

**Economic Development Grants,  
Resources, and Webinars Newsletter**  
07/07/2022

**Upcoming Events**

**Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program-  
Interested in Applying?**

Jul.14, 2022, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, [click here!](#)

**Designing Road Diets as a Tool for Walkability and  
Community Revitalization**

Jul.14, 2022, 12:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, [click here!](#)

**Small Town Summit Session 3: CTCOG Resources**

Jul.14, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, [click here!](#)

**How to Choose the Right Broadband Technology for  
Your Community**

Jul.20, 2022, 1:00– 2:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, [Click Here](#)

**Navigating “Buy America” for New Federal  
Infrastructure Grants and Latest Grant Updates**

Jul.21, 2022, 1:00 –2:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, [Click Here](#)

**Grants Management Series: Risk Management and  
Mitigation for Federal Grants**

July 21, 2:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, [Click Here](#)

**Entrepreneurial & Small Business Development  
Strategies Course**

Jul.28-29, 2022, 10:00 AM-4:30 PM

Registration Fee: Members-\$650

Nonmembers-\$805

To register, [click here!](#)

**Other Resources**

**USDA Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC)**

USDA is increasing RPIC funding to up to \$4 million to assist more rural communities access placemaking assistance. The previous funding level was \$3 million. USDA is inviting eligible entities to apply for up to \$250,000 to help rural and Tribal communities create plans to enhance capacity for high-speed internet access, preserve cultural and historic structures, and support development in transportation, housing and recreational spaces. This technical assistance will help communities convene partners and identify community needs to develop placemaking plans. Eligible entities are

- Institutions of higher education including 1862 Land-Grant Institutions, 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, 1994 Land-Grant Institutions, Hispanic-Serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities;
- Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status;
- Public bodies; or
- Small private entities

The entities must support participating rural communities for up to two years. Deadline to apply is Aug.15, 2022.

For more information, click [here!](#)

**Funding Opportunities**

**Texas Travel Industry Recovery Grant Program**

The Office of the Governor announced the launch of this new recovery program, which began accepting applications July 6, 2022. The purpose of this program is to provide grants to Texas businesses in the tourism, travel, and hospitality industry that were negatively impacted due to COVID-19. This program will issue a one-time grant of up to \$20,000 to eligible businesses in the following industries: arts, entertainment, and recreation; food services and drinking places; traveler accommodation; RV parks and recreational camps; traveler arrangement and reservation services; convention and tradeshow organizers; breweries; wineries; and distilleries. Deadlines based on industry.

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