

Texas A&M System Agencies Summary - House

The Texas A&M System Agencies listed below are state agencies under the Texas A&M University System with a broad statewide mission encompassing research, teaching, and public service. Unlike institutions of higher education, these agencies do not have students and do not receive tuition. This presentation provides an overview of the Agricultural and Engineering agencies within the Texas A&M University System.

- Texas A&M AgriLife Research (TAR)
 - TAR conducts research in agricultural, environmental, and life sciences. This includes research on livestock, plants, crops, and processing techniques to ensure Texas' agriculture system is competitive.
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension (TAES)
 - TAES provides educational and training programs through a network of county extension agents across the state. The program areas include health and safety, agriculture and natural resources, and leadership development.
- Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES)
 - TEES conducts research, provides continuing education, and develops technology to assist industry and the engineering workforce. TEES performs engineering and technology research on water, energy, manufacturing, and the environment across the state of Texas.
- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)
 - TEEX provides workforce training programs and technical assistance for first responders to enhance public safety and security (e.g., fire protection, law enforcement, water/wastewater, public works, environmental quality, etc.). TEEX also provides emergency response, search, and rescue operations statewide through Texas Task Force 1.
- Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI)
 - TTI identifies and solves transportation problems through research and testing. TTI also develops and implements new technologies for current and future transportation needs, and works closely with the Texas Department of Transportation.
- Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS)
 - TFS provides wildfire prevention, detection, and suppression service and administers the statewide Texas Wildfire Protection Plan. TFS also assists during all-hazard emergencies such as flooding, ice storms, tornados, and hurricanes. TFS is involved in reforestation efforts and urban forestry programs and conducts applied research on forest insects and diseases.
- Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL)
 - TVMDL provides fee-based veterinary medical diagnostic services and drug testing which contributes to an animal and zoonotic disease surveillance system. TVMDL also performs drug tests for pari-mutuel racing animals and livestock shows. TVMDL is under Strategic Fiscal Review for the Eighty-sixth Legislative Session.

Total Summary of Recommendations and Explanation of Significant Changes

	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue	\$398,381,901	\$313,966,735	\$(84,415,166)	-21.19%
GR Dedicated	\$51,098,812	\$90,180,258	\$39,081,446	76.48%
Federal Funds	\$235,111,253	\$272,704,620	\$37,593,367	15.99%
Other Funds	\$374,676,902	\$372,663,951	\$(2,012,951)	-0.54%
All Funds	\$1,059,268,868	\$1,049,515,564	\$(9,753,304)	-0.92%

- **Continued Funding for TEES Collaboration with Army Futures Command.** Recommendations include \$2.5 million to restore the funding allocated to its collaboration with Army Futures Command (See Item A on Page 2 of the TEES packet). The 2020-21 Base included \$47.5 million for this purpose, resulting in a net decrease of \$45.0 million
- **Technical Change to Insurance Taxes Supporting TFS Operations.** Recommendations for TFS reflect a technical change to the reporting of insurance tax dollars supporting TFS Operations. These funds were previously reported as GR-Insurance Companies Maintenance Tax and are now reported as

GR-D Department of Insurance Operating Account. This accounts for a \$39.1 million decrease in GR now reported as GR-D.

- **Updated Debt Service Amounts for TVMDL Lab Construction** - Recommendations include updated Debt Service Amounts for TVMDL's lab construction in College Station and Canyon.
- **Increased Federal Awards.** \$37.6 million increase in Federal Funds driven by growth in Federal Grants, Awards, and sponsored research at TEES, TTI, TFS, and TEEX.

Common Cross-Agency Issues and Recommendations:

- **Funding Levels.** Recommendations generally include funding for each agency at baseline requested levels.
- **Updated Infrastructure Support Formula Funding.** Recommendations include updated infrastructure support formula amounts. Funding to the agencies for infrastructure support within Brazos County is aligned with the General Academic Institutions' Infrastructure Support formula rate. Texas A&M System agricultural agencies also receive funding for infrastructure support outside Brazos County, which is proportionally allocated to those agencies by their percentage of total actual square footage. Changes to Infrastructure Support Inside Brazos County results in a net reduction of \$136,558 in GR. No topline change to Infrastructure Support Outside Brazos County.
- **Five-Percent Reduction.** All packets include an informational overview of each agency's five-percent reduction in Section 3. This overview provides a breakdown by fiscal year and strategy.

Rider Highlights:

- Recommended Rider changes remove one-time rider appropriation in the TFS bill pattern for border emergency services.
- Recommendations include additional rider granting authority to TAES to pay for regular compensatory time for employees supporting disaster response.