

**Economic Development Regional
Highlights and Events Newsletter**
8/3/2021

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

USDA Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households

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

USDA Rural Development Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

Aug. 4, 2021 1:00pm-2:00pm CDT
Registration Fee: Free
[Click Here!](#) To register.

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](tel:241-556-749)

Central Texas Highlights

Tree Tribute Program

This program is designed to allow organizations or individuals an opportunity to commemorate an event through the perpetual growth of a tree. Modeled after successful programs from across the country, the City of Nolanville Tree Tribute program can fit most any need. [Click Here!](#) To learn more.

Did You Know?

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.

USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. [Click Here!](#) To learn more.

Telecommunications Program, provides reduced rates to rural health care providers (HCPs) for telecommunications and voice services for the use of telemedicine and telehealth. Eligible services are discounted at the difference in cost between urban and rural areas in your state. [Click Here!](#) For more information.

Texas Parks and Wildlife

Recreation Grants has been assisting hundreds of communities across Texas with their outdoor recreation needs since 1965 through our grant assistance and outreach programs. These programs help to build new parks, conserve natural resources, provide access to water bodies, develop educational programs for youth, and much more. [Click Here!](#) To view all grants.