

**Economic Development Grants,  
Resources, and Webinars Newsletter**  
09/29/2022

**Upcoming Events**

**Avoiding the Potholes in the Road to Fleet  
Electrification**

Sep.29, 2022, 1:00-2:00 PM  
Registration Fee: Free  
To register, click [here](#)

**How to Apply for a SMART Grant**

Sep.29, 2022, 1:30-3:00 PM  
Registration Fee: Free  
To attend, click [here](#)

**Broadband Learning Forum: Rural Broadband Operators  
Hosted by Digital Texas**

Oct.5, 2022, 10:00 AM  
Registration Fee: Free  
To attend, click [here](#)

**Better Together: Building Effective Intergovernmental  
Partnerships**

Oct.5, 2022, 12:00-1:30 PM  
Registration Fee: Members: \$149  
Non-Members: \$249  
To attend, click [here](#)

**DDCT Board Meeting**

Oct.6, 2022, 9:30-11:00 AM  
Registration Fee: Free  
To attend, click [here](#)  
To view the agenda, click [here](#)

**Broadband Development Office (BDO) Monthly  
Roundtable**

Oct.13, 2022, 10:00 AM  
Registration Fee: Free  
To attend, click [here](#)

**Small Town Summit Session 7: Updating Infrastructure  
Without Breaking the Bank-Part 2**

Oct.26, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM  
Registration Fee: Free  
To register, click [here](#)

**Other Resources**

**Texas Veterans Commission General Assistance Grants**

The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) will open its FY 2023-24 round of grant funding for veterans on Sep.30, 2022. One of the five programs TVC will provide funding for is the General Assistance Program. This will provide grants of up to \$500,000 to local governments, non-profits, and veteran services organization for employment support, financial assistance such as one time utility or rental assistance, shelter programs and temporary housing, pro-bono legal services, transportation services, and entrepreneurship and small business training programs. Deadline to apply is Nov.30, 2022. For more information, click [here!](#)

**Funding Opportunities**

**USDA Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program**

The USDA's Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) for FY 2023 provides loans and grants to a non-profit entity, or public institutions of higher education as a Microenterprise Development Organization (MDO) to establish revolving loan funds to provide loans to rural microenterprises and micro entrepreneurs. Loan funds are used by the MDO to establish or recapitalize a revolving loan program for making microloans to a rural microentrepreneur business. Grant funds are used by the MDO to provide technical assistance and entrepreneurship training to rural individuals and businesses. Maximum awards are \$500,000 for loans, and \$100,000 for grants. Match is 15-25%. Next quarterly deadline is Dec.31, 2022. For More Information and to apply, [Click Here!](#)

**USDA Intermediary Relending Program**

The USDA's Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) for FY 2023 provides low-interest loans to local lenders or "intermediaries" that re-lend the funds to businesses to improve economic conditions and create new opportunities in rural communities. Eligible applicants include private non-profit corporations, public agencies, or a cooperative entity, identified as eligible intermediary. Maximum loan amounts are expected to be \$1 million. Match will be 25% minimum. Next deadline Dec.31, 2022. For More Information and to apply, [Click Here!](#)