



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

VIRTUAL TEXAS COMMUNITY PROSPERITY SUMMIT

AGENDA | JULY 30, 2020 | 8:30 AM–12:45 PM

Purpose: The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Community Prosperity Summits are designed to increase the capacity of rural and underserved communities across the country by convening federal, and tribal partners, land-grant universities, nonprofit organizations, rural and underserved communities, and others to:

- Illustrate successful practices for developing key partnerships
- Connect attendees to USDA and other relevant federal programs
- Model success for communities and future generations of communities
- Foster hope and opportunity, wealth creation, and asset building

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome

*Gerard D’Souza
Dean & Director of Land Grant Programs
College of Agriculture and Human Sciences
Prairie View A&M University*

Opening Remarks

*Mike Beatty
Director, Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement
U.S. Department of Agriculture*

Greetings from USDA Agencies

*Edd Hargett
State Director
USDA Rural Development*

*Eddie Trevino
Executive Officer
USDA Farm Service Agency*

*Clint Evans
Acting State Conservationist, Texas
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service*

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

General Session

USDA Rural Development

Daniel Torres – Business Programs Director

- Business and Industry Loan Guarantees
- Rural Business Development Grant
- Intermediary Relending Program

U.S. Small Business Administration

Thomas Hasenauer – Deputy Director

Josh Patton – Lender Relations Specialist

- Paycheck Protection Program
- EIDL Loan Advance

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Breakout Session #1

Option 1: Rural Housing

USDA Rural Development

Allen Lambright - Single Family Housing Program Director

Jonathan Bell - Multi Family Housing Program Director

Option 2: Agriculture

USDA Farm Service Agency

Eddie Trevino - Executive Officer

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Clint Evans – Acting State Conservationist

USDA OPPE Centers of Community Prosperity Grant Program

Jacqueline Davis-Slay - Deputy Director, OPPE

USDA OPPE 2501 Program

Kenya Nicholas - Director, OPPE

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Breakout Session #2

Option 1: Community Programs

USDA Rural Development

Michael Canales - Community Programs Director

- Water and Environmental Programs
- Community Facilities

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bertha Venegas - State Outreach Coordinator

- Urban and Rural Conservation Grant

U.S. Department of Commerce

Apurva R. Naik - Economic Development Integrator, EDA

University Centers Program

Build To Scale Program

Option 2: Food Insecurity

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

Dewell Paez Delgado - Lead Grants Management Specialist

Kim Harmon, Grants Management Specialist

Patrick Kelley – Lead Grants Management Specialist

- Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program (FMLFPP)
- Regional Food System Partnerships (RFSP)

USDA Rural Development

Billy Curb - Business & Cooperative Specialist

- Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)

USDA Food and Nutrition Service

Shannon Jones - Branch Chief School Nutrition Programs

- Farm to School Grant Program
- SNAP – EBT
- WIC
- Household Distribution
- TEFAP
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Child Nutrition Programs
- WIC Farmers Market

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Break

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Next Steps & Closing Session

Craig Rotter

Executive Director

Texas Rural Leadership Program

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Rachel Welborn

Associate Director

Southern Rural Development Center

The Honorable David Allen

Mayor

Prairie View, Texas

Edd Hargett

State Director

USDA Rural Development