

**Economic Development Grants,
Resources, and Webinars Newsletter**
6/22/2021

Upcoming Events

USDA Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households

Applications are ongoing

[Click Here!](#) To apply.

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.

Virtual ED Sales Tax Workshop

Aug. 13-27, 2021

Registration Fee: \$175

[Click Here!](#) To register.

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

TEDC Community Development Award

Open for Nominations

Awards are presented annually to a Texas community for a project or program that exemplifies an outstanding achievement in economic development. The applicant must be a TEDC member submitting the nomination on behalf of their organization/community. Applications are due August 13, 2021. [Click Here!](#) To view application.

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 August 10, 2021 from 10:00am-12:00pm CDT. To register for this event please email Anna Barge at Anna.Barge@ctcog.org.

Funding Opportunities

Build Back Better

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced an investment of up to \$1 billion, including \$500 million in American Rescue Plan funding, in The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) to support and expand the emergency food network so states, food banks and local organizations can reliably serve their communities. Building on lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, USDA will enter into cooperative agreements with state, Tribal and local entities to more efficiently purchase food from local producers and invest in infrastructure that enables partner organizations to more effectively reach underserved communities. [Click Here!](#) To read more.