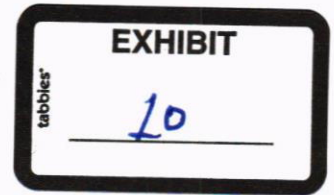




TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
TEXANS FEEDING TEXANS: HOME-DELIVERED MEAL
GRANT PROGRAM



RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY GRANT
PROGRAM YEAR 2019

A resolution of the County of Hopkins (County) Texas certifying that the county has made a grant to Lamar County Human Resources Council, Inc., (Organization) an organization that provides home-delivered meals to homebound persons in the county who are elderly and/or have a disability and certifying that the county has approved the organization's accounting system or fiscal agent.

WHEREAS, the Organization desires to apply for grant funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture to supplement and extend existing services for homebound persons in the County who are elderly and/or have a disability, pursuant to the Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, the Program rules require the County in which an Organization is providing home-delivered meal services to make a grant to the Organization, in order for the Organization to be eligible to receive Program grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Program rules require the County to approve the Organization's accounting system or fiscal agent, in order for the Organization to be eligible to receive Program grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes Shelly Braziel (Authorized Official) as an official of the Organization applying for a Home-Delivered Meal Grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY:

SECTION 1: The County hereby certifies that it has made a grant to the Organization in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be used between the:

1st of October 2018 and the 30th of September 2019
Day Month Year Day Month Year

SECTION 2: The County hereby certifies that the Organization provides home-delivered meals to homebound persons in the County who are elderly and/or have a disability.

SECTION 3: The County hereby certifies that it has approved the Organization's accounting system or fiscal agent which meets financial management system requirements as set forth in the Uniform Grant Management Standards promulgated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Introduced, read, and passed by the affirmative vote of the County on this 24 day of September, 2018

[Handwritten signature of Robert Newsom]

Robert Newsom, County Judge
Typed Name and Title



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

June 1, 2018

The Honorable Robert Newsom
Hopkins County
118 Church St
Sulphur Springs, TX 75482-2602

Dear Judge Newsom:

In an effort to address the threat of hunger facing more than 18 percent of our state's elderly population, the 85th Texas Legislature approved appropriations to continue funding the Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program (Program) administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). The 2019 application year will mark the 12th cycle for the Program, which provides funding to home-delivered meal providers that serve nearly 14 million meals annually to elderly and disabled Texans.

We must do everything in our power to make sure our seniors and Texans with special needs never go hungry and this funding will help fill the stomachs and hearts of people who need it most. The home-delivered meal program keeps people out of institutional care and in the comfort of their own homes, which ultimately benefits everyone. It also provides seniors and those with special needs with the opportunity to live where they are in a secure, happy and healthy environment.

The Program is designed in statute to create a partnership between the state, counties and local meal providers. This is a non-competitive grant, and all eligible entities receive an award based on a formula to determine award amounts. In order for an applicant organization to meet eligibility requirements, a county must contribute a financial grant for meal providers to receive their share of grant funds. This means the county must document their portion of the grant through a formal resolution, which is submitted as part of the application. TDA will begin accepting applications September 1, 2018, and all applications must be submitted to TDA and postmarked by Thursday, November 1, 2018, to be eligible.

I encourage all counties to take this time to ask questions, make budget plans and conduct outreach to local entities that deliver meals to senior or disabled homebound citizens. The county's partnership is a key component in the success of meal providers within each community.

For more information on how your county can partner with these providers and to view a list of current grantees, please visit TDA's website at www.TexasAgriculture.gov or contact the Grants Office by email at Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or our grants staff here at the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely yours,

Sid Miller
Commissioner of Agriculture

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