



**LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT
FOUNDATION**

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

The TSCRA Leadership Development Foundation Working Grant Program helps provide needed cash capital to individuals or operations who are building a long-term career in the beef industry.

The program provides grants to help ranchers and beef producers start, run or grow their operation. Grants can be used for expenses that make it hard to move your business forward - like buying equipment, making land improvements, building new facilities, purchasing livestock or other similar needs.

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 give the applicant an automatic right to be awarded a grant from the TSCRA Leadership Development Foundation (LDF). The TSCRA LDF, in addition to rejecting applications, reserves the right to either fully or partially fund applications.

Application Type:

The TSCRA LDF Working Grant Program now includes three distinct funding categories: cattle, land improvement and equipment.

Applicants should select **one category per application** and provide information specific to that category. Multiple applications may be submitted within the same period; however, each application's financials and information must correspond to the selected category. This ensures a fair and consistent review process.

_____ **Cattle:** to be used for the purchase or down payment of purchase of livestock

_____ **Equipment:** to be used for purchase of beef operation equipment such as chutes, feed troughs, hay rings, used tractors, used tractor attachments, trailers, direct-to-consumer beef supplies, ultrasound machines, or other

_____ **Land improvement:** to be used for brush clean up or control, fertilizer, grass sprigs, water well installation or supplies, soil or well tests, electrical, road installment, barns, fencing, gates, or other (land purchases will not be funded, unless said land purchase is a buy out of family shares and/or leases)

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____

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

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Applicant Date of Birth: _____ Applicant Age: _____

Business Taxpayer ID/EIN: _____

Total Head of Breeding Stock: _____ Total Head of Stocker/Feeder: _____

Business Year Established: _____ Acres Owned: _____ Acres Leased: _____

Have you previously received funding from the TSCRA LDF? ____ Yes ____ No

Are you an employee 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

History

Have you ever been convicted of a felony crime? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, when: _____

Have you ever filed bankruptcy? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, when: _____

Do you have any unpaid taxes? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what amount: _____

Grant Request

Amount Requested: _____ (maximum \$150,000 request)

Please itemize items and amounts requested:

(e.g. \$40,000 requested: \$20,000 water well, \$20,000 piping)

Background Information

Please answer questions on a separate page.

Tell your beef story: How did you get involved in the beef industry, what is your experience? Explain your current business. (max. 1,000 words)

Describe the geographic location of beef business: briefly describe how the location of your beef business is economically depressed or blighted. (max. 250 words)

Describe how you are disadvantaged: briefly describe how you are disadvantaged. As an example, is the applicant a part of a minority population or burdened with unemployment or not able to obtain sufficient employment for a sustainable living wage? (max. 500 words)

Describe how you have experienced difficulty in obtaining conventional financing: offer insight into how you have experienced difficulty in obtaining conventional financing and/or share how a TSCRA LDF Working Grant Program grant would assist you in obtaining conventional financing. (max. 500 words)

What are the significant challenges preventing you from reaching the goals of your operation? (max. 500 words)

How will this grant help you overcome the challenges as listed? (max. 500 words)

What's your personal time investment into the beef operation? (max. 250 words)

What's your personal financial investment into the beef operation? (max. 250 words)

How will you be able to define the successful use of the grant? And/or how do you plan to measure the success of your goals? (max. 500 words)

Checklist of Required Attachments

- _____ Resume (must include education, any active careers/income sources, and three references)
- _____ Two most recent tax returns (both business and personal, if applicable)
- _____ Financial Statement sheet provided
- _____ Sources & Uses sheet provided
- _____ Evidence of difficulty in obtaining conventional financing
- _____ Budget (must include expenses and revenues)
- _____ 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