

**Economic Development Grants,  
Resources, and Webinars Newsletter**  
12/21/2022

**Upcoming Events**

**RBCS REAP IRA Stakeholder Call**

Dec.21, 2:00 PM  
Registration Fee: Free  
To register, click [here!](#)

**Broadband Development Office Public Hearing on  
Proposed Rules**

Dec.28, 2:00 PM  
Registration Fee: Free  
To attend, click [here!](#)

**DDCT Meeting**

2180 N. Main Street  
Belton, TX, 76513  
Conference Room D8  
Jan.5, 9:30-11:00 AM  
Registration Fee: Free

**DRGR Workshop for Disaster Recovery**

Jan.10-12, 1:00-4:30 PM  
Registration Fee: Free  
To register, click [here!](#)

**TML Legislative Webinar #1: Preview - What's Ahead for  
Texas Cities**

Jan.12, 10:30 AM  
Registration Fee: \$45  
To register, click [here!](#)

**Leveraging Value Capture with Federal Innovative  
Finance Programs**

Jan.19, 12:00-2:00 PM  
Registration Fee: Free  
To attend, click [here](#)

**data.census.gov Workshops:  
Basics of Using the Microdata Access Tool**

Jan.6, 9:00-12:00 PM  
Registration Fee: Free  
To register, click [here!](#)

**Other Resources**

**FCC Map Challenge Process**

The FCC released its initial version of the National Broadband Map on Nov. 18 and has opened the map challenge process. The publicly available map displays location-by-location views of high-speed internet availability across the country, as reported by Internet Service Providers to the FCC. State, local and tribal governments, third parties (such as other internet service providers or public interest groups), and consumers may challenge the map's accuracy on a rolling basis. The Broadband Development Office strongly encourages entities to provide feedback by **Jan.13**. For more information on how to begin the challenge process, click [here](#) and [here!](#)

**Funding Opportunities**

**State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)  
Program**

The SWIFT program helps communities develop and optimize water supplies at cost-effective rates. The program provides low-interest financing, extended repayment terms, deferral of repayments, and incremental repurchase terms for projects with state ownership aspects. It also includes additional interest rate subsidies for rural and agricultural projects. To be eligible for SWIFT program financial assistance, projects must be recommended in the 2022 State Water Plan. Political subdivisions of the State and nonprofit water supply corporations are eligible to apply. Eligible projects must be:

- Recommended water management strategy projects with an associated capital cost in the most recently adopted state water plan at the time abridged applications are due to the TWDB for consideration
- Projects include conservation and reuse, desalinating groundwater and seawater, building new pipelines, developing reservoirs and well fields, and purchasing water rights, as well as numerous other strategies

Abridged Application Deadline is Feb.1

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