

### Upcoming Events

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

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

#### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Oct. 23, 2021 9:00-2:00pm CDT  
3210 E. Ave. H  
Temple, Tx

#### Brownfields Technical Assistance Webinar

Oct. 25, 2021 12:00pm-1:30pm CDT  
Registration Fee: Free  
[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### 2023 Texas Freight Mobility Plan Virtual Energy Sector Workshop

Oct. 25, 2021 1:00pm-3:00pm CDT  
Registration Fee: Free  
[Click Here!](#) To register for the all the courses

#### Rural and Small Town Downtown Revitalization Summit (Virtual)

Oct. 26, 2021  
Registration Fee: Free  
[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### Basic Economic Development Course

Oct. 26-29, 2021  
Embassy Suites  
600 Commerce St.  
Fort Worth, Tx  
Registration Fee: \$700  
[Click Here!](#) To register.

### Other Resources

#### America's Healthy Food Financing Initiative

The Reinvestment Fund Health Food Financing Initiative (HFFI) is offering up to \$200,000 for food retail and food enterprises working to improve access to healthy foods in underserved areas, to create and preserve quality jobs, and to revitalize low-income communities. Grants are designed to be one-time investments of capital into a food retail or food enterprise project in order to address higher costs and initial barriers to entry in underserved rural and urban areas. Grants could assist projects with a variety of aspects of project development, renovation, and/or expansion. Letters of intent are due December 7, 2021. [Click Here!](#) To learn more.

### Funding Opportunities

#### Environmental Protection Agency

EPA's Brownfields grant program is seeking applications to address environmental contamination by providing funds to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse vacant, underutilized, and contaminated sites. Grant funds may be used to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum) and petroleum. Applications are due December 1, 2021. [Click Here!](#) To view opportunities.

#### USDA

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Grants for Buses & Bus Facilities program is offering up to \$40 million to replace, rehabilitate, purchase or lease buses or related equipment, and rehabilitate, purchase, construct or lease bus-related facilities. Additionally, recipients are permitted to use up to 0.5% of their requested grant award for workforce development activities. Competitive applications should address significant repair and maintenance needs and improve the safety of transit systems. Application are due November 19, 2021. [Click Here!](#) To apply.