

**Economic Development Grants,  
Resources, and Webinars Newsletter**  
9/7/2021

### Upcoming Events

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

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

#### Parks as Community Infrastructure During and Beyond the Pandemic

Sept. 9, 2021 12:00p.m. CDT  
Registration Fee: Free  
[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) Programs and No-Cost Resources Webinar

Sept. 16, 2021 9:30a.m.-11:00a.m. CDT  
Registration Fee: Free  
[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

#### Hazard Mitigation Guide

The policies embraced in APA's newly revised Hazard Mitigation Policy Guide position planners to champion a new approach to hazard mitigation, adaptation, and recovery thinking centered on equity and established research for resiliency standards, man-made disasters, and natural disasters. [Click Here!](#) To download your copy now.

#### 2022 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards

TCEQ is Celebrating the bold efforts of citizens, communities, businesses, and organizations to preserve and protect the Texas environment.. They are now accepting applications for the 2022 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards. Applications are due by Friday, September 24, 2021. [Click Here!](#) To apply.

#### Texas Demographic Center

The U.S. Census Bureau released the 2020 Census Demographic Data Map Viewer (Map Viewer). The Map Viewer includes population counts, population change, race and ethnicity, housing, and group quarters total population data for states, counties, and census tracts. The Texas Demographic Center is a great source to help you navigate 2020 Census data products and applications. They created interactive tools and visualizations at the county and place level on the Tableau platform. You can access our applications [Here!](#)

### Funding Opportunities

#### Emergency Rural Health Care Grant Program

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provides the Rural Housing Service Community Facilities (CF) Program up to \$500 million in grant funding for eligible applicants and eligible facilities to help broaden access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines, health care services including telehealth services, food assistance through food banks and food distribution facilities, and collaborative, evidence-based support for the long-term sustainability of rural health care. [Click Here!](#) To learn more.