

Ms. Ann Hamilton  
Houston Endowment, Inc.  
600 Travis, Suite 6400  
Houston, TX 77002-3000

March 4, 2005

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges voted unanimously and enthusiastically on February 23, 2005, to request \$20,000 from the Houston Endowment, Inc. for a reimbursement account to use when executing grants we have received to improve access and facilities at the Texas Mid-Coast National Wildlife Refuges. The majority of the grants we receive require us to spend the money up front and be reimbursed later. In the last two years, we have received grants totaling over \$87,000. As a growing non-profit organization, this requirement to spend the money first has produced a significant cash flow problem. We feel a \$20,000 working fund to handle these expenditures would relieve our cash situation.

I certify that nothing has changed in the Friends since our initial request for tax-exempt status from the IRS. The Friends still work diligently to promote the Refuges by raising money for and securing volunteers to build facilities for the public benefit. The Friends of the Brazoria Wildlife Refuges is the only name we have ever operated under since our beginning July 19, 1994.

We have designated Ron Bisbee, Vice-President of the Friends and retired Project Leader for the Texas Mid-Coast National Wildlife Refuges, as our Contact Person for this request. Mr. Bisbee's contact information is below.

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We look forward to your responses to this request for assistance.

Sincerely,

Tommie Holt, President  
Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges

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