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Texas Agricultural Finance Authority (TAFA)

The Texas Agricultural Finance Authority (TAFA) was established in 1987 through House Bill 49 as a public authority within the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). TAFA was created to provide financial assistance that supports the expansion, development, and diversification of the production, processing, marketing, and export of Texas agricultural products.

Through its programs, TAFA strengthens the long-term viability of Texas agriculture, promotes rural economic development, and helps ensure that agricultural producers, processors, and service providers have access to capital and strategic support.

TAFA operates under authorities established in:

- Texas Constitution
- Texas Agriculture Code, Chapters 44 and 58
- Texas Administrative Code, Title 4, Part 1, Chapter 28

Administration and oversight are provided by the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, with guidance and decision-making from the TAFA Board of Directors. The TAFA Board reviews recommendations and takes action in a public meeting consistent with open-meetings requirements.

TAFA serves as a key financial and strategic tool for advancing Texas agriculture by:

- Expanding access to capital by providing financial assistance programs, including grants, loan guarantees, and interest-rate reduction opportunities
- Supporting agricultural infrastructure, producers, and value-added businesses
- Promoting agricultural economic development opportunities
- Ensuring transparent, accountable stewardship of public funds
- Providing oversight and guidance to TDA staff in the design and implementation of new program structures, eligibility criteria, and application materials to ensure alignment with legislative intent
- Encouraging innovation and value-added production
- Supporting the long-term resilience of the state's agricultural sector

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AgLink *Continuity Grant*

Supporting the agricultural businesses that keep Texas producers connected to the market







What Is AgLink?

The ***AgLink Continuity Grant*** supports critical Texas agricultural facilities that serve as the vital link between producers and the markets they depend on.

When natural disasters like drought, wildfires, or freezes hit, these businesses face severe commodity losses.

AgLink provides working capital to stabilize operations and preserve jobs.

Program Purpose

- Prevent facility closures
- Preserve market access for producers
- Maintain supply chain continuity
- Support rural economic recovery

Who Qualifies?

- Cotton Gins
- Grain Elevators
- Rice Dryers
- Other Ag Processing Facilities

Eligible Uses

- Working capital & payroll
- Essential operating expenses
- Equipment & efficiency upgrades

Why AgLink Matters

If these facilities shut down, **Texas Producers** lose local, affordable processing options.

AgLink keeps businesses open and ready to serve.

Important Information

- **Application:** Mid-to Late-February 2026
- **Maximum Award:** Up to $500,000
- **Selection Process:** Competitive Evaluation
- **Reporting:** Ongoing compliance required

**Grant funds are reimbursed based on eligible, documented costs.*