

**Economic Development Grants,  
Resources, and Webinars Newsletter**  
6/10/2021

### Upcoming Events

#### USDA Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households

Applications are ongoing

[Click Here!](#) To apply.

#### Workforce Development Toolbox Talk Webinar

June 16, 2021 2:00pm CDT

Registration Fee: Free

[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### Texas 2021: Leading Sustainable Transformations in our Communities Virtual Conference

June 29-July 1, 2021

Registration Fee: \$99

[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### Texas Mainstreet Designation

Applications due July 30, 2021

[Click Here!](#) To apply.

#### 2021 Texas Groundwater Summit

Hyatt Regency Hill Country

San Antonio, Tx

Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2021

Registration Fee: \$375

[Click Here!](#) To register.

### Other Resources

#### The Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP),

is designed to address deficiencies in community infrastructure, supportive of a military installation, in order to enhance military value, installation resilience, and military family quality of life. DCIP is authorized under Public Law 115-232 Section 2861. The program authorizes the Secretary of Defense to make grants, conclude cooperative agreements, and supplement funds available under other Federal programs in support of the program. [Click Here!](#) for the full opportunity on grants.gov. Complete proposals must be submitted through Grants.gov by 5 p.m. PDT on July 12, 2021.

### Open Meetings Acts Training

Members of a governmental body subject to the Open Meetings Act (OMA) are required to participate in education training sessions pursuant to section 551.005 of the Texas Government Code. The training requirement applies to all elected or appointed officials who participate in meetings subject to the OMA. CTCOG will be hosting a virtual certificate training, with Jennie Hoelscher from the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, on July 13, 2021 from 9:00am to 11:00am CDT. To register please email Helen Owens at helen.Owens@ctcog.org

### 5 Year CEDS Update

The MRB Group and DDCT will be hosting a regional CEDS committee workshop to update the regions 5 year CEDS plan; on June 17, 2021 from 10:00am-12:00pm CDT. To register for this event please email Anna Barge at Anna.Barge@ctcog.org.

### Funding Opportunities

#### Notice of Funding Opportunity for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes federal funds available through the new Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) grant program to states, local communities, tribes and territories (SLTTs) for pre-disaster mitigation activities. BRIC is a new FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that replaces the existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program. The BRIC priorities are to:

- incentivize public infrastructure projects;
- incentivize projects that mitigate risk to one or more lifelines;
- incentivize projects that incorporate nature-based solutions; and,
- incentivize adoption and enforcement of modern building codes.

The Fiscal Year 2020(FY20) BRIC NOFO can be accessed [Here!](#) FEMA encourages reviewing the BRIC NOFO before applying, as it provides detailed program information and other grant application and administration requirements.