

Organization Name: Texas Department of Agriculture



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Interests:

Geographic: TDA serves the entire state of Texas. The Office of Rural Affairs is the primary rural economic development resource for Texas cities and counties, funding public infrastructure through the Texas Community Development Block Grant program and assisting agriculture through the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority. The GO TEXAN program and The Food and Nutrition program serves the whole state.

Deadlines: A variety of deadlines exist for programs.

Purpose: TDA programs fall under four primary program areas: Economic Development, Production Agriculture, Healthy Living and Consumer Protection.

Grant Types: Grants are available in support of TDA’s mission in the areas of:

- Economic Development: providing public infrastructure grants to rural communities and counties to attract or retain business; supporting Texas products, cultures and communities through marketing support and GoTexan grants
- Production Agriculture: protecting agricultural crops, such as citrus and cotton, from harmful pests and diseases; providing financial assistance through grants to young farmers and ranchers; administering grant funds for agricultural research.
- Healthy Living: Administering the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs; and administering assistance to feed the hungry through the Texans Feeding Texans Initiative.

Examples of Past Grantees:

- Disaster Relief Grant of \$350,000 in federal funds - Pervasive drought conditions have had a strong impact on the availability of water resources in Texas’ South Plains region. The city of Amherst found itself in danger of running out of drinking water due to diminished well productivity caused by low aquifer levels. The city will use its \$350,000 to drill a new well, which will supplement the water

provided by existing wells and help ensure there is enough water to safely serve Amherst residents.

- Parallel Pathways to Success Grant Program (Parallel Pathways). Applications recently accepted for \$500,000 in grants. Parallel Pathways is designed to meet the workforce needs of rural Texas communities through the development of educational programs that provide workforce skills and job training. Students will concurrently earn their high school diploma and vocational skills certifications or college credits. Commissioner Staples states, “Parallel Pathways helps communities align their educational resources with the workforce needs of their local economy.”
- Grant to Reduce Cost of Statewide Feral Hog Abatement Efforts Through County Partnerships — In an ongoing effort to protect Texans from the costly destruction caused by feral hogs, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples today announced the Texas Department of Agriculture is accepting grant applications to assist regional efforts to control feral hog populations. Grant funds are made available through TDA’s new County Hog Abatement Matching Program, or CHAMP.
- Specialty Crop grants - Texas Department of Agriculture has secured and awarded more than \$1.8 million in federal funding to promote and develop Texas-grown specialty crops. The grants, funded through the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, will be awarded to 26 projects throughout the state.
- Child and Adult Care Food Program - The Texas Department of Agriculture is informing eligible Texans in need of food assistance how they can take advantage of programs such as the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) that offer nutritious meals to children and adults. Approximately 13,000 adult and child care centers and home-based day cares in Texas are serving free or reduced-price meals through the federally-funded CACFP. These federal funds are available to help Texas families who find themselves in difficult times financially. Assistance programs should be utilized as a temporary bridge to a better economic situation – not as an endless highway. The Texas Department of Agriculture is therefore committed to helping these families with their immediate nutritional needs to assist them in becoming food independent in the future.
- Farmer-Funded Grants to 16 Young Texas Farmers - In an ongoing effort to sustain Texas’ standing as a powerhouse of agricultural productivity, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples today awarded 16 grants to young farmers and ranchers totaling \$148,700. The grant program is entirely funded by farmers.

Details

- X Does not accept unsolicited proposals
- Accepts Letters of Intent
- X Has specific grant guidelines
- X Has specific reporting requirements
- X Always call before applying
- X Issues Requests for Proposals
- Check annual report for details
- X Check website for details

How to Apply: Each program provides details for applications and their deadlines.

Restrictions: Each program has specific eligibility and matching requirements.

Board Chair: Sid Miller is the Commissioner of Agriculture, a statewide elected official.

Trustees: A variety of boards oversee certain grant programs.

Financials (Derived from 990-PF or other annual report)

Year for Financials (Date of 990 or 990-PF):

Total Net Assets (Fair Market Value):

Total Number of Grants:

Number of Grants in TX:

Total Grants Awarded in TX:

Highest Grant:

Lowest Grant:

Average Grant Range:

Specific details on each grant are available through the program by contacting TDA:

Contact phone: (800) TELL-TDA

Website: www.TexasAgriculture.gov

Areas of Interest

(Please mark with an X)

Abuse & Neglect	Health: Mental Health Treatment
Animal Protection & Welfare	Hospices
Arts, Culture, Humanities	Housing, Homeless Shelters
Arts: Education	Human Services
Arts: Historic Preservation	Legal Services
Arts: Media, Broadcasting	Minorities
Arts: Museums	Neighborhood Development
Arts: Performing Arts Organizations	Peace Issues
Children & Youth Services	Philanthropy, Volunteerism, Grantmaking
Community, Public Affairs	Public Policy, Social Benefit
Disabled Persons	Public Safety, Emergency Relief
Domestic Violence Shelters, Services	Recreation, Sports
Economic Development	Religion, Spirituality
Education	Reproductive Rights
Education: Adult Continuing	Science, Technology Research
Education: Early Childhood	Senior Citizens, Aging
Education: Higher	Social Justice, Advocacy, Civil Rights
Education: K-12	Technology, Telecommunications
Education: Libraries	Women
Emergency Assistance	Youth Development Activities
Employment, Job Training	
Environment, Conservation	
Food, Agriculture, Nutrition	
GLBT	
Group, Race Relations	
Health	
Health: AIDS/HIV	
Health: Alcohol, Drug & Substance Abuse	
Health: Diseases, Medical Disciplines	
Health: Medical Disorders	
Health Medical Research	

Types of Funding

Funding Type	Definition
Capital Improvement	Funding for long term needs usually associated with facility; includes construction, acquisition, improvements.
Challenge	Conditional grant that requires recipient to raise additional funds on a matching or formula basis usually within a specified period of time; used to help develop a diversified funding base.
Contracts for Services	Often used by government. NPO agrees to perform services for the agency and is reimbursed after services are performed.
Emergency Loans/Grants	A one-time grant or loan to help NPO meet short-term funding crisis.
Endowment	A gift that is intended for investment purposes, where the principal becomes an asset of the NPO and the interest a source of income. Donors may place restrictions such as principal must remain intact in perpetuity.
General Operating	Also referred to as unrestricted grants; used to cover daily expenses or administrative costs.
In-Kind Gifts	A donation of goods and services as opposed to cash.
Matching	Grant with the requirement that the amount be matched dollar-for-dollar.
Project/Program Support	A grant to support a specific project or program; money is restricted for this purpose
Research	Grant to support the costs of studies, surveys, or clinical trials, including demonstration and pilot programs. Grants awarded to individuals are usually called fellowships.
Scholarships	A grant award to an individual, usually for education.
Sponsorships	A grant or donation that provides a marketing opportunity for the donor.
Technical Assistance	Grants that support operational or management assistance such as fundraising assistance, budgeting and financial planning, legal advice, technical advice.