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Brian Petrilla
Assistant Chief of EMS
Fort Bend County, Texas

Dear Brian,

For more than 100 years, Black Cowboys played an essential role in Fort Bend County ranching operations. At the George Ranch specifically, four generations of Black Cowboys worked alongside four generations of the George family, leaving behind a rich legacy of Black Cowboy heritage that is unique to this part of Texas.

On February 11, 2023, the 4th annual **Black Cowboy Legacy Rodeo** will spotlight our diverse history by paying tribute to these Cowboys while introducing them to new generations of county residents. This community event raises funds to support the **Educational Programs** at the Fort Bend History Association, while teaching about the instrumental role that Black Cowboys played in the county's success.

Last year, the Black Cowboy Legacy Rodeo resumed post-covid with over 900 guest attending events inside the George Ranch Covered Arena and outdoor freestanding spaces. Would you consider waiving the fee cost for dedicated EMS/Ambulance to provide a safe environment for our diverse groups of children, seniors and adults partaking in Rodeo activities?

Your support of the fee waiver will contribute to facilitating the Black Cowboy Legacy Rodeo in providing emergency medical assistance for both rodeo participants and observers.

Kind Regards,

Daniela Abrego
Administrative Services Manager
Fort Bend History Association