



AGENDA

WELCOME RECEPTION & FUNDERS MIXER

Courtyard, Gage Hotel



Tuesday

29 July 2025



Time

5:00PM - 6:30 PM

RURAL PHILANTHROPY CONFERENCE

Richie Building, Gage Hotel



Wednesday

30 July 2025



Time

8:00AM - 5:00PM

8:00AM

BREAKFAST

8:15AM

Welcome

Kim Davis, President King Foundation

State of the Sector: West Texas Edition

Kristi Colclasure, Executive Director Nonprofit Management Center of the Permian Basin

Harnessing Resources for Rural Nonprofit Success

Dr. Kely Garbee, Executive Director -Texas Rural Funders

Evan Wolstencroft, Program Manager-Texas Rural Funders

9:45AM

Legislative Update

Jason Sabo, Frontera Strategy

11:00AM

BREAK

11:15AM

Working Together: Rural Opportunities, Collaborations & Partnerships

Kendra Burson, Community Program Specialist - USDA Rural Development

Leticia Martinez, Executive Director - Literacy Coalition of the Permian Basin

Marci Roberts, West Texas Commissioner - Texas Commission of the Arts

Libby Stephens, CEO - West Texas Food Bank

12:15PM

LUNCH / Rural Funders Panel

Abell-Hanger Foundation, Anderson Charitable Foundation, FMH Foundation, King Foundation, Permian Strategic Partnership and the Still Water Foundation

1:45PM

Maximizing AI for Nonprofits

Gary Hires, IT Director - Midland Shared Spaces

Joni Hires, Executive Director - FMH Foundation

3:00PM

Planned Giving: Pathways to Endowments

Guy McCrary, CEO - Permian Basin Area Foundation

3:45PM

Nonprofit Best Practices...Finance & Internal Controls

Crystal Smith, Director of Accounting - King Foundation

4:30PM

Coffee, Cola & Conversation

Refill & Reflect...An Open Forum for Sharing Rural Nonprofit Challenges, Needs & Gaps!

5:00PM

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