

**Economic Development Grants,
Resources, and Webinars Newsletter**
8/10/2021

Upcoming Events

USDA Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households

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

MRB Group's Roundtable Discussion on the Use of ARPA Funds

Aug. 11, 2021 4:00pm-5:00pm CDT
303 W. Calhoun
Temple TX, 76501
Registration Fee: Free
[Click Here!](#) To register.

CTCOG and EDA for an overview of Investing in America's Communities Notice of Funding Opportunities

Aug. 12, 2021 2:00pm-3:30pm CDT
Please join meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/241556749>
You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: [+1 \(224\) 501-3412](tel:+12245013412)
Access Code: 241-556-749

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.

2021 SWREDA Conference

Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas
3303 S Pinnacle Hills Pkwy
Sept. 1-3, 2021
Registration Fee: \$395
[Click Here!](#) To register.

Other Resources

EDA's American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge, aims to get Americans back to work by building and strengthening systems and partnerships that bring together employers who have hiring needs with other key entities to train workers with in-demand skills that lead to good-paying jobs. EDA is allocating \$500 million to collaborative skills training systems and programs. For more information [Click Here!](#)

Funding Opportunities

EPA Brownfields Job Training Grants

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver Brownfields Job Training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field. Applications due October 5, 2021. For more information [Click Here!](#)

EDA

Through the Travel, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation program, EDA is focused on accelerating the recovery of communities that rely on the travel, tourism and outdoor recreation sectors. \$750 million of EDA's American Rescue Plan funds are allocated to support the following efforts:

- State Tourism Grants: \$510 million in non-competitive awards to help states quickly invest in marketing, infrastructure, workforce and other projects to rejuvenate safe leisure, business and international travel.
- Competitive Grants: \$240 million to help communities that have been hardest hit by challenges facing the travel, tourism and outdoor recreation sectors to invest in infrastructure, workforce or other projects to support the recovery of the industry and economic resilience of the community in the future.

For more information [Click Here!](#)