

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

Fiscal Year 2026 Request for Grant Applications

Executive Summary

The Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program was established to help supplement and extend the applicants' current home-delivered meal program for seniors and/or disabled Texans. Governmental and non-profit agencies are eligible for this grant program.

Dates

Applications will be accepted starting September 1, 2025, and must be received by Monday, November 3, 2025, before 11:59 pm Central Time.

Agency Division

Trade and Economic Development – TDA's Grants Office, Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov

Catalog of Domestic Federal Assistance Number

Not applicable

Key Elements

| Required Action | Timing to Obtain/Submit |
|---|--|
| County Grant – Resolution – Schedule your resolution approval with your County Commissioners Court. | July – Oct 31, 2025 |
| Deadline to submit final application and all supporting materials through TDA-GO | November 3, 2025 - 11:59 p.m. Central Time |
| Create your TDA-GO profile (if you do not already have one)* | 48-72 hours ahead of the application submission deadline for TDA to approve account. |
| Items needed to register for TDA-GO (see TDA-GO Access Instructions) | |
| Obtain a TIN/EIN (if you do not already have one) * | up to 2 weeks |
| Award Timeline | |
| Anticipated Award | January 2026 (or as soon thereafter as practical) |
| Anticipated Start Date of Project/Grant | February 1, 2026 |
| End Date of Project | January 31, 2027 |

* Text hyperlinks will direct you to applicable websites

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(RFGA) may result in the disqualification of the application.

Fraud Warning Disclaimer: Please be aware that certain individuals might approach you by falsely presenting themselves as representatives of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Under this false pretense, they might try to gain access to your personal information or to acquire money by claiming that they are contacting you on TDA's behalf. Such fraudulent offers and claims are usually received via email, text message, phone, etc. These claims and offers are fraudulent and invalid, and you are strongly advised to exercise great caution and disregard such offers and invitations. You will not be contacted by TDA or the government to request payment before you receive a grant. Please report any attempts to defraud you to TDA's Grants Office immediately. You may also report fraudulent activity to the Office of the Texas Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at

https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/common-scams.

Statement of Purpose

This Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) is issued pursuant to the Texas Agriculture Code, Section 12.042. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) hereby requests applications to help supplement and extend an eligible applicant's current home-delivered meal program for seniors and/or disabled Texans under the Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program (HDM Program). Applicants include governmental agencies or qualifying non-profit organizations that deliver meals to homebound persons who are elderly and/or have a disability.

Eligibility

To be eligible for HDM Program funds, an applying organization must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Must be a governmental agency or a nonprofit private organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of that code, that is a direct provider of home-delivered meals to the elderly or persons with disabilities in this state;
- 2. If a nonprofit private organization, must have a volunteer board of directors;
- 3. Must implement and enforce nondiscrimination practices;
- 4. Must have an accounting system or fiscal agent approved by the county in which it provides meals;
- 5. Must have a system to prevent the duplication of services to the organization's clients;
- 6. Must agree to use funds received under the HDM Program only to supplement and extend existing services related directly to home-delivered meal services;
- 7. Must have received a grant from the county (see *Grant Allocation section*) in which the organization provides meals;
- 8. Must submit a completed county resolution form, as provided by TDA;
- 9. Must strictly comply with HDM Program rules adopted by TDA (Tex. Admin. Code, Title 4, Part 1, ch.1, subch. O, §§1.950 1.962); program guidelines and policies; and the HDM grant application and agreement; and
- 10. Must provide a certificate (or equivalent document) of a current health inspection before grant funds are awarded.

For purposes of the HDM Program, the following definitions contained within Tex. Admin. Code, Title 4, Part 1, ch. 1, subch. O, §1.951 apply:

- "Approved Organization"--An organization that submitted an application under this subchapter that was subsequently approved by the Department.
- "Elderly" means an individual who is 60 years of age or older.

- "Disability" means a physical, mental or developmental impairment, temporarily or permanently limiting an individual's capacity to adequately perform one or more essential activities of daily living, which include, but are not limited to, personal and health care, moving around, communicating, and housekeeping.
- "Homebound" means a person who is unable to leave his or her residence without aid or assistance or whose ability to travel from the residence is substantially impaired.

Applicants should note that congregate meals are **not** eligible and will not be counted in the eligible meal calculation under the HDM Program. A congregate meal is a meal served in a group setting, not at an eligible individual's personal home.

Program Contacts

<u>Grant Program and Application Support</u> - Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (CT) TDA staff are available to answer questions regarding the HDM Program and to provide clarifying information concerning this RFGA.

Primary Contact – Julia Rico Grants Specialist Phone: (512) 463-7448 Email: <u>Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov</u>

Secondary Contact – Emily Daly Grants Specialist Phone: (512) 463-8215 Email: <u>Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov</u>

TDA-GO Technical Assistance

Technical assistance for submitting the application is available until **5:00 pm on Monday November 3, 2025.**

TDA staff will not review any grant proposals prior to the application deadline.

Grant Recipient Responsibilities and Accountability

Selected applicants (Grant Recipients) will be responsible for managing the grant award supported by the HDM Program and for the results achieved. This includes monitoring the daily use of grant funds to ensure compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the grant. Grant Recipients must carry out all activities described in their approved scope of work.

Grant Recipients are accountable for documenting how grant funds are used and must ensure they are used solely for authorized purposes. Specifically, each Grant Recipient must ensure that:

- Grant Funds are used only for activities covered by the approved program.
- Grant funds are not used in violation of any applicable statutes, rules, or restrictions.
- Budget and financial reports are completed accurately and submitted on time.
- Every home-delivered meal funded by the grant is reviewed and approved by a Dietary Consultant. Each meal must meet 1/3 of the recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for adults and the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, or if the organization receives funding through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI) as and when established by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. The approval must occur and be documented prior to the date the meal is served.
- Grant Recipient follows procedures and maintains facilities in a manner that complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations related to fire, health, sanitation, and safety, and obtain all necessary permits. All food preparation, handling, and service activities shall comply with applicable Texas Department of State Health Services rules.
- Each Grant Recipient using grant funds received under the HDM Program toward the preparation or delivery of a home-delivered meal must document that persons receiving a meal funded under this program are Homebound Elderly persons or Homebound persons with a Disability.

Each Grant Recipient must ensure it has an adequate accounting system in place and sufficient internal controls to ensure expenditures are reported and maintained for four (4) years after the conclusion of the grant project, or longer if required by TDA.

Funding Parameters

Grant awards, if any, under this RFGA are subject to the availability of funds. If no funds are appropriated or collected for this purpose, applicants will be informed accordingly. <u>Calculated grant awards in the amount of \$250.00 or less will not be awarded.</u>

Funding must be used to provide assistance to home-delivered meal providers by supplementing and/or extending their current program. Individual awards shall be calculated pursuant to the formula set out in §12.042 of the Agriculture Code, and as more particularly described in Tex. Admin. Code, Title 4, Part 1, ch.1, subch. O, §1.952.

TDA may deny, revoke, suspend, or withhold a grant award for misuse of grant funds, or failure to comply with any requirement of this program, including, without limitation, failure to:

1. have or utilize adequate intake processes and/or procedures, including intake forms, to qualify individuals as eligible for assistance in accordance with this program;

- keep and maintain adequate client records, by county, that identify the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all individuals qualified as homebound or disabled individuals eligible under this program;
- 3. keep and maintain adequate records that support the total number of homedelivered meals an Approved Organization claims it delivers to homebound or disabled individuals eligible for assistance under this program;
- keep and maintain adequate records that support the total number of homedelivered meals an Approved Organization claims it delivers in support of its application;
- 5. keep and maintain adequate records that document meals delivered under this program with identifying information on the recipient of each meal;
- 6. keep and maintain an accounting system and records in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles;
- obtain and comply with all health and other permits required under this program, including failure to keep and maintain adequate records pertaining to such health and other permits;
- 8. obtain a county grant as required, including failure to keep and maintain adequate records pertaining to such county grant;
- 9. have a dietary consultant review the dietary content of all menus or meal plans for all meals delivered by an Approved Organization with grant funds awarded under this program, to ensure that those meals meet the Registered Dietary Allowance or Dietary Reference Intakes as required by this program, including failure to keep and maintain adequate records pertaining to such registered dietician, such as name, address, and telephone number;
- 10. keep and maintain a bank account in the name of the Approved Organization, including failure to keep and maintain adequate records pertaining to such bank account; or
- 11. keep and maintain adequate records of all expenses that an Approved Organization claims are allowable expenses.



TYPES OF RECORDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION



Trade & Economic Development Home Delivered Meal Grant Program

Grant Allocation Considerations

The following factors are considered in the equation when calculating each eligible entity's grant award.

| Amount of the County Grant – | |
|---|--|
| Did your resolution provide the minimum requirement of .25 cents per county senior as of the most recent census? If there is more than one provider in your county, does each entitiy's resolution include a county grant and does the cumulative total of the c grants meet the minimum requirement of .25 cents per county senior? If the county grant is less, then the entity's portion of HDM will be proportionately reduced. Click here to access minimum contribution amounts. | |
| Total Number of Eligible Meals | |
| | |
| •This program is not a reimbursement of meals delivered the prior state year. The number of meals provided in the application are a basis for the calculation. Eligible Meals = Total meals delivered – Meals funded by HHSC/AAA | |
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TDA will distribute funds after all eligible applications are processed and the awarded entity's grant agreement has been fully executed. In the event the amount of qualifying grants exceeds the amount of funds available, funds may be distributed on a pro rata basis.

Term of Funding or Duration of Projects

TDA anticipates that a Notice of Grant Award will be made in January 2026, or as soon thereafter as practical. All approved grant projects will have a grant term of February 1, 2026 to January 31, 2027.

Application Requirements

Applications will be accepted beginning September 1, 2025 and must be submitted in TDA's online Grant Application/ Management system "TDA-GO" no later than November 3, 2025.

The grant application itself **<u>must</u>** be completed online at <u>https://tda-go.intelligrants.com/</u>.

1. Application Contact Information

- i. Name of Authorized Official required
- ii. Name of Primary Program Contact- required
- iii. Name of Secondary Program Contact optional
- iv. Congressional Districts

2. Service Information;

3. **Meal Number Documentation** - Each entity should be sure to include all meals delivered for clients aged 60 and older plus meals delivered for all disabled clients regardless of age.

4. Required Uploads:

- i. TDA approved County Resolution;
- ii. Financial Information
 - a. Balance Sheet (*Assets/Liabilities*) **AND** Profit and Loss Statement for the previous 12-month period or
 - b. Audited Financial Statement (IRS Form 990 is not accepted);
- iii. Copy of most recent food establishment permit or proof of exemption;
- iv. Texas Application for Payee Identification Number used to provide approved applicant with payment from the Texas' Uniform Statewide Accounting System (USAS);
- v. W-9; and
- vi. Direct Deposit Form.

Additional documentation for Nonprofits only

- vii. IRS Determination Letter Documenting qualifying nonprofit status (Texas Comptroller letter indicating status in Texas will not be accepted); and
- viii. List of the organization's Board of Directors and/or Officers.
- 5. Certification

See Section entitled **Application Form Guidance below** for detailed instructions on each section of the application.

Grant Budget Development

Once grant awards are calculated and Grant Recipients are notified of their award amount, each Grant Recipient must submit an estimated budget during the grant agreement execution period.

Sample Budget Summary

| Home Administration - Searches - | Reports - | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---|
| HDM2021015 | | Budget Summary |
| ✓ Forms | | Badgot ourning |
| Application | | Instructions: Please complete the page and press the save button. Required fields are marked with an * |
| Applicant Contact Information | e | |
| | | The Texans Feeding Texans Home Delivered Meal Grant Program was established to help supplement and extend the applicants current home delivered meal program for seniors and/or disabled Texans, Governmental and non-profit agencies are eligible for this grant program. |
| | | |
| | | Complete the table below. Please estimate, to the best of your ability, how Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meal Grant program funds will be expended for your organization during the grant period. |
| | | |
| Review | | TDA Calculated Grant Amount \$21,200.22 |
| TDA Application Review | D | |
| Award | | Expenditure Category Estimated Amount * |
| Grant Agreement Details | ß | Personnel 5 1,000.00 |
| Budget Summary | θ | PoodMeals S 2,000.00 |
| Agreement Certification | ß | s 3,000.00 |
| | D | Building Occupancy \$ 4,000.00 Transportation \$ 5,000.00 |
| Amendment | | |
| Amendment Request Form | Ð 🔿 | Office supplies and services S 6.200.22 Other Please specify exactly S |
| ✓ Status Options | | Cher Plase specify exactly 3 Cher Plase specify exactly 3 |
| > Tools | | Cher Plase specify exactly S |
| > Related Documents | | Other Please specify exactly |
| | | Total Budgeted Grant Amount \$21,200.22 |
| | | |
| | | During the grant year, Grantee must demonstrate that HDM grant funds were used to directly supplement or extend existing home delivered meal services to homeboard persons that are identy and/or have a disability. |
| | | By signing, I certify that the information entered on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. |
| | | Authorized Official Signature: Date |
| | | Randall Shell 08/17/2021 |
| | | |

The following guidance should be used to develop your budget summary:

1. Use of Funds. The expenditure of grant funds by Grant Recipient shall be documented and used only to supplement and extend existing services related directly to delivery of meals to Homebound Elderly persons and Homebound persons with a Disability.

2. Payment Schedule. Fifty percent (50%) of any grant awarded shall be distributed on or before February 1 or as soon as administratively possible. The remaining fifty percent (50%) of the grant award shall be distributed to each Grant Recipient on or before August 1 or as soon as administratively possible.

3. Eligible Expenses. Generally, expenses that are necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient performance and administration, directly related to the project, are eligible. Grant funds may not be used to supplant normal business costs, but instead must be used to

cover the costs incurred for the approved proposed activities. Permissible expenditures include, but are not limited to:

- a) **Personnel** Compensation of employees for the time devoted and identified specifically to the performance of home-delivered meals is allowable. Personnel expenses may include salaries, wages, benefits and other costs associated with personnel. Expenses should be allocated appropriately among funding sources.
- b) Food costs This category should be used for all costs associated with a meal including, but not limited to, raw food, consumable/packaging (meal containers or plasticware), prepared food, prepared meals purchased from a commercial kitchen and nutrition supplements.
- c) **Small Equipment Expenses** items costing less than \$5,000 may be charged to the TDA grant. This may include, but is not limited to, appliances, computers, kitchen equipment, kitchen racks or other items that are not consumables. Similar to all other expenditures, small equipment expenses must be allocated to all appropriate funding sources.
- d) **Building Occupancy** TDA grant funds may be used to help pay for expenses related to building occupancy including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, building repairs, security or janitorial services.
- e) **Transportation** Expenses directly related to the transportation of home-delivered meals are allowable under the TDA grant program. These expenditures include, but are not limited to, fuel, vehicle maintenance and parts, mileage reimbursement and delivery costs.
- f) Supplies- Pursuant to the Texas Administrative Code, Title 4, Part 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter O, funds may be used for other operational costs. These costs may include, but are not limited to office supplies, disposable items such as toner, pens, and paper products, as well as advertising expenses, printing, copying, postage and telecommunications. Expenses should be allocated appropriately among funding sources.
- g) **Other** additional items may be charged to the TDA grant that directly contribute to the performance of the organization's home-delivered meals program. Allocate expenses appropriately among fund sources.

4. Ineligible Expenses. Certain expenses may be prohibited by state or federal law or determined to be ineligible by program guidelines. Examples of such expenditures include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- a) Alcoholic beverages;
- b) Contributions-charitable or political;
- c) Capital assets Capital assets include any equipment valued at \$5,000 or more;
- d) Entertainment;
- e) Equipment Tangible personal property costing over \$5,000 per unit and having a useful life over one year (freezers, kitchen equipment, etc.);
- f) Expenses falling outside of the grant agreement term unless pre-award expenses are eligible for reimbursement;

- g) Expenses for items not listed in the project budget or that fail to meet the intent of the program;
- h) Expenses that are not adequately documented or that do not meet the intent of the grant program;
- i) Gift cards;
- j) Indirect Costs;
- k) Tips;
- l) Travel No reimbursement for transportation related to business travel, lodging, meals, or any food items related to travel.

Reporting Requirement

Approved projects will be required to submit quarterly expenditure reports in TDA-GO detailing how advanced grant funds were expended. If the selected Grant Recipient has multiple funding sources, an allowable cost allocation method under the Texas Grant Management Standards must be used to report costs back to TDA.

Reporting timelines will be provided in an official grant agreement. Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in the withholding of future payments, repayment of grant award and/or termination of the award.

SAMPLE OF BUDGET REPORT

| SAMEE OF BODGETT | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| ✔ Forms | If yes, contact TD | A to complete a Budget Am | endment. | | | | | | |
| HDM - Quarterly Grant Report | Quantifiable I | Information | | | | | | | |
| ✓ Status Options | 1) Total number o | of meals delivered regardle s | ss of funding sources during th | ne quarter. | | | | | |
| > Tools | | | | | | | | | |
| Related Documents | 2) If known, total number of meals or meal equivalents delivered using TDA funds during the quarter. This number has been valuable in demonstrating the outcomes this program covers. Home-Delivered Meals Grant Utilization EXPENDITURES SHOULD NEVER TOTAL MORE THAN THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED BY TDA. EXPENDITURES SHOULD NEVER TOTAL MORE THAN THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED BY TDA. IF NO FUNDS WERE EXPENDED DURING THE QUARTER, PLEASE ENTER A ZERO. PLEASE REFER TO THE COST ALLOCATION WORKSHEET FOR GUIDANCE https://texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/TradeandBusinessDevelopment/HomeDeliveredMealsGrantProgram.aspx | | | | | | | | |
| | Expenditure Category | Budgeted Amount | Current Quarter | Previously Reported | YTD Cumulative | Remaining Balance | | | |
| | Personnel | \$1,000.00 | s | s | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | | | |
| | Food/Meals | \$2,000.00 | \$ | s | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 | | | |
| | Equipment | \$3,000.00 | \$ | s | \$0.00 | \$3,000.00 | | | |
| | Building | \$60.00 | \$ | S | \$0.00 | \$60.00 | | | |
| | Transportation | \$5,000.00 | \$ | s | \$0.00 | \$5,000.00 | | | |
| | Supplies | \$6,000.00 | \$ | s | \$0.00 | \$6,000.00 | | | |

General Information

Selected applicants will receive a Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) letter and an official Grant Agreement from TDA. The NOGA is not legally binding until a grant agreement is fully executed.

TDA reserves the right to fund projects partially or fully. TDA reserves the right to negotiate individual elements of any application and to reject any and all applications. Where more than one application is acceptable for funding, TDA may request cooperation between grant recipients or revisions/adjustments to an application in order to avoid duplication and to realize the maximum benefit to the state.

Applications

TDA reserves the right to reject all applications and is not liable for costs incurred by the applicant in the development, submission, or review of the application, or costs incurred by the applicant prior to the effective date of the grant agreement.

Right to Amend or Terminate Program

TDA reserves the right to alter, amend, or clarify any provisions, terms, or conditions of this program or any grant awarded as a result thereof, or to terminate this program at any time prior to the execution of an agreement, if TDA deems any such action to be in the best interest of TDA and the State of Texas. The decision of TDA will be administratively final in this regard.

Proprietary Information/Public Information

In the event that a public information request for the application is received, TDA shall process such request in accordance with Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. Applicants are advised to consult with their legal counsel regarding disclosure issues and to take appropriate precautions to safeguard trade secrets or any other proprietary information.

All applications submitted under this program are subject to release as public information, unless the application or specific parts of any such application can be shown to be exempt from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

All information submitted through the TDA-GO system is subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act (PIA). Applicants should NOT include proprietary or otherwise confidential information in their applications or other submitted information. If confidential, proprietary, trade secret or privileged material is essential to the application, please contact TDA.

Additional Information

- Assistance is available in English and Spanish. Please call (512) 463-7448 to request assistance.
- Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact TDA where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact TDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or Texas Relay 7-1-1. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

Reporting Fraud in State Government

- TDA is committed to promoting a culture of integrity within the agency. As part of the agency's commitment, TDA has instituted a Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Prevention Program to provide its employees with the necessary guidance and support to prevent, detect, and eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse within the agency. TDA's Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Prevention Program complies with Executive Order RP-36 of July 12, 2004.
- Reports of suspected fraud or illegal activities involving state resources may be made by:
 - contacting the Texas State Auditor's Office (SAO) Hotline by calling (800) TX-AUDIT (892-8348);
 - visiting the SAO Website at (<u>https://sao.fraud.texas.gov/ReportFraud/</u>;
 - contacting TDA by calling the TDA Fraud Hotline at (512) 475-3423 or (866) 5-FRAUD-4 (866) 537-2834; or
 - sending a written complaint to:
 - by mail: Texas Department of Agriculture 1700 N. Congress Avenue Austin, TX 78701
 - by email: <u>fraud@texasagriculture.gov</u>.

Compliance Information

- 1. Grant Recipient (an applicant who receives a grant under this program) must comply with TDA's reporting requirements and financial procedures outlined in the grant agreement. Any delegation by Grant Recipient to a subcontractor regarding any duties and responsibilities imposed by the grant award must be approved in advance by TDA and shall not relieve Grant Recipient of his/her responsibilities to TDA for performance of those duties.
- 2. Grant Recipient must remain in full compliance with state and federal laws and regulations. In addition, Grant Recipient must agree to and remain in full compliance with all Certifications and Assurances included in Exhibit D to TDA's grant awards for

state grants, which is available online via the following link <u>https://texasagriculture.gov/Portals/0/Publications/ER/HDM/2024/Grant_Agreeme</u><u>nt - HDM.pdf?ver=OMes0sZBFeMpl2bxgmRbFg%3d%3d</u>. Non-compliance may result in termination of the grant or ineligibility for reimbursement of expenses.

- 3. Grant Recipient must keep separate records and a bookkeeping account (with a complete record of all expenditures) for a project. Records shall be maintained for a minimum of four (4) years after the completion of the project, or as otherwise agreed upon with TDA. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action is initiated prior to the expiration of the four-year retention period, then all records and accounts must be retained until their destruction is authorized in writing by TDA. TDA and SAO reserve the right to examine all books, documents, records, and accounts relating to the project, including all electronic records, at any time throughout the duration of the agreement until all litigation, claims, negotiations, audits, or other action period or a final judgment in litigation, whichever is longer. TDA and SAO shall have access to: all electronic data or records pertaining to the grant project; paper or other tangible documents or records, including the physical location where records are stored; and all locations related to project activities.
- 4. If Grant Recipient has a financial audit performed during the time Grant Recipient is receiving funds from TDA, upon request, TDA shall have access to information about the audit, including the audit transmittal letter, management letter, any schedules, and the final report or result of such audit.
- 5. Grant Recipients must comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 783 (Uniform Grant and Contract Management) and the Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS).

Submission Instructions

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Applicants must submit one complete, electronically signed application through the TDA-GO system to TDA **before 11:59 p.m. CT on Monday, November 3, 2025** (see submission instructions below). Applications may not be supplemented after the submission deadline. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the timely receipt of the application and all required materials.

For questions regarding submission of the application and/or TDA requirements, please contact TDA's Grants Office at (512) 463-7448, or by email at <u>Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov</u>.

Click the following for the submission link or copy and paste the following in your browser: <u>https://tda-go.intelligrants.com/</u>.

• The Application must be submitted online through TDA-GO.

• Mailed, emailed, or faxed applications will not be accepted.

The online system will date and time stamp the submission for receipt documentation purposes. An automated receipt email will be sent from the TDA-GO system indicating the application has been received.

Do not wait until the last minute to submit your application.

The applicant is responsible for ensuring their application is submitted in a timely manner. TDA highly recommends applicants submit their application early to allow time to resolve any issues that may arise. Late applications due to technical problems or errors will not be accepted.

Late or Ineligible Applications

- TDA will not consider applications submitted after the published due date, unless the deadline has been revised for all applicants.
- TDA will perform an administrative review to determine applicant eligibility and responsiveness to the request for grant applications.
- Applications submitted by ineligible applicants will not receive funding consideration.
- Applications that are not fully responsive to the request for grant applications will not be eligible for an award.
- Determinations of late or ineligible applications are final and not subject to an appeal process.
- Problems with computer systems at the applicant organization, Adobe compatibility settings issues, failure to follow instructions in the RFGA, or failure to complete required registrations (e.g., Grants.gov, Sams.gov, UEI Number, etc.) by the submission deadline are NOT considered government system issues and do not constitute grounds for an appeal.
- The RFGA explains the time required to complete these registration requirements. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that enough time is committed for adequate submissions by the listed due date and time.
- All required letters and attachments must be attached to the TDA-GO application package. Any supplemental information/files submitted outside TDA-GO (email, mail, hand delivered), submitted passed posted deadlines (published in this RFGA or requested clarifications by TDA program staff) will not be considered as eligible submissions.
- Failure to attach documents to the application package correctly are not considered system issues.

TDA-GO Access Instructions

Click here to access the TDA-GO website or copy and paste the following in your browser: <u>https://tda-go.intelligrants.com/</u>

Step 1: Accessing Grant Opportunity

The following describes how to access the 2026 HDM Program opportunity via TDA-GO for returning users.

Applications may only be initiated by an Authorized Official or Project Director.

- Returning users Log in with your current username and password
- New Users see section "TDA-GO New User Instructions" on page 33

Dashboard

After logging in, your Dashboard will appear (Figure 1).

- My Tasks are documents/applications that are in process;
- Initiate New Application are blank grant applications.

Figure 1. Landing page after logging in

Choose the **Application** by scrolling down the **"Intiate New Application"** box and select **Home Delievered Meals - 2026** (Figure 2 & 3).

| /ly Tasks | | | | | Initiate Related Document | Му Ор | portunities | TXDOA Provider | 1/1/2021 12:00:00 AM - 12/31/2021 | |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| > Filter | | | | | | 2022 | an Schools Agricultural - | | 5/12/2020 12:00:00 AM - 12/31/2021 | |
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| CDM2021074 | CDBG - Downtown Revitalization Program - | Test Grantee Organization | Application in Process | 11/10/2020 7:10:38 AM | 5/3/2021 11:59:00 PM | Grant Agric 2022 | cultural Development - | TXDOA Provider | 9/1/2021 12:00:00 AM - 10/4/2021 11:59:00 PM | |
| | 2021 | - | | | | Home-Deli Program - | vered Meal Grant 2022 | TXDOA Provider | 1/1/2021 12:00:00 AM - 11/1/2021 11:59:00 PM | |
| CDP2021031 | CDBG - Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program - 2021 | Test Grantee Organization | Application in Process | 10/16/2020 9:54:48 AM | 5/20/2021 11:59:00 PM | Organic Co Application | ist Share Program 1 - 2022 | TXDOA Provider | 1/1/2021 12:00:00 AM - 12/31/2021 11:59:00 PM | |
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Figure 2. My Opportunities and location of scrolling tool

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| Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program | TXDOA Provider | 1/1/2021 12:00:00 AM - 7/1/2021 11:59:00 PM | |
| License Plate Programs | TXDOA Provider | 1/1/2021 12:00:00 AM - 7/1/2021 11:59:00 PM | |
| Organic Cost Share Program Application | TXDOA Provider | 1/1/2021 12:00:00 AM - 7/1/2021 11:59:00 PM | |
| Rural Communities Healthcare Investment | TXDOA Provider | 8/10/2020 12:00:00 AM - | |

Figure 3. Selection for New HDM Application. Please note dates are for testing purposes only

A brief description and agreement language appears (Figure 4). Read and select Agree.

| O Home-Del | ivered Mec | al Grant F | rogram | | × | ıcı |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------|-------|---------|----------------|
| Provided By: | TXDOA Provider | | | | | |
| Provided To: | Test Grantee Organ | ization | | | | |
| Application Availability Date | es: 1/1/2021 12:00:00 A | M - 7/1/2021 11:59:00 | PM | | | |
| Description | | | | | | |
| No Summary Provided | | | | | | |
| Agreement Language: | | | | | | /14/2 |
| | to initiate a grant on behalf d requirements as described | | | | | /1/20 /1/20 |
| | | | (| Agree | Decline | /1/20 /1/20 |
| | | | | | | /1/20 |
| Application in 11/10/2 | 020 5/3/2021 | | | | | 7/1/20 |
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Document Landing Page

After Agree is selected, the Document Landing Page will appear (Figure 5).

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|---|--|---|--|----------------------------------|----------|
| Home Searches - HDM2021023 | Document Landin | ng Page | | 0 🗣 🗏 | Mary Sue |
| Tools Status Options | Home-Delivered Meal Grant HDM2021023 Organization Test Grantee Organization | Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program Your Role Authorized Official | Application Period Date 9/1/2021 12:00:00 AM 11/1/2021 11:59:00 PM | Due Date 7/1/2021 11:59:00 PM | |
| Related Documents | | | | | |

Figure 5. Document Landing Page

The left column has the Grant Project Number at the top, then four drop down menus: Forms, Tools, Status Options, and Related Documents.

- **Forms** is a list of required information that includes Applicant Form, Proposed Project, Budget Form, Required Uploads, and Certification.
- Tools include Add/Edit People that can access the application, Status History, Modification Summary, Attachment Repository, Notes and Print Document ability. See "Application Form Guidance" section for instructions on how to complete the application.
- Status Options is where the application can be submitted or cancelled.
- Related Documents is not applicable to the application submisson process. You will not need this function to submit your application.

Application Form Guidance

The following section provides some additional guidance regarding key sections of the applications. TDA staff is available to answer questions regarding the program and to provide clarifying information concerning this RFGA. TDA staff will not review any grant proposals prior to the application deadline.

TIPS

As you move through the online application, here are a few tips to keep in mind:

1. All required fields are marked with a *. An error message will appear and the application may not be submitted if these required fields are not filled out (Figure 6).



Figure 6. Example of Required Fields

2. If a question has a Select button in the answer box, it is necessary to upload the appropriate documentation (Figure 7). Click on the Select Button to open the file selection screen.

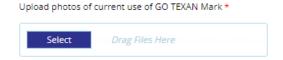


Figure 7. The Select button allows applicant to select and upload the appropriate documentation

3. Any field with a Plus (+) button has the ability to add an additional row (Figure 8).

Project Purpose *

What specific needs will your proposed project address for your company's overall marketing plan? What are the objectives of the project?

| | Need | Objective | |
|-----------|------|-----------|---|
| | | | |
| | | | + |
| 0 of 2000 | | 0 of 2000 | |

Figure 8. Add additional rows by clicking the plus (+) button

You can delete additional rows by pressing the red minus (-) button (Figure 9)

Project Purpose *

What specific needs will your proposed project address for your company's overall marketing plan? What are the objectives of the project?

| Need | Objective | |
|-----------|-----------|-----|
| 0 of 2000 | 0 of 2000 | + - |
| | 0 of 2000 | + - |

Figure 9. Subtract additional rows by clicking the minus (-) button

4. After completing the form, click the **Save** button in the top right hand corner (Figure 10). After clicking the **Save** button, if any required sections are missing, an error message will appear (Figure 11).

| CAD. | | |
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| Home Searches - | | 🕦 💫 🚊 🔹 Mary Sue - |
| GTP2023002 | Project Narrative | New Note Print Sove |
| ✓ Forms | | |
| Application | Instructions: Please complete this page and press the save button. Required fields are marked with an " | |
| Applicant Contact Information | | |
| Figure 10. Regular | ly save your work by clicking the save butt | on in the upper right hand corner |

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|-------------------------------|--|--|
| GTP2023002 | Project Narrative | New Note Print Save |
| ✓ Forms | | ✓ Attention |
| Application | Instructions: Please complete this page and press the save button. Required fields are marked with an * | Project Abstract is required. Project Purpose is required. Potential Impact is required. Project Data is required. |
| Applicant Contact Information | | Success Quantification is required. |
| Partner Profile | Project Abstract * The project abstract serves as a brief summary of the project and should be limited to 200 words or less. See official instructions for more details. | |
| Project Narrative | | |

Figure 11. Error Message of missing required message

Step 1: Complete Applicant Contact Information

| ✓ Forms | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Application | |
| Applicant Contact Information | 0 |
| Service Information | D |
| Meal Number Documentation | D |
| | D |
| | 0 |

Expand the **Forms** drop down menu and select Applicant Contact Information (Figure 12).

Figure 12. Application Contact Information location

NOTE: All required fields are marked with a *. An error message will appear and the application will not be able to be submitted if these required fields are not filled out (Figure 11).

1. **Authorized Official:** The person who will enter into legal agreements on behalf of the applicant/organization. This person will sign the grant agreement and any other legally binding documents. To select an **Authorized Official**, click the drop down box and select the User that will serve as the **Authorized Official** (Figure 13).

Name of Authorized Official

| (This person is authorized to signature.) | enter into legal agreements on behalf of the ap | olicant/organization. This person's name will appear on the grant agreement for |
|---|---|---|
| Select the Authorized Officia | l of your organization from the drop-down list be | low. * |
| [| Mary Sue | |
| | | |

Figure 13. Authorized Official Selection

Then complete the rest of the required **Authorized Official** information.

- 2. **Primary Program Contact:** The person who will answer day-to-day questions, receive general grant information and reminders, and fill out Quarterly Reports. To select a **Primary Program Contact**, click the drop down box and select the User that will serve as the **Primary Program Contact**. Then fill out the rest of the required **Primary Program Contact** information.
- 3. Secondary Program Contact: An *optional* person who will receive the same information as the Primary Program Contact. To select a Secondary Program Contact, click the drop down box and select the User that will serve as the Secondary Program Contact. Then fill out the rest of the required Secondary Program Contact information.
- 4. **Congressional Districts:** This information can be found by clicking "**here**" (Figure 14).

| Congressional Districts Provide the congressional districts of th plus button next to each option to add | | is for the proposed project site(s). This information is availabe here. ress | s the |
|--|------------|--|-------|
| Representative: | Senate: | Congress: | |
| ~ + | ~ + | v + | |

Figure 14. Finding Congressional District Information

This will take you to the Who Represents Me? page (Figure 15).

| Street address | |
|----------------|------|
| City | , TX |
| Zip | |
| Clear | |
| Find by County | |
| County | - |

Figure 15. Who Represents Me? search page

On this page, your Organization's Address can be entered and then select **Find** or the County's Served can be entered and then select **Find**. This will take you to a new window with the **Congressional Districts** your entity is included in (Figure 16).



Figure 16. Example of Who Represents Me? results

Click over to the **Document Form** tab in your Internet Browser (Figure 17) and enter the information. You can click over to the **Who Represents Me?** tab if you need to review the information again.

| | Who Represents Me? × + e.com/IGX_TXDOA/DocumentFramework/DocumentForm?« |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Home Searches - | |
| HDM2021024 | Last Name: |
| ✤ Forms | Suffix: |
| Application | Position or Title: |
| Applicant Contact Information | Telephone: |
| Service Information | Email: |
| Meal Number Documentation | Mailing Address Same as Organiz |

Figure 17. Document Form tab/Who Represents Me? tab

Finishing Applicant Contact Information

Once the four sections described above are filled out, select **Next Form** (Figure 18). TDA-GO will save this Application Section for you and then take you to the next section, **Service Information**.

| Applicant Contact Information | Telephone: |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Service Information | Email: |
| Meal Number Documentation | Mailing Address Same as Organization |
| Required Uploads | Street Address: |
| Certification | City: |
| ✓ Tools | State: |
| Landing Page | |
| Add/Edit People | Congressional Districts Provide the congressional districts of the entity applying for funding, as well as for the proposed project site(s). This information is available here. Press the |
| Status History | plus button next to each option to add multiple selections. * |
| Modification Summary | Representative: Senate: Congress: |
| Attachment Repository | |
| Notes | Next Form > |
| · • · · • | |

Figure 18. Next Form selection that will take you to next form

NOTE: If an error was made on **Applicant Contact Information**, a warning will appear at the bottom of the next form page, **Service Information** (Figure 19).

| HDM2021024 | Service Information |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| ✤ Forms | |
| Application | Instructions: Please complete this page and press the save button. Required filebia are marked with an " |
| Applicant Contact Information 🔹 🔋 | |
| Service Information | An organization must submit one application per county, if the applicant delivers meals in multiple counties, a separate application is required to document the meals |
| Meal Number Documentation | In each county for which a grant is sought. Only meak delivered in the applying county are considered eligible. Attachment A-Meal Number Documentation Worksheet must be completed to include all home-delivered meals to homebound eliderly, homebound disabled and homebound disabled eliderly, regardless of funding source. |
| Required Uploads | 1. The <u>County</u> in which <u>home-delivered meals</u> were delivered.* |
| Certification | v |
| > Tools | County Grant: Indicate the amount of the County Grant stated on the signed resolution from the county. * |
| Status Options | 5 |
| > Related Documents | Does the applicant organization serve <u>congregate meals</u> in the county stated in Question #17 * Congregate meals are not considered eligible meals under the HDM program calculation and must be documented separately. |
| <u> </u> | Yes Attention The prior scaled form contains error(s). Use the Privolus form button below to return and review these error(s). |
| | revious Form Next Form > |

Figure 19. Error Message

You can click the **Previous Form** button and a list of errors will be shown. Each error message can be clicked on and will take you to the section that needs to be fixed or filled out (Figure 20).

| A public out O optional Information | | | New Note Save Last Saved 5/12/2021 9:35 PM |
|--|--|---|--|
| Instructions: Please complete this page and press the save button. Required fields are marked with an * Name of Authorized Official (This person is authorized to enter into legal agreements on behalf of the applicant/organization. This person's name will appear on the grant agreement for signature.) | | Attention Authorized Official Telephone Number is required. Authorized Official Enail Address is required. Authorized Official Street Address is required. Primary Contact Test Name is required. Primary Contact Test Name is required. Primary Contact Street Address is required. Primary Contact Test Name is required. Primary Program Contact Test Address is required. Primary Program Contact Street Address is | |
| | of your organization from the drop-down list below. * Mary Sue | 0 0 0 | required. Primary Program Contact City is required. Primary Program Contact State is required. Primary Program Contact Zip is required. |
| Prefix: Mr | - | _ | |

Figure 20. Selectable error list

Step 2: Complete Service Information

NOTE: If your organization serves more than one county, a separate application will be required for each additional county. For example, if you serve three counties, you will have three separate applications.

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|-------------------------------|--|
| HDM2021025 | Service Information |
| ✓ Forms | |
| Application | Instructions: Please complete his page and press the save button. Required fields: are marked with an " |
| Applicant Contact Information | |
| Service Information | An organization must submit one application per county. If the applicant delivers meals in multiple counties, a separate application is required to document the meals |
| Meal Number Documentation | In each county for which a grant is sought. Only meals delivered in the applying county are considered eligible. Attachment A Maril Number Documentation Worksheet must be completed to include all home-delivered meals to homebound elisabled and homebound disabled elierly, regarderss of funding source. |
| Required Uploads | 1. The County in which home-delivered meals were delivered: * |
| Certification | • • |
| ✓ Tools | County Grant: Indicate the amount of the County Grant stated on the signed resolution from the county.* |
| Landing Page | |
| | 2. Does the applicant organization serve <u>congregate meaks</u> in the county stated in Question #17 * Congregate meaks are not considered eligible meaks under the HDM program calculation and must be documented separately. |
| Status History | ⊖ Yes O No |
| Modification Summary | 3. Does the applicant organization serve home-delivered meals in multiple Texas Counties? |
| Attachment Repository | ⊖ Yes O No |
| Notes | 4. Total number of HOME DELIVERED clients on your roster during the most recent State Fiscal Year. Sept 1 and Aug 31. |
| Print Document | |

Figure 21. Service Information Page to be filled out

Finishing Service Information

Once this section is filled out entirely, select **Next Form** (Figure 22). TDA-GO will save this application section for you and then take you to the next section, **Meal Number Documentation**.

| Home Searches - | 🕒 喿 🚍 🔹 Mary Sue - |
|-------------------------------|--|
| HDM2021025 | Service Information |
| ✓ Forms | |
| Application | Instruction: Please complete this page and press the save button. Required fields are marked with an " |
| Applicant Contact Information | |
| Service Information | An organization must submit one application per county. If the applicant delivers meshs in multiple counties, a separate application is required to document the meshs in each count for which a strart is sound: Only meshs delivered in the application county are considered eliblib. Attachment A Mesh Number Documentation Worksheet |
| Meal Number Documentation | in each ourny for which a gaint is sought, only meas delivered in the appying ourny are considered religione. Attachment Andra Namber Documentation Worksheet must be completed to include all home-delivered meals to homebound elderly, homebound disabled elderly, regardless of funding source. |
| Required Uploads | 1. The County in which home-delivered meals were delivered.* |
| Certification | |
| ✓ Tools | County Grant: Indicate the amount of the County Grant stated on the signed resolution from the county.* |
| Landing Page | 3 |
| Add/Edit People | 2. Does the applicant organization serve <u>congregate meaks</u> in the county stated in Question #17 * Congregate meaks are not considered eighte meaks under the HOM program calculation and must be documented separately. |
| Status History | ⊖ Yes O No |
| Modification Summary | 3. Does the applicant organization serve home-delivered meals in multiple Tenas Counties? |
| Attachment Repository | |
| Notes | 4. Total number of HOMEDELNEEED clients on your roster during the most recent State Fiscal Year. Sept 1 and Aug 31. * |
| Print Document | |
| | < Previous Form > Next Form > |
| | |

Figure 22. Next Form selection will take you to the next form

Step 3: Complete Meal Number Verifcation Form

It is essential that the meal numbers you enter are accurate. This information is used by TDA to calculate your organization's grant award. Providing incorrect data may result in your organization having to return funds if meal numbers are over-reported, or receiving a smaller grant if meal numbers are under-reported.

Please do not include any congregate meals in these rows.

If you need to add a funding source that is not already listed, please use the **+ button** to add a new row.

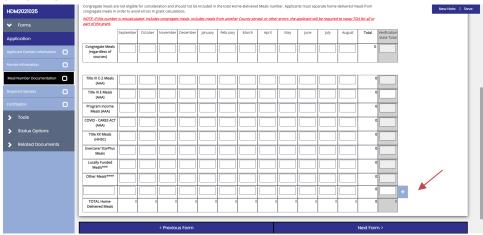


Figure 23. Meal Number Verification section to be filled out

The **Verification State Total** column is for administrative use only (Figure 24). You will not be able to enter any numbers into this column and there should be no numbers in this column. These numbers will be completed by TDA staff during the meal confirmation exercise.

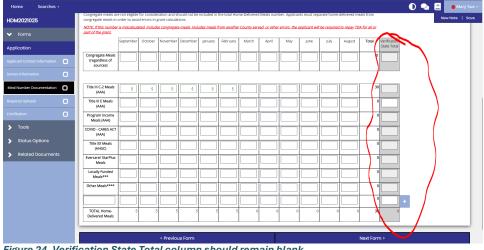


Figure 24. Verification State Total column should remain blank

Finishing Meal Verification Documentation

Once this section is filled out entirely, select **Next Form**. TDA-GO will save this application section for you and then take you to the next section, **Required Uploads**. An error message will appear similar to Figure 19 if any errors are made.

Step 4: Required Uploads

| Home Searches - | |
|--|---|
| HDM2021025 | TDA Approved Resolution - Completed by the county in which you are applying and meals are delivered. * |
| ✓ Forms | Select |
| Application | Notarized Application Form - Print a signed copy of the Certifications form in this application, have the form notarized, and upload here, * |
| Applicant Contact Information | Select |
| Service Information | Financial Statements - Balance Sheet (Assets/Liabilities) and Profit and Loss Statement from the previous 12 month period OR Audited Financial Statement (IRS Form 990 is not accepted). * |
| Required Uploads | Select |
| | Copy of most recent Health Inspection Report, food establishment permit, or proof of exemption. * |
| ToolsStatus Options | Select |
| Related Documents | Payee Identification Number Application - This will be required for all applicants. Per the Texas Comptroller Purchasing Guideline, TDA is required to collect this document every year to ensure payments are being issued correctly. |
| | Select |
| | Additional Required Documents for Nonprofits only |
| | Documentation of qualifying nonprofit private organization (i.e., IRS Determination Letter). |
| | Select |
| | List of popprofit's Board of Diractory and Officery |
| | < Previous Form |

Upload the appropriate document for each requirement indicated (Figure 25).

Figure 25. Required documents will be uploaded here

See additional details on the following pages about the required documents to be uploaded.

TDA Approved Resolution for County Grant

When the Texas Legislature created the HDM Program, it included a requirement that "the county in which the organization provides meals must make a grant to the organization" and further details that the grant should be in an amount equal to 25 cents for each person at least 60 years of age who resides in the county or the resulting grant from TDA shall be proportionately reduced.

TDA has developed a County Resolution template that all applicants should use. Applicants should work with county officials to get this resolution approved through the applicable Commissioner's Court in a timely manner prior to the application deadline. **NOTE:** If the county prefers to utilize special paper or use a different font, this is acceptable as long as <u>every single word</u> from the approved resolution document is included. At the end of the grant period, TDA will ask for a signed affidavit to ensure the county grant funds were received as indicated on the county's resolution.

Instructions on how to fill out the resolution correctly follows.

County Resolution Guidance

Enter County Name. Must match the County in application. Be mindful to update this field if the organization delivers in multiple counties. Type in the gray boxes.

A resolution of the County of <u>County</u>), Texas, certifying that the county has made a grant to <u>(Enter Legal Name of HDM Provider</u> (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.

Enter Legal Name of Organization. Must match Legal Business Name that is entered in the Applicant Contact Information section of the application in TDA-GO.

> County enters amount that they will provide your organization. Must match County Grant Amount listed in Service Information on the application in TDA-GO.

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 to be paid and used between the:

of Month 20vy and the of Month 20vy

County enters dates they will pay the Grant Amount through. See list of allowable date combinations below. Type in the gray boxes. Month and years are drop down menus to select month and year.

County enters date that this resolution passed in Commissioner's Court.

Introduced, read, and passed by the affirmative vote of the County on this _____ day of _____ 20_____

Signature of Authorized Official of the County Typed Name and Title Typed Name and Title

County Authorized Official, generally the County Judge or a County Commissioner (not the Grant applicants's Authorized Official). Typed Name and Title need to be entered underneath.

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Allowable County Resolution Dates

One of the following date range options should be used on the County Resolution:

- September 1, 2025 August 31, 2026 (State Fiscal Year)
- October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026 (Federal Fiscal Year)
- January 1, 2026 December 31, 2026 (Calendar Year)
- February 1, 2026 January 31, 2027 (HDM Program Year)

Financial Statements

- Option 1
 - Balance Sheet (Assets/Liabilities) from the previous 12-month period
 AND
 - Profit and Loss Statement from the previous 12- month period

NOTE: This is **TWO** separate statements. Both must be included if you choose this option. Please do not send each month's report. Please provide the 12-month summary of each.

- Option 2
 - Audited Financial Statement (IRS Form 990 is not accepted)

NOTE: If you choose this option and have not received an updated audit, send the previous year's audit with a note that you will send the updated one once it is complete. If your organization has a weblink where your Audited Financial Statement can be found, you can provide this link in a Word Document instead of sending the full report.

Health Inspection Report, Food Establishment Permit, or Proof of Exemption

One of the above types of documentation must be sent in conjunction with submission of the HDM Program application; the most common documentation received by TDA is a Health Inspection Report.

NOTE: Health inspection report must not be expired. If it is expired or close to being expired, send an email confirmation from your health inspector of a scheduled appointment for the report to be updated. Once the inspection is complete, you will need to send a new copy to update the file.

Payee Identification Number Application

1. Ensure all sections of the Payee Identification Form are completed. This form is required by the Texas Comptroller for Public Accounts for distribution of funds. By

completing this form, you are assisting TDA with grant management standards to set up accounts for grant awards.

W-9 IRS Federal Tax Form – TDA is required to collect this form.

IRS Determination Letter – Non Profit Only

This must be a copy of the original IRS Determination Letter declaring your organization a nonprofit. This is the only acceptable form of confirmation TDA will accept.

List of Board of Directors and Officers – Non Profit Only

A simple list of the people that make up the organization's Board of Directors and Officers.

Direct Deposit Form

This is <u>required if you have never filled out this form</u> before or if your <u>bank information has</u> <u>changed</u>. TDA is issuing all payments via electronic submission. If you do not fill this out and have not in the past, TDA will contact you to fill this out in order to have a complete application.

Finishing Required Uploads

Once all required documents are uploaded, select **Next Form**. TDA-GO will save this application section for you and then take you to the next section, **Certification**. An error message will appear similar to Figure 19 if any errors are made.

See next page for more information

Step 5: Complete Review and Certification

Before completing Step 5 Certification, please review application for completeness and accuracy. Once the application is certified and submitted, an applicant *CANNOT* make any additional changes.

Before certifying the application, please go over each section ensuring all information is correct and there are no error messages. If there are no error messages in a section, the section in the drop down menu will have a check next to it (Figure 26).



Figure 26. Completed section with check mark

If there are error messages in a section, the section in the drop down menu will have an exclamation point next to it (Figure 27). Click on the selection in the drop down menu and review and resolve the error messages.

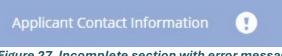


Figure 27. Incomplete section with error messages

Once all error messages are resolved and each section has a check as seen in Figure 26, the application can be certified and submitted.

Expand the **Forms** drop down menu and select **Certification** (Figure 26). To certify your application, check the box (Figure 28). The section is then complete. Click **Save** in the top right corner.

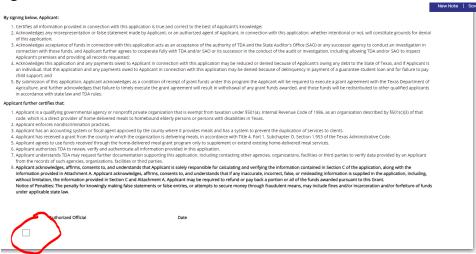


Figure 28. Authorized Official checks here

Step 6: Application Submission

Once the application is certified/e-signed and complete, you must <u>SUBMIT</u> the application within the TDA-GO system.

Expand the Status Options drop down menu (Figure 29). Select Submit Application.



Select Submit Application.

NOTE: If errors remain, an **Errors Present** message will pop up (Figure 30). You may click on each section name to be directed to the errors.

| Errors Present | × |
|--|---|
| Errors exist on the following forms. Please resolve them before changing the status. | |
| Application Form | |
| Proposed Project | |
| Budget Form | |
| Required Uploads | |
| Certification | |
| | |

Figure 30. Error message will appear if you try to submit application with errors

If no errors are detected, the system will ask if you are sure. Once you select to submit, you will then be taken back to the **Landing Page** (Figure 31).

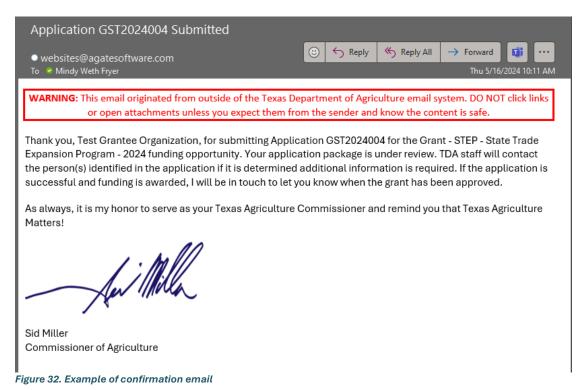
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| | EXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE | | ★ TDA GO! ★ TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANTS ONLINE | |
| Home Searches - | | | 0 🗣 🗏 | Mary Sue • |
| GYF2022017 | Document Landing Page | | | New Note |
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| > Tools | Grant - Young Farmer Program - 2022 GYF2022017 | Grant - Young Farmer Program - 2022 | Application | |
| Status Options | Organization Test Grantee Organization | Your Role Authorized Official | Period Date 1/1/2021 12:00:00 AM | |
| Related Documents | | | | |
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Figure 31. After application submission, you will return to the Document Landing Page.

NOTE: Applications must be submitted by the opportunity due date. The online application will no longer be available after that time. Times identified are based on TDA headquarters (Central Time Zone) and are displayed on your TDA-GO home screen.

Confirmation Email

After submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation email (Figure 32).



TDA-GO New User Instructions

Step 1: User Access

An applicant must first register as a User in TDA's online Grant Application/Management system called TDA-GO. If the applicant organization is a new user to TDA-GO, proceed to **Step 2: TDA-GO New User Set Up**. If the applicant organization is already a User of the TDA-GO system and need to add additional personnel as New Users, please proceed to **Step 3: Adding Users and Assigning Roles**.

The TDA-GO system allows organizations to assign applicable security roles to different users. When a New User request is submitted, TDA will approve the user and apply the appropriate security role: Authorized Official, Project Director, and Consultant/Researcher.

- Authorized Official person authorized to enter into legal agreements on behalf of the organization.
- Project Director Personnel involved in grant administration.
- Consultant/Researcher A third party member assisting with a single grant application *or* employee/researcher/staff/PIs/Professors assisting with a single grant application.

Step 2: Registering a New User Organization in TDA-GO

The following describes how to access the TDA-GO online grant system by setting up a new account for an organization. The applicant organization must have a user account to access the Program application. **THIS MUST BE DONE 48-72 HOURS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION!**

Steps to Get Started:

- The initial registration for the organization must be completed by an Authorized Official (AO) for the organization.
- Once registered, the AO can designate access to the organizational account for additional staff members as they deem appropriate.

To register a New User, complete the following steps:

- 1) Go to the TDA-GO website: <u>https://tda-go.intelligrants.com/</u>
- 2) Click on the *New User/Organization Registration* link found in the Login box on the right side of the webpage.
- Fill in the required fields and any optional fields desired. See Legend below for specific field instructions. Click on the Save button.

| Login | |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| Username | |
| Username | |
| Password | |
| Password | |
| | |
| | <u>Submit</u> |
| | Login Assistance |
| | New User/Organization Registration |

| | New User Registration | × |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Legend | Page instructions for the registration modal | |
| First Name (Required) | First Name | Middle Name |
| Last Name (Required) | Last Name | Prefix Suffix |
| SAM/UEI & DUNS | SAM | FEIN |
| (Required) – Enter all zeros | Search | |
| if you do not have these | DUNS Search | |
| numbers (e.g. 00000000) | Irganization | Title |
| Organization (Required) – | Address | Address 2 |
| Enter FIRST AND LAST | | |
| | State | County |
| NAME (applicant). | City | Zip Code |
| Title – Enter Business title | | |
| Street Address (Required) | Email | Phone |
| State (Required) | Phone 2 | Fax |
| County (Required) | Cell Phone | Website |
| City (Required) | | |
| Zip Code (Required) | Username | |
| Email (Required) | Password | Verify Password |
| Phone (Required) | | |
| Username (Required) - the | Notes MEGA/GTP Grant | |
| username the registering | | |
| user wishes to register for. | | Register |
| Use your email address. | | |
| Password/Verify Password | quired) – the password the registe | ring user (applicant) wishes to |
| register for. | | , |
| Notes: Enter: HDM Grant | | |

4) **Hit Register.** The registration for the New User will be sent to TDA staff for approval. You will receive an email indicating approval within 24-48 hours. After approval, the New User can log on and access the TDA-GO platform.

NOTE: If a user attempts to access the system before they have been approved, the system will show their password as invalid.

You will receive an email confirming registration approval. Once for the organization and another for the user.

| Mindy Fryer TDA GO! Registration Approv | ved | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|------|
| TDA-GO@IntelliGrants.com(TDA-GO@IntelliGrant | s.com via ama | S Reply | 🥌 Reply All | → Forward | |
| To 🤜 Mindy Weth Fryer | | | | Mon 12/13/2021 10:12 | 2 AM |
| Retention Policy Inbox (30 days) | | 1/12/2022 | | | |
| i) The actual sender of this message is different than the normal | sender. Click here to l | earn more. | | | |
| WARNING: This email originated from outside of the T | Foxas Dopartmon | t of Agricultu | re email system | n DO NOT click lit | nks |
| or open attachments unless you expect t | | | | | IK3 |
| | | | | | |

The user Mindy Fryer has been approved for TDA GO! To access the system please navigate to https://tda-go.intelligrants.com.

Step 3: Adding Users and Assigning Roles

Once the Authorized Official has completed set up of the organization in TDA-GO, additional personnel may be added to the organization and be granted access to TDA-GO. Carefully review the role definitions below and refer to the appropriate instructions for each role.

TDA-GO User Roles:

| Authorized Official | (AQ) for Applicant Organizations |
|---------------------|---|
| Who: Created By: | (AO) for Applicant Organizations Person authorized to enter into legal agreements on behalf of the organization Initially, the AO is created when the Organization account is established. Additional AO's may be added once Organization account is approved. |
| TDA-GO tasks: | Create new user accounts for organization members |
| | Initiate an application |
| | Complete all required application fields |
| | Certify and Submit an application |
| | Execute Grant Agreements |
| | Initiate/Complete/Submit Payment request/Performance reports |
| Project Director (P | D) for Applicant Organizations |
| Who: | Personnel involved in grant administration |
| Created By: | The organization's AO creates and manages PD users |
| TDA-GO tasks: | Create new user accounts for organization members |
| | Initiate an application |
| | Complete all required application fields |

• Initiate/Complete/Submit Payment request/Performance reports

Consultant/Researcher (C/R)

Who:A third-party person assisting with a single grant application or
employee/researcher/staff/PIs/professors assisting with a single grant application.Created By:The C/R registers individually as a New User. The AO <u>DOES NOT</u> create C/R users.TDA-GO tasks:• Complete all required application fields

- Complete all required application fields
- Initiate/Complete Payment request/Performance reports

Adding additional Authorized Officials and Project Directors Instructions

After logging into the TDA-GO system, the AO will see the Dashboard. In the upper righthand corner, click on the arrow next to the AO name, and select **Profile** from the dropdown menu (Figure 1).

| shbo | ard | | | | | | | | | Profile |
|------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| ly Tasks | | | | | Initiate Related Document | nitiate New Appli | ication | | | Me Edit D Log O |
| > Filter | | | | | | > Filter | | | | Log o |
| Y My Ta | sks | | | | 2 | Initiate New A | pplication | | | |
| Name | Document Type | Organization | Status | Status Date | Due Date | Name | Provider | Availability | Description | |
| CDM2021070 | CDBG - Downtown Revitalization Program - 2021 | Delane Test Organization | Application Adjustments Needed | 9/20/2021 9:19:23 AM | 5/10/2021 11:59:00 PM | Boll Weevil Application - 2022 | TXDOA Provider | 1/1/2021 12:00:00 AM - 12/31/2021 11:59:00 PM | | |
| CDM2021074 | CDBG - Downtown | Test Grantee | Application in Process | 11/10/2020 7:10:38 AM | 5/3/2021 11:59:00 PM | CDBG - Colonia Fund - Planning - 2021 | TXDOA Provider | 12/1/2020 8:00:00 AM - 12/31/2021 5:00:00 PM | | |
| | Revitalization Program - 2021 | Organization | | | | CDBG - Community Development Fund - 2021 | TXDOA Provider | 1/12/2021 12:00:00 AM - 12/31/2021 11:59:00 PM | https://www.texasagricultu | ire.gov/ |

Figure 1. Landing page after logging in and Profile button location

The **Profile** page shows basic information for the primary AO and the Organization. Located on the left-hand side of the webpage, the AO can access the Organization information (Figure 2). The AO can update general information for the organization, as well as add and manage organization members.

| | EXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICU | | TEXAS DEPARTM | DA C | URE GRANTS ONLINE | E |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Orgonization Information | Person Information | | | | | Save |
| Organization Information | Profile Basic Information | | Organizations Test Grantee Organization | | | • |
| Organization Members | First Name | Middle Name | Role Name | Active Date | Inactive Date | Assigned By |
| Organization Details | Mary | A | Authorized Official | 6/22/2020 | | Foushee, Jacob |
| Single Audit Form | Last Name Sue Title Authorized Official | Prefix Suffix Mrs. | | | | |
| | Contact Information | | | | | |
| | Primary Phone | Secondary Phone | | | | |
| Figure 2. Accessing | g Organization pages | | | | | |

To add a new member, click on **Organization Members**. To the right in the box titled "Members Search", click the **Plus (+)** button to add person.

| Home Searches - | EXAS DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONE | OF AGRICULTU | IRE ER | | TEXAS DEPARTMENT | A GO | ★ S ONLINE • ● • ■ | Mary Sue • |
|---|--|---|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Person Information | Organizatio | on Membe | ers | | | | | |
| Mary Sue | organizatio | | | | | | | |
| Organization Information | Instructions: Use the available search criteria to To add a new member, click the Ad | | ions | | | | | |
| Test Grantee Organization | You can limit system access by sett | | | | | | | |
| Organization Information | Members Search | ı | Role | | | Active | | ⊡ |
| Organization Members | | | | | ~ | Both | | ~ |
| Organization Details | | | | | | L | Clear Sea | arch |
| Single Audit Form | | | | | | | | _ |
| | ✓ Members | | | | | | | |
| | Person Name | Role Name | Active Date | Inactive Date | Last Modified By | Last Modified By Date | | |
| | AO, Second | Authorized Official Project Director | 02/09/21 02/09/21 | | TDA, Support Staff Sue, Mary | 02/09/21 02/09/21 | | |
| | AO, Third | Authorized Official | 02/09/21 | | TDA, Support Staff | 02/09/21 | | |

Figure 3. Location of Plus (+) button to add new organization members (AO and PD)

Complete the **Add Person** form (Figure 4) for the new user to the organization. Please remember, this process is only to add additional Authorized Officials (AO) or Project Directors (PD). Click the **Save** button. See below for form Legend.

| Add Person | ß |
|--|------|
| Instructions: Enter new Person information and Save. New Person will be added to Organization currently being viewed. | |
| General Information | |
| First Name Prefix | |
| Middle Name | • |
| | |
| Last Name Suffix | |
| | |
| Title | |
| Contact Information | |
| Address | |
| | |
| | |
| City State | |
| Arizona | * |
| Zip Code County | _ |
| | * |
| Primary Phone Email | _ |
| | |
| Assign Roles | |
| Role Active Date Inactive Date | |
| * 🗮 10/24/2019 🗮 🕇 | |
| Security Information | |
| Username | |
| Username is required. | |
| | |
| Password | |
| Password is required. | |
| | |
| | Save |

Legend

First Name (Required) – the first name of new user. Middle Name - the middle name of new user. Last Name (Required) – the last name of new user. **Title** – the position title of the new user. Address (Required) – the street address of the organization. City (Required) – the name of the city of the organization. State (Required) - select the state of the organization using the state drop-down menu. Zip Code (Required) – the zip code of the organization. County (Required) - select the county where the organization is located using the county dropdown menu. Phone (Required) - phone number of the new user. Email (Required) – email address of the new user. **Role** - select drop-down menu to select a role for the new user. Active Date – date selection tool to select the active date for the new user. Inactive Date - date selection tool to select the inactive date for when the user is no longer active. Username (Required) – create a

username for the new user. An email address is highly encouraged for usernames. **Password (Required)** – create a password for the new user. The user can reset this once access to TDA-Go is granted. The password field is case sensitive and will not recognize characters of the wrong case.

Login Assistance

The TDA GO portal allows the user to request a password reset be generated and sent to their email address. To do so, complete the following steps:

1) Click on the Login Assistance link.

2) Enter the username and email address. Click on the Email button. A reset link will be sent to the email address supplied.

| Forgot Password | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Email | |
| Username | |
| | |
| Forgot Username | Clear Email |

3) An email like the following will be sent to reset your password. If there is no link, then your server has marked it as SPAM. You will need to work with your network administrator to resovle this.

From: TDA-GO@IntelliGrants.com <TDA-GO@IntelliGrants.com> Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 1:01 PM To: Mindy Weth Fryer <<u>Mindy.Fryer@TexasAgriculture.gov</u>> Subject: Password Reset

WARNING: This email originated from outside of the Texas Department of Agriculture email system. DO NOT click links or open attachments unless you expect them from the sender and know the content is safe.

You have requested a password reset. Please use the link below reset your password. It will expire in 15 minutes. Reset Password

If you did not request this reset and would like to invalidate and cancel the request, please click here.

4) At that point, the user will be brought directly to the Profile page and requested to create a new password into the Password and Confirm Password fields are available.

NOTE: The password field is case sensitive and will not recognize characters of the wrong case. Precision when entering the password into the password field will decrease the risk of error messages being generated by the system.

| Password | Confirm Password |
|----------|------------------|
| | |
| | |