

Kat Neilson

Kat Neilson joined the Texas Department of Agriculture's grants team in 2018. She is the Texas state point of contact for the Specialty Crop Block Grant and Specialty Crop Multi-State program, as well as the Young Farmer Grant, the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program, the STAR Fund, and the Agriculture and Research Development Program. Her fifteen years of grant experience stems from a diverse background in non-profits including higher education foundations and heritage and museum management. Her experience includes fundraising, fiscal and operations management, program development, and the entire life cycle of grants from writing and project implementation to monitoring and new program creation. Kat's passion for improving communities through meaningful action includes volunteering and serving on multiple non-profit/government boards including chamber of commerce's, historic commissions, and professional associations. Kat loves to travel discovering new places not only in Texas but trotting across the globe having visited over 24 countries and counting. She spends her time in the great outdoors camping, hiking and exploring with her rescue pup, Buddy.

