

**Economic Development Regional  
Highlights and Events Newsletter**

02/25/2022

**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**

**International Economic Development Council:  
Planning for Economic Recovery**

Mar.2, 12:00-4:00 PM CDT

Registration Fee: Free

[Click Here!](#) To Register

**FCC Digital Health Symposium: Advancing  
Broadband Connectivity as a Social  
Determinant of Health**

Mar.3, 2022, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM CDT

Registration Fee: Free

[Click Here!](#) To Access

**IJA Broadband Programs Pre-NOFO  
Technical Assistance Webinar**

Mar.9, 2022, 1:30-3:00 PM CDT

Registration Fee: Free

[Click Here!](#) To Access

**Central Texas Housing Summit**

Mar.29, 2022, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM CDT

Registration Fee: Free

[Click Here!](#) To Register

**County Levers to Drive Economic  
Mobility: How Counties Are Increasing  
the Prosperity of their Residents**

Mar.3, 2:00-3:00 PM CDT

Registration Fee: Free

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**Central Texas Highlights**

**Rural Internship Program**

The Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) in partnership with the DDCT's annual Rural Internship Program is now accepting applications for 2022! The Rural Internship Program awards \$500 scholarships to economic development entities, including Chambers of Commerce and Departments of Tourism for the internship of high school Juniors or Seniors in their local area. Students will gain hands-on experience promoting economic development in rural communities, and in turn, the communities will benefit through a bolstering of their economic development efforts and the cultivation of future ambassadors for rural Central Texas. Student Interns must be:

- A Junior or Senior in their high school
- Live in a rural community with a population of 20,000 or less based on the 2010 US Census
- Demonstrate civic awareness and community involvement
- Maintain an A or B GPA before and during the internship
- Have written recommendation from a school administrator
- Have two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers

The deadline to apply is Apr.1, with awardees being selected on Apr.8.

Applications can be found [here!](#)

**Did You Know?**

**USDA Rural Energy Pilot Program**

Funding from the Rural Energy Pilot (REPP) grant can be used to support community energy planning, capacity building, technical assistance, efficiency, installation, and more. The grant term is for three years, and successful applicants may receive up to 80% of total eligible project costs, not to exceed \$2 million. Eligible applicants to this program are Rural Energy Community Partnerships comprised of non-profit, state, or municipalities.

Letter of Intent Deadline: April 19, 2022

For More Information, [Click Here!](#)