## Section D. Certifications

## By signing below, Applicant:

- (1) Certifies all information provided in connection with this application is true and correct to the best of Applicant's knowledge;
- (2) Acknowledges any misrepresentation or false statement made by Applicant, or an authorized agent of Applicant, in connection with this application, whether intentional or not, will constitute grounds for denial of this application;
- (3) Acknowledges acceptance of funds in connection with this application acts as an acceptance of the authority of TDA and the State Auditor's Office (SAO) or any successor agency to conduct an investigation in connection with those funds, and Applicant further agrees to cooperate fully with TDA and/or SAO or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including allowing TDA and/or SAO to inspect Applicant's premises and providing all records requested;
- (4) Acknowledges this application and any payments owed to Applicant in connection with this application may be reduced or denied because of Applicant's owing any debt to the State of Texas, and if Applicant is an individual, that this application and any payments owed to Applicant in connection with this application may be denied because of delinquency in payment of a guarantee student loan and for failure to pay child support; and
- (5) By submission of this application, Applicant acknowledges as a condition of receipt of grant funds under this program the Applicant will be required to execute a grant agreement with the Texas Department of Agriculture, and further acknowledges that failure to timely execute the grant agreement will result in withdrawal of any grant funds awarded, and those funds will be redistributed to other qualified applicants in accordance with state law and TDA rules.

## Applicant further certifies that:

- (1) Applicant is a qualifying governmental agency or nonprofit private organization that is exempt from taxation under §501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization described by §501(c)(3) of that code, which is a direct provider of home-delivered meals to homebound elderly persons or persons with disabilities in Texas.
- (2) Applicant enforces nondiscrimination practices.
- (3) Applicant has an accounting system or fiscal agent approved by the county where it provides meals and has a system to prevent the duplication of services to clients.
- (4) Applicant has received a grant from the county in which the organization is delivering meals, in accordance with Title 4, Part 1, Subchapter O, Section 1.953 of the Texas Administrative Code.
- (5) Applicant agrees to use funds received through the home-delivered meal grant program only to supplement or extend existing home-delivered meal services.
- (6) Applicant authorizes TDA to review, verify and authenticate all information provided in this application.
- (7) Applicant understands TDA may request further documentation supporting this application, including contacting other agencies, organizations, facilities or third parties to verify data provided by an Applicant from the records of such agencies, organizations, facilities or third parties.
- (8) Applicant acknowledges, affirms, consents to, and understands that Applicant is solely responsible for calculating and verifying the information contained in Section C of the application, along with the information provided in Attachment A. Applicant acknowledges, affirms, consents to, and understands that if any inaccurate, incorrect, false, or misleading information is supplied in the application, including, without limitation, the information provided in Section C and Attachment A, <u>Applicant may be required to refund or pay back a portion or all of the funds awarded pursuant to this Grant.</u>

  Notice of Penalties: The penalty for knowingly making false statements or false entries, or attempts to secure money through fraudulent means, may include fines and/or incarceration and/or forfeiture of funds under applicable state law.

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