



12th Annual Texas Food & Wine Alliance Named Grants

Texas At-Large

- **Tito's Handmade Vodka Entrepreneur Grants**, four \$5,000 grants awarded to an entrepreneur who has pursued their business dream despite setbacks. The winners of these grants have shown that success often comes from failures, as exemplified by founder Tito Beveridge and the pursuit of his Texas-made vodka.

Austin

- **Austin Dames Supporting Women in Business Grant**, a \$5,000 grant for seed funding or business support for a culinary business that is either woman-owned or led by a woman with most of the decision-making power.
- **Favor Delivery Grant for Local Restaurants**, two \$5,000 grants supporting a project or initiative by an Austin restaurant or food truck. These grants will be awarded to restaurants or mobile food businesses that show innovation in supporting the Austin community.
- **Gina Burchenal Grant**, a \$5,000 grant supporting a woman-owned business and honoring Alliance past-president Gina Burchenal, a former Austin chef and caterer who has volunteered in and served the Austin community. Generously provided by Gina and her husband Ken Burchenal.
- **The Luck, TX Family Grant for Inclusivity in Culinary Culture**, a \$5,000 grant awarded to an organization or individual uplifting marginalized communities in Austin through their culinary endeavors — including restaurants, food trucks, chefs, sourcers, and farms whose historic actions and strategic objectives serve their local neighborhoods and patrons.
- **The Luck, TX Family Grant**, a \$5,000 grant that will be awarded to a family-owned organization — restaurant, food truck, beverage company, sourcer or farm — that upholds practices that celebrate sustainability, inclusivity, ingenuity, and generosity in their breadth of work.
- **Shari Braly Grant for Emerging Woman Restaurateur**, a \$10,000 grant supporting a young woman restaurateur or food-truck owner under 35 years old who reflects the passion, determination, and spirit of hospitality of Shari Braly, long-time Austin restaurateur and founder of Cherry Creek Catfish Co., South Austin's iconic mecca of Southern cuisine and hospitality.

- **The Premiere Events Community Grant**, a \$2,500 grant to a nonprofit organization or educationally focused project.
- **The Jeff Conarko Grant for Sustainability**, a \$2,500 grant honoring beloved Austin business owner and healthy-eating advocate Jeff Conarko of Con'Olio Oils & Vinegars. The grant is awarded to a business or organization with a commitment to sustainable and traceable practices.

San Antonio

- **H-E-B Grant Supporting Diversity and Inclusion**, a \$5,000 grant open to San Antonio–area chefs, farmers, artisan producers, food-focused nonprofits and educational groups that prioritize education, diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- **Favor Delivery Grant for Local Restaurants**, two \$5,000 grants supporting a project or initiative by a San Antonio restaurant or food truck that gives back to the San Antonio community. These grants will be awarded to restaurants or mobile food businesses that shows innovation in supporting the San Antonio community.