

**Economic Development Grants,
Resources, and Webinars Newsletter**
7/13/2021

Upcoming Events

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

Applications are ongoing
[Click Here!](#) To apply.

Central Texas Women-Owned Business Webinar

Jul 14, 2021 11:00am CDT
Registration Fee: Free
[Click Here!](#) To register.

Rubber Modified Asphalt State of Knowledge Webinar

Jul. 22, 2021 10:00am CDT
Registration Fee: Free
[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

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.

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

Funding Opportunities

**Notification of Funding for Credit Assistance Under the
Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)
Program**

Congress provided \$54.5 million in budget authority for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 (WIFIA) program to cover the subsidy required to provide a much larger amount of credit assistance. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) estimates that this budget authority may provide approximately \$5.5 billion in credit assistance and may finance approximately \$11 billion in water infrastructure investment. The submittal period ends July 29, 2021. [Click Here!](#) For more information.

**National Park Service 2021 Outdoor Recreation Legacy
Partnership Program (ORLP)**

The purpose of the ORLP is to provide grants to acquire and/or develop public lands for outdoor recreation purposes consistent with the purposes of the LWCF. The NPS will entertain project proposals ranging from \$300,000 to \$5,000,000 each. Projects must have matching funds and partners. Funding for eligible projects can be used to acquire and/or develop land to create new, or reinvigorate existing, public parks and other outdoor recreation spaces in neighborhoods that are economically disadvantaged and are under-served or lacking in such opportunities. [Click Here!](#) To apply.