

**Economic Development Grants,  
Resources, and Webinars Newsletter**  
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### Upcoming Events

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

Applications are ongoing  
[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.

#### 2021 SWREDA Conference

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

#### 2021 National Recreation and Park Association Hybrid Conference

Nashville, Tn  
Sept. 21-23, 2021  
[Click Here!](#) To register and view registration packages.

#### TWDB Water for Texas 2021 Conference

AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center  
1900 University Ave  
Austin, Tx  
Sept. 27-29, 2021  
Registration Fee: see website for prices  
[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### TEDC 2021 Annual Conference

The Worthington Renaissance Hotel  
200 Main St.  
Forth Worth, Tx  
Oct. 13-15, 2021  
Registration Fee: \$500-\$600  
[Click Here!](#) To register.

### Other Resources

#### American Planning Association

Planning for Infrastructure offers planners guidance in helping their communities consider new climate and flood realities in the comprehensive and capital improvements planning processes. The report offers planners a road map, starting with preparation and planning. It introduces data and tools to help understand the risks of future flooding. Explore the vulnerability assessment process and get guidance in integrating that information into plans and policies. [Click Here!](#) To read more.

APA proudly supports the new **Coalition for Urban Innovation**, an effort to advance federal policies that would empower planners to increase sustainability and equity in our cities through technology and innovation. Read the coalition letter, [Here!](#), and learn how federal support and investment can transform planning in urban communities across the country.

### Funding Opportunities

#### Economic Development Administration

EDA investments catalyze strategic, regionally-focused plans to build strong economic ecosystems that will support entrepreneurship and business growth, enhance and grow their existing economic assets, and create well-paying jobs in growing sectors. By investing in bottom-up regional economic development EDA helped communities devise new, well-thought-out, sustainable strategies based on their unique assets. [Click Here!](#) To learn more.

EDA, launched the STEM Talent Challenge to support programs to train science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) talent and fuel regional innovation economies across the nation. The \$2 million STEM Talent Challenge will provide funding for work-and-learn programs to increase America's STEM-capable workforce in emerging and transformative sectors such as space commerce, aeronautics, digital manufacturing, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing and cybersecurity. [Click Here!](#) To read more.