

July 30, 2025

Community Grants Review Committee Lower Colorado River Authority 3700 Lake Austin Blvd. Austin, TX 78703

Re:

Application to Community Grants Program for Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center Roof Repairs and Improvements

Dear Community Grants Review Committee:

The City of Dripping Springs is happy to submit a grant application to the Lower Colorado River Authority's Community Grants Program. We are requesting funding to repair and improve the roof of the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center, located at 1042 Event Center Drive.

The Event Center is a multi-use facility that serves as a community center, evacuation center, polling location, and equestrian/livestock center. It hosts all kinds of meetings, banquets, festivals, and other events. The City uses it for recreational programs and events that serve all facets of the community, and many governmental and nonprofit organizations hold meetings and trainings at the Event Center.

Currently, roof leaks and extreme indoor temperatures restrict access to essential areas of the building, particularly in the summer and inclement weather. This interferes with programs and events, restricts rentals, and negatively impacts the visitor experience.

The project is essential to ensuring the long-term usability and safety of the building and will benefit the community in many ways. Roof repairs, substituting aged skylights with metal sheeting, and installing a reflective elastomeric coating will make the building safer, and more functional, comfortable, and energy-efficient year-round. Additionally, the project improves the facility's reliability and attractiveness to the public and private enterprises. This will result in increased rentals, programs, and events, enhanced emergency preparedness, and reduced long-term utility and maintenance expenses.

Thank you for the generous contributions LCRA has made to our City and various nonprofit organizations in Central Texas throughout the years. LCRA has truly made a difference in our quality of life in the region.

As mayor of the City of Dripping Springs, I wholeheartedly support the City's effort in acquiring this grant. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

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July 29, 2025

Michelle Fischer City Administrator City of Dripping Springs PO Box 384 Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Re: City of Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center LCRA CDPP Grant Request

Dear Ms. Fischer,

Thank you for the opportunity to convey my support for essential structural improvements at the Event Center. As a shared multi-use facility that serves as a community center, evacuation center, polling location, and equestrian/livestock center, this property stands at the heart of Dripping Springs where our community comes together.

My organization protects the northern one-third of Hays County, and I want to focus on the importance this facility serves in protection of our citizens during disaster events. The Event Center serves as the primary evacuation center for a large area in and around Dripping Springs, Driftwood and Henly. All areas served by the Event Center are in the heart of the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) as well as within "Flash Flood Alley." Simply put, this means that our community is highly susceptible to wildfires and flash flood emergencies. During these situations, having a safe place for community members, their pets, and livestock to seek immediate shelter and care is essential to public trust and exemplifies the City's commitment to disaster preparedness. The 24/7 availability of this facility supports our mission by reducing evacuee stress and panic, allowing our first responders to focus on critical operations.

The roof repair and insulation project are essential to ensuring the long-term usability and overall safety of the building. There are numerous other tangible and quantifiable benefits of this improvement project including reduced energy costs, protecting the structure from weather damage, and improving the overall comfort and functionality of the space.

As the Fire Chief, I support your decision to move forward this important grant request.

Sincerely,

Scott Collard Fire Chief



## Hays County Office of Emergency Services



To Whom it may concern,

I am the Director of Emergency Services for Hays County, TX which includes Emergency Management, Fire Marshal Branch, Hazmat and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Additionally, we have a Public Health Preparedness Coordinator who liaises with our office and the health department.

Dripping Springs Ranch Park (DSRP) has been a partner of ours since its opening. This partnership has included hosting preparedness events for residents, collaboration meetings, exercises for mass prophylaxis, community response (all hazards) and public outreach events. DSRP is our regional large animal shelter location for wildfires, hurricanes and any other hazard which would require large and small animal sheltering. We have used DSRP several times in the last 10 years for many of the previously mentioned events. We also used DSRP for a location of safe refuge for residents during wildfires and freezes.

The roof repair and insulation project will ensure the long-term use and safety of the building for the occupants and organizations who rely on it year-round. Subsequently this project will have a positive impact on reduced energy costs, and protection from weather while improving the overall comfort and functionality of the space. I humbly ask you consider awarding this grant to DSRP.

Respectfully,

Mike

Mike Jones Director Hays County Office of Emergency Services 810 S. Stagecoach Trail Ste. 1200, San Marcos, TX 78666 512.393.5538 W 512.618.0302 C Dripping Springs
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Dr. Holly Morris-Kuentz, Superintendent

July 28, 2025

Michelle Fischer City Administrator City of Dripping Springs PO Box 384 Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Re:

City of Dripping Springs Application for Funding from the Lower Colorado River Authority's Community Grant Program for the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center

Dear Ms. Fischer:

Thank you for contacting our office to request support for the City of Dripping Springs' application to the Lower Colorado River Authority's Community Grant Program. Having seen the dramatic growth in the City of Dripping Springs with the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center being the only large venue in the area, we are pleased to offer support.

I understand your proposed application is for addressing roofing needs for the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center which serves the Dripping Springs area, all of Hays County, and beyond. This work is important to our school district and community to foster continued operations that are pivotal for so many community events. As a shared multi-use facility that serves as a community center, evacuation center, polling location, and equestrian/livestock center, the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center supports not only school district operations at times, but also provides meaningful engagement in our community to serve our students and their families. The venue is unique in our area and also one of the few places to find recreational programs and youth events that provide great value across the region.

The roof repair and insulation project is essential to ensuring the long-term usability and safety of the building for the many individuals and groups who rely on it year-round. Proper insulation and a sound roof will help reduce energy costs, protect the structure from weather damage, and improve the overall comfort and functionality of the space.

I hope you will include our letter in your application to convey to the LCRA Community Grants Review Committee our support in the broader impact of your grant request and the value of the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center to Dripping Springs ISD.

Sincerely yours

Holly Mørris-Kuentz

Superintendent

Terry Polk, President

Hays County Livestock Exposition

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RE: Letter of Support for Dripping Springs Ranch Park Grant Application

LCRA Community Grants Review Committee,

As President of the Hays County Livestock Exposition, I am writing to express our organization's full support for Dripping Springs Ranch Park's funding request through the LCRA Community Development Partnership Program. The proposed project would be an immense benefit to the many individuals and organizations who rely on this valuable community asset.

Dripping Springs Ranch Park is a cornerstone of community in the City of Dripping Springs and Hays County. It has been the host for the Hays County Livestock Show, an annual event that encourages agricultural learning and advancement of our local youth through 4-H and FFA programs. An operational, accessible facility is a crucial aspect in making it possible for us to organize a safe, accessible, and well-structured exposition for hundreds of youth and families.

Roofing deteriorations and leaks are present throughout the facility and impact Hays County Livestock Show (HCLS). Our show office during HCLS is in the Main Event Room of the facility and important documents and computers are at risk of damage due to significant leaking in this space. The Home Skills portion of our show is showcased in the Small Event Room at Dripping Springs Ranch Park and puts youth photographs, baked goods, art installations, and other projects in jeopardy if the facility faces inclement weather. Roof leaks are also apparent in the Livestock Barn and Main Arena and impact the comfort of livestock, their youth handlers, and families onsite. In summer months, heat extremes have begun to limit the usability of Dripping Springs Ranch Park. A repaired and sealed roof would not only extend the lifespan of the building but also create a healthier and more comfortable living environment for the livestock, volunteers, exhibitors, and spectators. This project would ensure that Dripping Springs Ranch Park continues to be a dependable location for our activities and a plethora of community events throughout the year.

We strongly support the City of Dripping Springs in pursuing this grant opportunity and respectfully request LCRA to favorably act on this desperately needed funding. The investment would have long-lasting impacts on our youth programs, local economy, and quality of life in our region.

Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to investing in rural and growing communities.

Sincerely,

Terry Polk

President

Hays County Livestock Exposition



Community Grants Review Committee Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) 3700 Lake Austin Blvd. Austin, TX 78703

Re: Letter of Support

To the LCRA Community Grants Review Committee,

On behalf of the Texas Beef Initiative (TBI), I am proud to offer our full support for the City of Dripping Springs' grant application to the Lower Colorado River Authority Community Grant Program. The proposed roof repairs at Dripping Springs Ranch Park represent a vital investment in the cultural, economic, and social fabric of the region.

As President and Co-Founder of TBI, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, I am committed to building lasting partnerships that uplift rural communities and address food insecurity across Central Texas. Since 2020, TBI has provided over 450,000 beef-based meals to Texans in need – including youth, families, seniors, veterans, and individuals experiencing homelessness. Our services area spans over 20 counties across the state, and centers 80% of our donations in Central Texas, including Travis, Hays, Williamson, Blanco, Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Kerr, and Lee counties.

Our partnership with Dripping Springs Ranch Park and the Dripping Springs Roping Club is central to our mission and vision. TBI organizes roping practices and competitions at the arena on a regular basis. These events are not only a critical source of revenue for our organization; they are also a cornerstone of our outreach, engaging families and donors while showcasing the community spirit and traditions that define Central Texas. Dripping Springs Ranch Park is more than just a facility – it is a living, breathing gathering space for youth development, heritage rodeo events, and nonprofit collaboration. Although the arena serves as a valuable multi-use facility, its usability is significantly reduced during the prolonged summer heat of Central Texas. This limits the frequency of events and community activities. Repairing the roof is critical to improving climate control and ensuring the space remains safe, functional, and accessible year-round for the many individuals and organizations that depend on it.

The Texas Beef Initiative strongly and enthusiastically supports the City of Dripping Springs in this effort. We urge the LCRA Community Grants Review Committee to invest in a project that will have a long-lasting and deeply meaningful impact on the region. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Noel McAlexander President and Co-Founder Texas Beef Initiative

e: noel@donatebeef.org



# **Texas Hill Country Barrel Racing Association** PO BOX 1380, Dripping Springs, TX., 78620 7/28/2025

LCRA Community Grants Review Committee,

On behalf of the Texas Hill Country Barrel Racing Association (THCBRA), I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Dripping Springs' application to the Lower Colorado River Authority's (LCRA) Community Grant Program. The requested funding of \$100,000 will help repair and insulate the roof of the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center—an essential facility that serves not only the Dripping Springs area, but families and organizations across Hays County and beyond.

THCBRA serves families and youth from multiple counties through our barrel racing events and programming. The Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center has been a vital venue for our association. It provides a safe, well-maintained, and welcoming space for our events—many of which bring together riders of all ages, including children, teens, and young adults, along with their families.

Repairing and insulating the roof of the facility will be a major improvement for our participants and horses alike. The heat mitigation alone will greatly increase comfort during the hot months, but just as importantly, it will help regulate the temperature of the water pipes that run beneath the roof. Currently, the water becomes extremely hot in the summer, making it uncomfortable and even unsafe when hosing off horses or providing drinking water. Cooler, more manageable water will be a significant benefit for the well-being of both animals and riders.

The Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center is more than just an arena—it is a central hub for our equine community, youth programs, and regional events. Improvements like this ensure it remains safe, functional, and accessible for years to come.

We are proud to support this project and encourage LCRA's full consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

Molly Azopardi
Vice President and Treasurer
Texas Hill Country Barrel Racing Association

LCRA Community Grant Review Committee Lower Colorado River Authority

Dear LCRA Community Grant Review Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Dripping Springs' grant application to the Lower Colorado River Authority's Community Grant Program, requesting funding to improve Dripping Springs Ranch Park with the addition of roof insulation.

In my roles as a Hays County 4-H leader, a board member and acting secretary of the Hays County Livestock Show Expo, and as a parent of youth livestock exhibitors, I have witnessed firsthand how essential this facility is to our community. Dripping Springs Ranch Park serves as a primary venue for the Hays County Livestock Show, which hosts over 400 exhibitors annually. It also accommodates prospect shows, 4-H and FFA project preparation events, board meetings, and regular meetings and practice rides for the Hays County 4-H Horse Program. In addition, the facility is enjoyed by local families through community events such as the annual Winter Wonderland.

The roof insulation project would significantly enhance the functionality, comfort, and sustainability of this facility. Improved insulation would lower energy consumption, resulting in cost savings and a reduced environmental impact. More importantly, it would make the space far more comfortable for the many youth, families, volunteers, and community members who spend long hours in the building, often during the extremes of Texas weather. Whether it's keeping exhibitors and animals warm during the winter stock shows or cooler during summer events, this upgrade is both practical and necessary.

As a leader who works closely with Hays County families involved in 4-H and FFA, I see this investment as an important step toward supporting youth development, agricultural education, and community engagement.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this vital project.

Sincerely,

Lee Ann Young

To: LCRA Community Grants Review Committee

Dear Committee Members,

I am a resident of Hays County who has been active with Dripping Springs Ranch Park & Event Center (DSRP) in multiple capacities over the past 16 years. I have had the distinct honor to have a "ringside seat" watching and participating in so many of the incredible benefits this facility has brought to not only our community, but to everyone in Central Texas. This generous LCRA Community Grant would be a tremendous help with our much-needed repairs on the roof of the complex and would benefit every individual, group, organization, non-profit, and entity that utilizes DSRP for their events, meetings, fund-raisers, and activities!

As a volunteer riding coach for the Hays County 4-H Horse Program for the past 10+ years, I have spent countless hours at DSRP teaching our Hays County youth at our free Monday Night Educational Rides during the school year. In addition, our 4-H Horse group also holds 3 youth horse shows each year utilizing the fabulous, covered arena – all these activities at no charge. We even have youth from surrounding counties who participate in our 4-H Horse Program. These 4-H events have such a positive impact on so many families and their horse-loving youth. With most surrounding counties unable to find a "home" for their horse programs, our Hays County 4-H Horse Program is thrilled to be able to welcome these kids from around Central Texas thanks to the generosity of DSRP.

In addition to volunteering with the 4-H Horse Program, I also manage and coordinate horse shows at DSRP. Our DSRP Riding Series holds 15 shows a year attracting riders, trainers, and fellow equine enthusiasts from across Texas. Our Dressage, Hunter/Jumper and Ranch Horse Shows are famous for being affordable shows that offer outstanding hospitality in a supportive show environment that welcomes all levels of riders and horses. The success of our shows is due in large part to the beautiful, covered arena and stalling area. Fixing the roof leaks will help us keep our existing long-time show competitors and continue to attract new riders. Specifically, the roof coating that can happen after repairs will be a huge help with heat mitigation throughout the complex, especially in the arena/stalling areas. In the past two years I've had to cancel summer shows due to high heat. The 10-to-20-degree improvement from the roof coating will take care of that problem and we can hold our summer shows. I've enjoyed managing these shows for over 10 years and as they continue to grow in popularity, the need for roof repairs is becoming more apparent. The DSRP staff has always gone above and beyond to keep this gorgeous facility clean and operational. The LCRA Community Grant would be an incredibly valuable contribution toward this large-budget expenditure.

Finally, as a resident of Dripping Springs/Driftwood and an active community member for 30 years, I have enjoyed so many different activities at DSRP - meetings, art shows, festivals, dinners, voting and more. I'm probably at DSRP at least 2 to 3 times a month for some event or activity! This facility is such a treasure and, as one of DSRP's biggest fans, I am so appreciative of your consideration in awarding this grant.

Thank you again,

Penny Reeves

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LCRA Community Grants Review Committee Lower Colorado River Authority

## RE: Letter of Support for Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center Roof Repair and Insulation Project

Dear LCRA Community Grants Review Committee,

As the Development Director for Colorado River Land Trust, I've had the opportunity to engage deeply with the people and places that make the Hill Country and the greater Colorado River watershed so special. One of those places is the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center - a space that continues to serve as the heartbeat of our community.

I'm writing to express my full support for the City of Dripping Springs' application to the LCRA Community Grant Program to fund critical roof repairs and insulation upgrades at this important facility.

The Event Center is more than just a venue - it's a multi-use gathering space that supports everything from youth programming and community festivals to equestrian events and emergency response efforts. I've seen firsthand how it brings people together and provides a reliable, flexible place for organizations to connect with the public.

The Event Center is the community hub for the region, and these necessary improvements will ensure it can continue to grow with the area and meet evolving needs. A well-insulated, structurally sound facility improves energy efficiency, mitigates extreme heat, and ensures long-term usability for a wide range of events and services.

As Dripping Springs and the entire Colorado River basin's population increases, we must be proactive in maintaining and improving spaces like this. To stay competitive, forward-thinking, and to continually meet the needs of a growing and diverse population, we need infrastructure that can adapt and endure. This project will ensure the Event Center remains safe, energy-efficient, and comfortable year-round, while also supporting community resilience and reducing operational costs.



The City's investment in this project demonstrates a strong commitment to long-term sustainability and public service, and I wholeheartedly support their effort to secure funding for this much-needed upgrade. The improvements to this facility will benefit residents, partner organizations, and the broader community for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

**Hope Boatright** 

**Development Director** 

Colorado River Land Trust

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Dennis Baldwin 500 Shadywood Lane Dripping Springs, TX 78620 July 29, 2025

Dear LCRA Community Grants Review Committee,

I'm writing this letter in support of a wonderful asset in our community, Dripping Springs Ranch Park. I am the Executive Director of <u>Drip Skateboarding</u>, a community focused non-profit that was established in 2014 to raise awareness for skateboarding in Dripping Springs. Through the efforts of countless individuals we were able to raise over \$750,000, design, and build a skatepark in Founders Memorial Park. It took us almost a decade to pull off, but we did it! The park is formally named the Dorian Zev Kweller Memorial Skatepark and was donated to the City of DS in July of 2024.

Our vision has always been to grow the skateboarding community and give our youth (adults too!) a recreational outlet beyond traditional sports and activities. One of the major milestones of our advocacy efforts was established in April of 2018. We proposed to the city of DS a weekly skate night to be held at DSRP, and with unanimous support the weekly tradition began. Since its inception we have hosted over 300 skate night events in the Event Center. Every week we bring in obstacles on a trailer and create a makeshift skatepark for everyone to enjoy. Skaters of all ages and skill levels have been able to enjoy this event for the past seven years. To this day skate night lives on due to the generosity of the DSRP staff.

In addition to skate night our team works in collaboration with DS Parks & Community Services to offer spring, summer, and fall skate camps. Camps are hosted in the Event Center and allow us to work with kids from ages 5-15 to foster a love of skateboarding, overcome challenges, and find a sense of belonging.

On behalf of our organization and the hundreds of skaters in our community we are requesting that you consider DSRP as a grant recipient for the facility's roof improvement project. It will continue to provide a much needed space for our skateboarding initiative as well as so many other community programs.

I've shared just a few photos below of our programs at DSRP. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Dennis Baldwin
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## **Skate Night and Skate Camps at DSRP**















To whom it may concern,

As manager of the Dripping Springs Farmers Market, I am writing in support of the City's efforts to obtain a grant that will help them improve and maintain the Ranch Park facility.

Perhaps more than any other organization, DSFM relies on Ranch Park for its livelihood. For more than a year now, we've used Ranch Park's vendor hall to hold our weekly market, drawing 40-50 vendors each week and 20,000 customers each year. FY 2025 is our first full year at Ranch Park and is on track to surpass \$1 million in total sales for the first time in its history, making the market a vital piece of the local economy and a necessary outlet for local farmers and ranchers as well as small producers.

Prior to the move, the market's vendors, regular visitors, and even its employees were against the move to Ranch Park, as it did not provide the traditional outdoor setting for most markets. But the economics tell the tale, and the location has clearly won everyone over. With ample parking, clean restrooms, and shade through hot summers, Ranch Park has proven to be of immense benefit for the market.

Renovating and restoring the roof will be of even further benefit. The addition of insulation and heat mitigation will help us better provide for the safety and comfort of visitors during extreme temperatures. In May, prior to our move to Ranch Park's air-conditioned main event room, we provided care to two customers who had heat-related incidents, and the temperatures hadn't even reached 90 degrees.

Additionally, the main source of litigation against supermarkets comes from slips and falls, and rainy days have us running to clean up drips from the ceiling. Removing that safety hazard would make us all feel a little safer.

Beyond the market, it is my hope that Ranch Park's ties to Dripping Springs' history and the vital role it continues to play in the City's development will make the facility a strong candidate for this grant.

Thank you,

Charles Reed

Farmers Market Manager

City of Dripping Springs Parks & Community Services

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#### To LCRA Community Grants Review Committee,

My name is Michael Carroll, I have been a member of this community for 30 years, and have always been involved in Agriculture/Livestock/Equine related activities and interests. My wife and I raised 3 kids in the Dripping Springs school district and they were very involved in 4-H and FFA from the time they were eligible, to the when they graduated high school. When we moved here, I owned a small business in Austin but for the past 20 years have managed a ranch in between Dripping Springs and Wimberley.

I have been a member of the Dripping Springs Ag Boosters since 1996. The Ag Boosters provide guidance to the kids involved in 4-H and FFA and support them in their efforts to prepare for county and statewide competitions with their livestock and ag projects and provide scholarships and awards at the Hays County Livestock Show and Sale.

I have also been a current board member of the Hays County Livestock Association who holds their yearly county wide Livestock Show and Sale at DSRP for the last 11 years. Dripping Springs Ranch Park evolved after my children graduated, but it was a vision of Mayor Todd Purcell's that we all worked for, believed in and gave our volunteer hours to support and make happen in our town. I have continued to be an active member and be involved with Dripping Springs Ranch Park by serving as a board member and various DSRP Committees.

Dripping Springs Ranch Park opened to the public in 2008, becoming a popular destination for horse riders, hikers, and those interested in wildlife viewing and other outdoor activities. It has become a thriving center for our town to have a place to enjoy all aspects of family, school and community organization's activities. The indoor arena hosts all aspects of horse shows, roping, rodeos, and barrel races. The facility also has the capacity for art shows, wine festivals, gun shows, craft shows and any genre of interest. Outside the building and parking area, the beautiful natural grounds have been restored, to hold it's beauty with ecologically formed trails that both hikers and horseback riders enjoy in a safe environment. The schools have also used the trails for their cross-country competitions. Dripping Springs Ranch Park is also the Hays County's Disaster Community Relief Center in the event of any occurrences.

Dripping Springs Ranch Park is a major asset to our community that operates 7 days and week during the entire year. All organizations, events, and programs mentioned above have lately been affected by the current roof damage and leaks. Banquets and trade shows in the Main Event Room and Vendor Hall are negatively impacted by the significant leaking that disrupts their event and damages goods. Livestock and Equestrian shows in the Main Arena face leaking throughout stall areas, arena footing, and bleacher areas that lead to disrupted show schedules and frustrated participants and families.

In addition to the leaking, the building faces extreme heat temperatures and is forced to cancel many activities or events throughout warmer months. For example, as a member of the Texas Beef Initiative Team Roping practice on Thursday evenings, the heat prevents us from utilizing the Main Indoor Arena. Dripping Springs Ranch Park is seeing major decline in bookings due to these interior temperatures and conditions. The proposed roof repairs and reflective coating in this project will be a substantial improvement to this facility. Not only will it target the leaking and temperature, but it will also improve the condition of the roof and increase the longevity on the roof of such a beloved community asset.

As a member of this community, I can't tell you what this Park has come to mean to our town, our county and surrounding towns. It is a place to gather and enjoy the great folks who live here and invite all people to come and enjoy a place of natural beauty, peaceful settings and fun when there is an event. The management of DSRP has only gotten better over the years and I can tell you they will continue to make it a successful Event Center.

Respectfully,

Michael L Carroll

**Board Member DSRP** 

LCRA Community Grants Review Committee P.O. Box 220 Austin, TX 78767

Dear LCRA Community Grants Review Committee:

I am writing in support of the City of Dripping Springs' application for a grant for funding to repair and insulate the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center roof.

The mission of Destination Dripping Springs is to promote tourism and serve as ambassadors to connect visitors and guests to the community. We provide informative maps, literature and recommendations for visitors to ensure that they are getting the most out of their visit to Dripping Springs, Texas! As the Tourism Manager, it is my job to make sure that my staff is well versed on the things to do and places to see in Dripping Springs.

Dripping Springs Ranch Park, and more specifically the Event Center is one of the locations that we refer visitors to most often. Equestrian events, rodeos, arts and crafts fairs, expos, festivals and the weekly Farmers Market, all held in this facility, are some of the reasons that people come to Dripping Springs to visit and certainly enhance the visitor experience.

The large meeting rooms and areas for livestock make the DSRP Event Center the ideal location for agricultural meetings, educational seminars and conferences. Repairing and insulating the roof are essential for the staff to be able to promote the space as a viable location for these types of uses, and for all events in general.

The Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center is the largest indoor gathering space in our community. Without these repairs, the events in the facility will most likely not be able to continue, particularly during inclement weather. This will directly impact our residents, several nonprofit organizations and businesses, and our visitors. It is my hope that your committee approves this grant request.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Pam King

Tourism Manager

**Destination Dripping Springs** 

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