at least \$3,000,000 in real and personal property.
3. The average wage of the business' employees should be above the average private sector wage of employees in Habersham County (\$660/week) as defined by the annual GDOL Area Labor Profile.
4. The business should offer medical benefits to all employees.
5. The impacts to job retention will be considered for each expansion project.
6. In determining whether Habersham County should offer an inducement to a business, the HCDA may consider whether the business has received a funding commitment from the State of Georgia.
7. In determining whether Habersham County should offer an inducement to a business, the HCDA may consider factors including, but not limited to the impact of the business upon infrastructure, traffic generation, schools, medical facilities, water usage, sewer generation and storm water generation.
8. As a condition of assistance, a business will be required to work with the HCDA to validate any tax abatement through a bond-issuance.
9. A set of performance criteria for job creation and investment by the company will be considered in the agreement.

The Habersham County Development Authority shall convene to consider all proposals. Each of these criteria will carry weight toward the recommendation and approval of specific investment assistance.