

### Upcoming Events

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

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

#### **Connection Minority Communities Webinar 6a**

Sept. 22, 2021 1:30pm-3:00pm CDT  
Registration Fee: Free  
[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### **Connecting Minority Communities Webinar 6b**

Sept. 23, 2021 1:30pm-3:00pm CDT  
Registration Fee: Free  
[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### **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.

#### **TML Annual Conference News**

Oct. 6-8, 2021  
George R. Brown Convention Center  
10001 Avenida De Las Americas  
Houston, Tx 77010  
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

**Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program**, is a \$268 million grant program to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) for the purchase of broadband internet access service and eligible equipment or to hire and train information technology personnel. [Click Here!](#) To learn more.

**SBA**, is offering financial assistance for the severe winter storms. The Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) is a working capital loan to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. Applications are due November 20, 2021. [Click Here!](#) To learn 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

#### **Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants**

The program provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing. Applications for Grants of \$20,000 or Less and Loan/Grant of \$20,000 or Less Combo Applications due by Nov. 1, 2021, or March 31, 2022. [Click Here!](#) To learn more.