

MAVERICK COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC.

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Dear Ms. Tenorio,

The Maverick County Junior Livestock Show Association would like to thank you for the opportunity to allow us to apply of your organization's grant. Our organization raises funds to support our FFA and 4H members with a diverse agricultural and consumer science projects. Another of our organizations purpose is to operate and maintain a show barn facility used for various events by 4H and FFA members and community organizations.

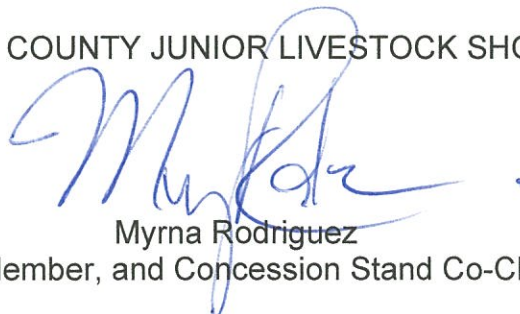
Our program hostess a seven day stock show and prospect shows through out the year which provides young exhibitors starting at age 1 through seniors in High School an opportunity to exhibit and submit their agricultural, art, photography, and food projects for competition and possible sale / scholarships at our county and major stock show opportunities.

Maverick County Junior Livestock Show is a (501)(3) non-profit rural community organization. Our focus is to develop agricultural and consumer science programs that will enrich their our youth for tomorrow's leaders in our community.

Our FFA and 4H members will be excited to hear our grant application was selected for an award.

Best Regards,

MAVERICK COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC



Myrna Rodriguez
Association Member, and Concession Stand Co-Chairperson

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Grant Application

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Our organizations main goal is to develop our youth into responsible role models in our community through various educational programs. Through our stock show sale the exhibitors acquire funding for future projects, reimbursement for their investments and scholarships. Our goal is to encourage and support interest and improvement in consumer science, beef, swine, sheep, goat, and rabbit projects.

Upon approval of our grant, our association will be able to purchase equipment such as hoof trimming tables, stall dividers, pens, clippers, blowers, sheep and goat stands, hog pens, plumbing, tents and electrical facility improvements.

The Maverick County Junior Livestock Show Association would greatly appreciate the approval of an impact grant in the amount of \$20,000.00. Upon approval of this grant our organization will indeed be able to continue to support the agricultural development and consumer science programs of 4H and FFA members in our community.

Your grant contribution will improve facilitate exhibitors the necessary equipment need to support their projects. Furthermore, the pens, stall dividers and tent displays will improve the safety of the hundreds of students from our local school district that visit our event through our school tours programs.

Section I

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SECTION II

The Maverick County Junior Livestock Show Association major objective is to provide service to FFA and 4H students through educational and recreational project. We were formed in the 1970's and since have been contributing to the development of our youth in the community.

Our Association is an educational organization whose primary purpose is to encourage and promote consumer science and agricultural projects to include the breeding, raising, and marketing of better cattle, swine, sheep, goats, and rabbits. Through these amazing experiences the FFA and 4H members in our community are given an opportunity to exhibit at the county, state and major show levels. We provide learning situations to develop leadership skills that will in turn help them become responsible and effective citizens in our community.

SECTION III

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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Our organization has an amazing program in place that has been successful for over 40 years. Many of the projects require to specific materials and equipment such as blowers, clippers, pens, to support their projects that the students and families cannot afford and we as an association are not able to provide for them making difficult for them to implement their projects to their highest potential. For instance, students that raise steers and heifers need to trim their hooves. It requires a special hydraulic table/trailer to facilitate the process. The County 4H or our MCJLS Association does not own one, therefore 4H members have to travel out of town nor members have to pay someone to come from out of town to get their projects' hooves done. This process needs to be done every month. If members do not trim the hooves of their show steers, show heifers, they will start to limp and fungus starts to grow causing complication / infection in their hooves. The estimated cost of this table / trailer is \$8,000.00.

We currently have flimsy portable pens, steer stalls and pens. It has been years since we replaced our equipment. New equipment will improve the quality of our show ensuring and protecting the safety of our school district students (school tours) that visit our show daily. 4H and FFA Clubs have a scarcity of clippers, blowers and stands. Our goal is to provide the equipment necessary that will enable members to process their projects without waiting hours for equipment to become available. Year after year we face ourselves having problems with our electricity and plumbing. Improvements need to be done to our plumbing / electricity in the barn so that we can run a smooth stock show.

Our proceeds from our major fundraiser events is only 10% of the total sale which is used to maintain the facility, for insurance, equipment, barn renovations and operation of the following years' stock show. Year after year, that 10% is not enough to cover the total expenses presented to cover the expenses.

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In the event the grant is awarded, we will indeed support our FFA and 4H members with their projects to the fullest. We will be able to implement an award-winning program for our students. If given this opportunity, we would set up our students for success. The equipment will give our kids a sense of ownership and confidence needed to compete at the major stock show with their projects.

Maverick County Junior Livestock Show Association along with the many volunteers organize and prepare the following programs for our 4H and FFA members and community. Your grant would help encourage and motivate positive learning:

- **BEEF & ANIMAL DEVELOPMENT:** Through this program volunteers teach the basics involved in the cattle and Agriculture study. Kids get to venture into different animal livestock selection, how to care for their animals, feeding programs, health, and showmanship. FFA and 4H members learn responsibilities involved in raising quality show livestock.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY** allows members to develop their self-expression through their projects. It gives them an opportunity to venture and appreciate cultures, nature and other fields in photography.
- **HEALTH, FOOD & NUTRITION DEVELOPMENT** promotes healthy food choices. Kids learn to select alternative healthy choice to make recipes. Their projects are submitted for competition at our County Show. This experience allows kids to learn healthy nutrition options.
- **TECHNOLOGY:** Our volunteers will benefit from having the necessary equipment in the stock show office for them to prepare correspondence, flyers, spreadsheets and reports.

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We offer service to rural Eagle Pass, El Indio, and Quemado, Texas communities in Maverick County. Our young exhibitors / Clover programs range from 1 year old through 2nd grade. Our 4H members range from 3rd grade through 12th Grade. The High School FFA Chapter involves students from our two (2) high schools. Our organization does not discriminate based on gender, socioeconomic level, religion, color, race or national origin. The population of our members come from about 90% Hispanic. Exhibitors come from low income families. We service over 400 members to include 4H, FFA, Clover, and young exhibitors.

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MCJLS Association offers a unique program that focuses in Agriculture and Consumer Science learning unique experiences. There's no other organization in our county that works with the youth in developing these talents. Through our program students acquire skills that they will carry and implement through their adulthood. As they work and develop their projects they become experts in selecting of a quality animal, best feeding and health options for their project. The competition aspect of

the programs helps students strive for the best in their livestock judging and showmanship skills ! They work hard to achieve maximum results. With the assistance of TRC, our Association will have the opportunity help students set them up for success. Our success will be disclosed at our chamber of commerce monthly meetings with the help of the local media.

E

Maverick County Junior Livestock Show Association will indeed accept an impact or recognition grant. In the event that Texas Rural Communities were not able to meet our proposed budget – yes, we would accept any amount available by your organization. At this time we are hereby requesting: \$20,000.00.

a. **BEEF & ANIMAL DEVELOPMENT:**

One (1) Hydraulic Hoof Trimming Table with trailer, lights and fender and generator:	\$8,000.00.
Lamb and Goat Trimming Stands:	\$2,000.00.
Air Blow Dryers	\$1,500.00
Sheep, Goat, and Hog Clippers with blades:	\$1,500.00
Plumbing and Electrical restorations:	\$2,000.00
Steer portable pens and stalls:	\$2,500.00

b. **PHOTOGRAPHY, HEALTH, FOOD & NUTRITION DEVELOPMENT**

Computer, printer, Tent, tables, chairs, frames, display posting boards, display hooks:	\$2,500.00
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Our main purpose in our organization is to be able to provide FFA and 4H member's opportunities that will help them acquire leadership skills. This in turn will make them become responsible and effective citizens in our community. The experiences that the students will gain in our program will indeed impact our community. We can measure this by the formation of the membership in our organization; the majority of our members are a product of this same organization. We at one time participated in the show as exhibitors and continue to represent this organization as volunteers, but most importantly, products of our local 4H and FFA chapters. Ultimately seeing the student's personal growth through the years measures the positive outcome of our program.

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In the event that funding for this grant be award to our organization, board members will implement the purchasing of the requested equipment so that it would be available to our FFA and 4H members immediately.

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Maverick County Junior Livestock Association has never received a grant from Texas Rural Communities.

ATTACHMENTS

List of Board of Directors
Budget
Letters of Recommendations