STATE OF TEXAS AGRICULTURAL RELIEF (STAR) Agriculture Disaster Assistance Application – Volunteer Fire Departments

Executive Summary

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA or Grantor) seeks applications for the State of Texas Agriculture Relief (STAR) Fund Disaster Assistance Program (Program). Funding for the Program is available through the STAR Fund established to collect monetary contributions from private individuals and entities to fund disaster recovery efforts.

Addendum #1

All requirements of the Agriculture Disaster Assistance Application (Application) released on May 17, 2024, except those specifically changed by this Addendum, shall remain in effect. In the event of any inconsistency between information provided in the Application released on May 17, 2024, and information in this Addendum, the information in this Addendum shall prevail.

This Addendum is issued for the purpose of extending the deadline and expanding the scope of eligible applicants. This Addendum shall be attached to and form a part of the referenced Application and any resulting awarded grant.

Eligibility

An eligible entity is a volunteer fire department located in counties within the disaster declaration issued by the Office of the Texas Governor or a Texas volunteer fire department not located in one of these counties that traveled and assisted with fighting the wildfire.

The disaster declaration included the following Texas counties:

Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Fannin, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gray, Gregg, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Harrison, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Motley, Nacogdoches, Newton, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Stonewall, Swisher, Terry, Throckmorton, Upshur, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Yoakum, and Young Counties.

Volunteer fire departments that supported the wildfire recovery efforts and are located in a Texas county outside the disaster area will need to provide an attestation form signed by their County Emergency Management official to support the application.

Revised Deadline - due date

Applicants must submit one complete, electronically-signed application. The application and all other required backup documents must be submitted by **Monday**, **September 30**, **2024**, **by 11:59 pm Central Time**. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the timely delivery of all required materials.

For questions regarding submission of the application and/or TDA requirements, please contact TDA's Grants Office by email at Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov.