



**LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT
FOUNDATION**

**TSCRA Leadership Development Foundation
Working Grant Program
Application**

In 2024, the TSCRA Leadership Development Foundation (the “Foundation”) launched a program called the TSCRA Working Grant Program to help those in the beef industry (“Beef Business”) who intend a long-term career in the beef industry to commence and/or grow their beef businesses. The Foundation will offer grants to beef industry participants. Applicants for such grants are referred to as “an applicant.”

The grants are designed to provide financial assistance to an applicant for a cost that currently limits the applicant’s ability to start, run or grow its beef business as desired. For example, granted funds may be utilized to purchase a new piece of equipment, cover operating costs, build new infrastructure, purchase livestock or others.

To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must:

1. Operate its beef business in an economically depressed or blighted area in Texas or Oklahoma;
2. Be disadvantaged (e.g. minority, unemployed or underemployed);
3. Own and operate a beef business that has experienced difficulty in obtaining convention financing because of its existence in a deteriorated neighborhood or because of his/her disadvantaged status;
4. Not be an employee, officer or member of the board of directors of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association or a parent, spouse, child or grandchild of any such person.

An applicant must answer all questions in the grant application carefully. If an applicant fails to meet one of the eligibility requirements (or fails to adequately explain in its responses to the grant application how it satisfies the eligibility requirements), the grant application will be rejected.

The fact that an applicant may meet all of the eligibility requirements shall not, of itself, give the applicant an automatic right to be awarded a grant from the Foundation. The Foundation, in addition to rejecting applications, reserves the right to either fully or partially fund applications.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____

Co-Applicant Name(s), if any: _____

Beef Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Applicant Date of Birth: _____ Applicant Age: _____

Beef Business Taxpayer ID/EIN: _____

Beef Business Number of Employees: _____

Beef Business Number of Head of Cattle: _____

Beef Business Acreage: _____

Beef Business Year Established: _____

Grant Request

Amount Requested: _____

Have you previously received funding from the Foundation?

_____ Yes _____ No If yes, please list month and year: _____

Are you an employee, officer or member of the board of directors of Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association or a parent, spouse, child or grandchild of any such person?

_____ Yes _____ No

Background Information

Describe your beef business: offer insight into your beef business

Describe your experience in the beef business: offer insight into your experience in your existing beef business and any prior similar experience and relevant education.

Describe the geographic location of beef business: briefly describe how the location of your beef business is economically depressed or blighted.

Describe how you are disadvantaged: briefly describe how you are disadvantaged. As an example, is the applicant or co-applicant a part of a minority population or burdened with unemployment or not able to obtain sufficient employment for a sustainable living wage?

Explain your financial need with respect to your beef business: briefly describe and demonstrate your financial need with respect to your beef business.

Describe how you have experienced difficulty in obtaining conventional financing: offer insight into how you have experienced difficulty in obtaining conventional financing because of your existence in a deteriorated neighborhood or because of your disadvantaged status.

Describe how you plan to utilize any grant award: briefly describe how you plan to utilize any grant award. Include a list of broken-down amounts and exactly where funds will be spent/applied.

Describe how utilization of any grant award supports your long-term goals for your beef business: briefly describe how the utilization of any grant award supports your long-term goals and business plan.

Describe your evaluation plan: briefly describe your evaluation plan for determining satisfaction of long-term goals for your beef business. Include measurable, time-specific goals, a description of information to be collected to measure progress.

Describe how any grant award will be utilized to address barriers and/or challenges to your success for your beef business: offer insight into how funding will be utilized to address barriers and challenges you have been facing in your beef business.

Describe your future funding: briefly describe how you will fund your beef business in subsequent years without the assistance of any grant funds.

Checklist of Required Attachments

- _____ Resume (must include education, any active careers/income sources, and three references)
- _____ Two most recent tax returns (summary sheet only)
- _____ Financial statements (must include a list of assets and liabilities, and disclose any debts including business loans, lines of credit, etc. and total amount owed and re-payment terms)
- _____ Evidence of difficulty in obtaining conventional financing
- _____ Budget (must include expenses and revenues)
- _____ Property and/or equipment appraisals
- _____ Business plan
- _____ Two-year cash flow projection

Certification and Signature

I certify that the information contained in this application and any attachments made as part of this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by any authorized representative of the Foundation, I agree to give documentation for information given on this form.

I also grant permission to the Foundation to run both a credit report and background check.

I also grant permission to the Foundation to use photographs and/or selected quotes on its website and in future publications.

I also agree that Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the TSCRA Leadership Development Foundation are released from any lawsuit or claim that may be brought upon me in any way related to the use of grant funding in my beef business.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Co-Applicant

Date