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# **Economic Development Newsletter**

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# **Key Services**

- Comprehensive Planning
- Historic Preservation
- New Elected Officials Guide
- •Grant Writing & Administration
- City Homepage Templates
- Economic Development
- •Transportation Planning
- •GIS Mapping Services

### **Upcoming Events**

### **Economic Development Ethics**

Apr. 9, 2020 2:30pm

https://www.iedconline.org/events/2020/04/09/training -course/economic-development-ethics/

#### Water for Texas 20/20 Conference

Sept. 20-30 2020

AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center Austin, Texas

https://waterfortexas.twdb.texas.gov/2020/

# **Grant Opportunities**

#### **TxCDBG**

is available. These funding programs are:

- Downtown Revitalization / Main Street Programs; GOOGLE PLAY or the APP STORE! Fire, Ambulance, and Service Truck (FAST) Fund.
- Planning & Capacity Building (PCB) Fund; and Colonia Fund Construction, Secondary Round
- Grant applications for the final round of Texas Capital Fund.
- Real Estate & Infrastructure (RE/Infra) Program will continue to be due to TDA no later than May 1, 2020. https://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/ RuralEconomicDevelopment/ RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/ CDBGAnnouncements.aspx

#### **Did You Know?**

TxCDBG Announcements Due to the National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak and restrictions on personal interactions, the Office of Environment and Energy (OEE) is expanding the options for public review of the Environmental Review Record.

## **Available Resources**

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) has created an RDO COVID-19 Resource Center website to provide advocacy updates and share resources relevant to RDOs during this challenging time.

https://www.nado.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ March-27-FINAL.pdf

Centex Trails is an all new app launched in January of 2020 designed specifically for trails in Bell County, Texas. The purpose of the app is to promote use of public, recreational facilities in the region. The app showcases trails from Copperas Cove to Temple with maps, difficulty levels, and guides to trail amenities. Users of the app can log their progress, engage in friendly competitions with Grant application deadlines for 4 funding programs will friends and family, and even earn prizes for using the app be delayed - a new deadline will be announced via and completing trails. Use the QR code in the image below listserv and TDA's website when additional information to start earning points towards becoming a Trail Master today! DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION TODAY from

# **Central Texas Highlights**

Killeen and Temple were awarded a total of \$1,786,282 in federal grants to help recover from the economic fallout of the novel coronavirus outbreak. The funding was appropriated by Congress last month, and comes through the Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the CARES Act. This grant may be used for a range of eligible activities that prevent and respond to the spread of COVID-19.

https://www.cornyn.senate.gov/content/news/ background-coronavirus-relief-bill