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AgriLife Extension partner,

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is leading an education effort helping local government and school districts understand the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. While these are challenging times for local communities, the CARES Act includes a number of programs addressing issues that states and local governments are handling as they work together to protect their communities and economic infrastructure.

AgriLife Extension agents will be working with county judges, commissioners, municipalities, and school districts to provide education on the many different aspects of this relief package. The agency will be conducting online trainings and providing educational resources to assist entities in understanding its purpose and processes for meeting eligibility.

Agents will serve as an information conduit to ensure everyone who is eligible understands how to apply for federal relief funding. This educational initiative will focus on the following areas of relief: Treasury, Small Business, Homeland Security, Justice/Police, HUD, HHS, Health. Labor/Arts, Education, Agriculture, Food Programs, and Rural Development.

The first training is available at AgriLife Learn (<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/product?catalog=TAEX-001>). Additional information and online trainings will be available in May, one specifically focusing on agriculture. All information is subject to updating as further details about the program are set forth.

Many of you are already familiar with AgriLife Extension and its network of working with local officials. We are pleased to be leading this effort on behalf of The Texas A&M University System and helping Texas recover from the devastation the COVID-19 pandemic has caused to our local communities.

Sincerely,



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