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# **Economic Development Regional Highlights and Events Newsletter** 11/30/2021

### **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**

Impact of COVID-19 on Organizations Serving Low to **Moderate Income Communities** 

Dec.2, 2021, 2:00-3:00 PM CDT **Registration Fee: Free** Click Here! To register

ARPA Usage Series with Esri and NACo: Broadband

Dec.8, 2021 12:00-1:00 PM CDT **Registration Fee: Free** Click Here! To Register

# **ReConnect Program Application Intake System** Webinar

Dec.8,15, 2021 1:00-2:30 PM CDT **Registration Fee: Free** Click Here! To Register

## **Public Comment on Texas Water Development Board** Due Dec.15, 2021 **Registration Fee: Free**

Click Here! For More Information

#### **USDA Rural Development Single Close Construction**

Dec.8, 2021 1:00 PM CDT **Registration Fee: Free Click Here!** To Access

### **Central Texas Highlights**

### **Connected Nation Community Action Plan for Lampasas** and San Saba Counties

A Technology Action Plan developed by Connected Nation Texas (CN Texas) has been presented to both Lampasas and San Saba counties following a broadband survey. Residents took part in a survey designed to determine the availability of internet infrastructure; how they are adopting and using broadband services; and what steps would have the greatest impact toward improving broadband access, adoption, and use across local community sectors. The feedback from residents, business owners, and community leaders played an integral role in the development of the Technology Action Plan. The recommended broadband goals for both counties are to:

- Improve healthcare in Lampasas and San Saba counties by increasing telehealth services and expanding access to medical assistance
- Increase online engagement in Lampasas and San Saba counties through free digital literacy and communication workshops.
- Increase broadband availability and speeds in Lampasas and San Saba counties through strategic partnerships.

For more information, Click Here!

#### **Did You Know?**

## **USDA Community Food Projects Competitive Grants** Program

USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (CFPCGP) is soliciting applications to fund two types of grants up to \$400,000. The types are entitled Community Food Projects (CFP) and Planning Projects (PP). CFPs are designed to create community-based food projects with objectives, activities and outcomes that are in alignment with CFPCGP's primary goals.

To Apply, Click Here!