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Texas leads the U.S. in the variety and frequency of disasters.

Last session, the Texas Legislature invested in the five emergency response agencies by funding **Keeping Texas Prepared**. This investment has critically improved the capacity of these agencies to serve Texans through **training and workforce development, testing and disease surveillance, extension education,** and **emergency response.** This funding has already had a significant impact, and with your continued support, together we can keep Texas prepared.

CRITICAL SUPPORT NEEDED ACROSS FIVE AGENCIES

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife Extension)

▍Extension Agent Network

Texas A&M Forest Service

▍Texas A&M Forest Service Operations

Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL)

▍Diagnostic Workforce for Disease Surveillance

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)

▍Statewide Preparedness and Cyber Readiness

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)

▍Agency Support

EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS REQUEST

TDEM

$17 million | Agency Support

Maintain adequate staffing and IT infrastructure to manage $23 billion in grants for emergency response and preparedness. Federal funding is decreasing, making state support essential for effective disaster management and long-term resilience.

AGRILIFE EXTENSION

$19.7 million | Extension Agent Network

Expand and strengthen our Extension Agent Network across Texas, enhancing disaster response, community resiliency, and delivery of critical programs in agriculture, youth development, health, and emergency preparedness.

TEEX

$9 million | Statewide Preparedness and Cyber Readiness

Develop and provide scenario-based response exercises that teach participants to identify vulnerabilities and learn to work as a cohesive team at the statewide, regional and local levels when disaster strikes. Expand the TEEX Cyber Readiness Center's capability to empower Texas communities to be more aware, resilient and better prepared to detect, prevent and respond to cyber attacks.

TVMDL

$3.27 million | Diagnostic Workforce for Disease Surveillance

Recruit and retain a diagnostic workforce charged with the early, rapid and accurate detection of emerging and zoonotic diseases that threaten animal and public health, including Texas' $24 billion livestock industry. Invest in molecular diagnostic disease detection through personnel and equipment enhancements.

Texas A&M Forest Service

$29.95 million | Texas A&M Forest Service Operations

Enhance statewide wildfire mitigation and response by adding fire and emergency response positions. Improve pay levels to attract and retain skilled employees. Address rising costs for vehicle and heavy equipment replacements and cover increased operating costs.