



COUNTY JUDGE
MILTON POWERS

Dear Rural Texas Strong,

On behalf of Tyler County, I'm proud to offer this letter of commitment in support of the Tyler County Nutrition Center and the Tyler County Hospital District for the Tyler County Healthy Living Enhancement: Making Rural Texans Healthy Again initiative.

As County Judge, day after day I witness struggles our rural residents face with chronic diseases like obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. The Tyler County Nutrition Center performs important services in nutrition, illness prevention and wellness. I fully support efforts of Tyler County Nutrition Center to expand offered programs and improve health and quality of life for residents across Tyler County.

Tyler County is committed to working closely with Tyler County Nutrition Center and Tyler County Hospital District to make proposed programs successful. Tyler County commits to connecting residents, especially those remotely located, to services offered. Another focus will be reaching out to high-risk individuals (with special attention to underserved groups who often face the biggest barriers to care) and encourage involvement with programs offered.

These programs matter a great deal to the underserved residents of Tyler County. This initiative will make a real difference in helping individuals improve their health and well-being.

Tyler County is fully committed to making rural Texans healthy again by preventing and managing chronic disease, improving nutrition and wellness, and building a healthier future for Tyler County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Milton Powers", is written over a horizontal line.

Judge Milton Powers
Tyler County Judge



Dear Rural Texas Strong,

On behalf of **Tyler County Nutrition Center**, we are pleased to provide our support and partnership with **Tyler County Hospital District** for initiative 1.2: Tyler County Healthy Living Enhancement: Making Rural Texans Healthy Again.

As a trusted community hub serving a rural and medically underserved population, we recognize the urgent need to address chronic disease prevention; specifically obesity, diabetes, and heart disease in Tyler County. Through Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Initiative 1.2 funding, we look forward to expanding community-based programs focused on diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and related conditions to improve the health and well-being of Tyler County residents.

Our organization commits to the following goals:

- **Program Delivery & Access:** Host and deliver chronic illness prevention, exercise, wellness, and nutrition programs at the Tyler County Nutrition Center, ensuring every resident — including outlying areas — has accessibility to all services offered.
- **Participant Recruitment & Engagement:** Participate in outreach efforts to engage community members in available programs, with a special focus on high-risk populations and groups that are often underserved.
- **Partnership & Collaboration:** Work closely with Tyler County Hospital District and other local partners to extend our reach, create seamless referral pathways, and host joint events that benefit the entire community.
- **Data Collection & Reporting:** Collaborate with Tyler County hospital to track participant information, program outcomes, and key performance measures in an effort to evaluate progress, accommodate and grow, and stay in full compliance with grant requirements.
- **Sustainability & Community Integration:** Goal to integrate the most successful parts of these programs into regular operations at the Nutrition Center and continue seeking additional resources to keep them going strong and viable after the grant ends.

We are fully committed to making rural Texans healthy again by preventing and managing chronic disease, improving nutrition and wellness, and building a healthier future for Tyler County.

Sincerely,

Joseph Blacksher
Tyler County Precinct 1 Commissioner