

**Economic Development Regional  
Highlights and Events Newsletter**  
12/01/2020

### 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

#### Assisting Budding Entrepreneurs

Dec. 7-8, 2020 9:00am-5:00pm CST  
Killeen Civic and Conference Center  
3601 South W.S. Young Drive  
Killeen, TX 76542  
[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### 2020 Solutions Summit: Blueprint to Restore Economic Security for Working Families

Dec. 7-11, 2020 1:00pm-2:00m CST  
Registration Fee: Free  
[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### TML Economic Development Conference (Virtual)

Dec. 10, 2020  
[Click Here!](#) for more information.

### Central Texas Highlights

**Nolanville Faith Outreach Center**, is opening its first Safety-net Community Clinic; in 2021. These clinics will provide free services facilitated by volunteer healthcare professionals to uninsured patients and offer a number of benefits to health systems. For more information [Click Here!](#)

### Pathways20 College and Career Experience

Central Texas Students, grades 9-12 can visit with representatives from colleges, businesses and military. This virtual event will be held on December 3, 2020 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. [Click Here!](#) To register.

### Did You Know?

#### A New Focus on Housing

Housing advocates are hopeful that housing affordability will become a renewed priority next year. They have plans to enact zoning reform, provide legal assistance for tenants facing eviction, boost the housing stock, expand housing vouchers for low-income residents and invest \$640 billion over a decade. The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule (AFFH) created to fight racial disparities in suburban areas; is said to be reinstated along with a new law requiring states receiving federal community development or transportation grants to develop a strategy for inclusionary zoning. [Click Here!](#) To read more.

### What To Do With Unused 2020 Economic Development Budgets

2021 is likely to be an even leaner budget year because EDOs budgets are funded by sources negatively impacted by COVID-19 such as business and property taxes. So, another consideration is identifying and spending budget on items that can fund multi-year initiatives. This is a preventative measure in anticipation of even less budget being available next year. [Click Here!](#) To read six effective economic development initiatives that can be implemented by redeploying unused 2020 budget.