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YOUNG FARMER GRANT

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KEY FACTS

- ◆ **Agency:** TX Department of Agriculture
- ◆ Application Guide: Check back in April of 2016 for the next application cycle.
- ◆ Award: \$5,000-\$10,000 (grant offered twice per year)
- ◆ **Deadline:** Spring 2016 Deadline not yet posted.
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance in the form of dollar for dollar matching grant funds to young agricultural producers that are engaged in creating or expanding an agricultural business in Texas.

DESCRIPTION

The program aims to: 1) Grow and support Texas agriculture - so as not to have to ship products from other states, including deficit commodities; 2) Help meet a financial need that is otherwise not met; and 3) Help grow an operation that also impacts the community. For more information about this grant and access to other materials, please visit: http://bit.ly/1xiOOjG

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Grant applications will be accepted from any person who is at least 18 years of age but younger than 46 years of age at the time of grant award and engaged in creating or expanding agriculture in Texas. The applicant must be able to make dollar for dollar matching expenditures to sustain, create or expand the project.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- 1) Expenditures should be directly related to the Grantee's efforts to create, expand or enhance agricultural production.
- 2) Small Equipment Expenses
- 3) Used towards the lease or rental of land.
- 4) Used toward any veterinarian/medical costs associated with animals.
- 5)Personnel expenses may include salaries, wages, benefits and other costs associated with personnel. It may also include contract labor or custom hire work.