

2017-2021 CEDS						
THEME	ACTION PLAN ITEM	METRIC	VALUE AT PRESENT	SOURCE	STRATEGIES	
1. QUALITY OF LIFE	I. Conduct grant search for funding that might enhance the access to natural resources and healthcare accessibility. Communicate funding opportunities to CTCOG members.	Conduct grant search for funding that might enhance the access to natural resources and healthcare accessibility. Communicate funding opportunities to CTCOG members.	Grant search is ongoing, but tracking will be implemented in July, 2017. Grant search tracking program will identify and communicate applicable grants to regional entities.	DDCT Reports	Grant research for hike & bike trails; Grant research for connectivity to parks, water recreation sites, natural resources; Grant research for transit to healthcare facilities; Updates to CTCOG via Executive Committee, email blasts, website, city council meetings.	
		Number of Grants administered by the Planning and Regional Services Division of CTCOG.	2 grants administered by CTCOG to regional entities.		Continued research for efforts; Marketing of service to regional partners.	
		Establish a database of grant writers.	None at present		Marketing of service to regional partners.	
		If a Grant Writing Assistance program is implemented, then provide support offered and number of grants obtained.	None at present		Marketing of service to regional partners.	
		Water consumption per capita maintained or reduced.	Current consumption data	Regional water authorities	Periodic reporting of updates on water consumption data; Updates to CTCOG via email blasts, website, city council meetings; Educational presentations; Research and educate on conservation methods; Pair with water quality grant. Supporting Aquifer Storage and Recovery and Desalination Techniques in the Region.	
2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND READINESS	II. Pursue support for increased regional broadband service in households through education, task forces, and outreach to elected officials.	Support for regional broadband connections should be pursued in ways of education, task forces, and outreach to elected officials. Number of programs and outreach per year.	Outreach currently conducted.	DDCT Board / staff minutes.	Presentations and email blasts on the importance of broadband and the future of economic development; Grant research for utility and infrastructure funding; Formation of underserved rural task force, contacts with experts in the field; Research of improved satellite capabilities, wireless or powerline options; Support of SpaceX planned satellite launch for 2019 and other unique economic opportunities in the region.	
		Number of Residential Fixed Broadband Providers at 25 Mbps/3 Mbps increased from one or none to multiple providers.	FCC Data as of 2016 shows 1 fixed provider for the CTCOG region.	https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/maps/bpr-2016-fixed-25mbps-3mbps-technology/	Updated reporting of providers (1); mapping of regions with no service; education on the importance of increased competition; Work with DDCT and Chambers to make area more marketable for competitors; www.connectedtx.org	

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3. MILITARY INFLUENCE	III. Partner with workforce, communities and others to build awareness of the military skills available for employers to assist in retaining soldiers in the region.	Partner with other programs and utilize the Heart of Texas Defense Alliance Report. Number of partnerships with workforce and other programs identified.	Soldier for Life program.	http://www.hood.army.mil/	Increased partnerships with area workforce agencies and others; Public education and chamber outreach highlighting military workforce sector; Partnerships with Ft. Hood; Updated reports from HOTDA.	
					Central Texas College; Hiring of Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program; Camo 2 Commerce; Veterans Service Alliance of Central Texas (VSACT).	
4. EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE	IV. Continuation of the regional Leadership classes offered each year incorporating improvements as appropriate.	The Continuation and modification of the regional Leadership classes offered each year.	Content adapted to incorporate employer skill needs.	www.ddoct.org	Meeting with DDOCT to discuss recommendations and improvements for next year's program; Broadening the applicant profile; Reconsideration of program objections and areas of focus.	
	V. Build communication systems whereby students and teachers in public schools will know what the expectations will be when entering college, such as organizing mentorship programs, Round table discussions, etc.	To build communication systems whereby students and teachers in public schools will know what the expectations will be when entering college, such as organizing mentorship programs, Round table discussions, etc.	Increased Number of new programs available from school districts and higher education matching employer needs.	P20 Council currently functions to connect employers, public schools and higher education to ensure programs are in place to meet employer needs.	Support of mentor programs offered by universities to schools; Promotion of the Texas Workforce Commission's Nationally Recognized Apprenticeship Program; Promotion of alternative career path programs; Support of P20 Council and the like; Presentations available to school counselors, advisors and educators on preparing students for secondary education; Focus on areas in Texas Education Agency Economically Disadvantaged Status Reports; Summer Earn & Learn; Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Division of College Readiness and Success.	
		Share of population aged 25+ with post-secondary degree required by local employers.	Educational attainment by age group 17.8%.	ACS update.	Reporting of statistics to the public and regional partners.	
	VI. Connecting employers to Career Technical Education (CTE) programs in the region to prepare and be engaged in internship programs to have a better opportunity to direct younger generations into careers that are available in our region and the associated secondary education that might be required for those careers.	Number of employer connections		www.txcte.org	Providing examples of internships that work around potentially complicated insurance processes (ex- Boy Scouts). Engage with P20 (as the vehicle) and Workforce Solutions of Central Texas.	

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5. ECONOMIC RESILIENCE	VII. The DDCT will meet in conjunction with the Homeland Security Division of CTCOG to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan and find ways to provide community assistance and become familiar with how the Mitigation Plan will work.	The DDCT will meet in conjunction with the Homeland Security Division of CTCOG to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan and find ways to provide community assistance and become familiar with how the Mitigation Plan will work for economic disasters.	A Hazard Mitigation Plan is currently being developed in the Homeland Security Division at CTCOG.	CTCOG plan in place.	Joint meeting with Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) to discuss ways to provide community assistance and implementation of Mitigation Plan; Discussion of an Economic Resiliency aspect to Hazard Mitigation Plan.	
	VIII. Explore the need for GIS systems that link with municipal or economic development organizations and other business establishment databases to track development sites in areas of the region that are lacking in that resource.	Evaluate the possibility of creating a GIS system that links with municipal businesses and other business establishment data bases to track development sites.	GIS systems have many tools available to assist in prevention and recovery in times of economic disaster.	CTCOG maintained system.	Promotion and hosting of regional economic development website; Consider embedding a platform similar to Oppsites.	
	IX. Participate in the establishment of coordinated leadership plan for disaster recovery to include a plan for short, intermediate, or long-term recovery needs	Coordination of Leadership should be established in case of disaster, by having a plan in place for short, intermediate, or long-term recovery needs.	Leadership in Central Texas is filled and effective and is not a threat currently.	Maintained and backfilled disaster recovery leadership – CTCOG records.	Joint meeting with Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) to discuss ways to provide community assistance and implementation of Mitigation Plan; Discussion of an Economic Development aspect to Hazard Mitigation Plan.	
	X. A Rural Business Retention and Expansion Task Force is set in place to explore ways to expand and/or retain businesses in the region through mentorship and education of training opportunities.	Number of engagements for education and mentorships.		Staff Update.	Further promotion of Rural Business Retention and Expansion Task Force; Research of other similar regions and methods used; Research studies that measure economic impact of certain industries; Presentations for rural businesses and strategy implementation; partnerships with leaders of rural communities.	