

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND EVENTS NEWSLETTER

CENTRAL TEXAS HIGHLIGHTS

May 10, 2023

20th Annual Texas Steak Cookoff

Hico will be holding its 20th Annual Texas Steak Cookoff on **May.20th, 9:00 AM-7:30 PM!** on May.19th there will be a cookoff kickoff block party in downtown Hico including a Burger Bash and street dance! The festivities continue the next day with a wine tasting, concert performances, shopping, and of course steaks cooked by chefs all over the southwest with a competition awarding the top ten steaks and appetizers! Tickets are \$40-45 for the steak dinner, \$20 for appetizer only, \$30 for the wine tasting, and \$150 for VIP dinner tickets.

Historic Downtown Hico, Hamilton County
May.19: 6:00 PM, May.20: 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
To buy tickets, click [here!](#)

Extraco Banks 2023 Extrapreuner Program

The Extraco Banks Extrapreuner grant is now open for businesses to apply! Businesses that submit a video and answer several questions have the opportunity to win up to \$26,000 and business consulting services! This grant will be available for:

Region 1: Coryell, Hamilton and McLennan counties
Region 2: Bell and Williamson counties
Region 3: Brazos County

All finalists will receive \$1,500, the "People's Choice Award" among the finalists will receive an additional \$1,000, and the regional winners will receive \$5,000. The overall winner will receive \$20,000. Deadline to apply is **Jun.16th, 11:59 PM.**

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Community Development Partnership Program

This LCRA service area covers Hamilton, Mills, Coryell, Lampasas, and San Saba counties. The Community Development Partnership Program provides up to \$50,000 grants for local governments, emergency responders and nonprofit organizations to fund capital improvement projects. In the past projects have included emergency equipment for first responders, improvements to fire stations, parks, libraries, and community centers, and energy efficiency improvements. Application periods are every January and July. Next period is **July 1st-31st, 2023.** For more information, click [here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Value Capture Strategies: Incremental Growth Techniques and Case Studies

May.17, 1:00-3:00 PM
Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here!](#)

Broadband Technical Assistance Webinar

May.18, 12:00-1:00 PM
Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here!](#)

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and Long Term Affordability

May.19, 12:00-1:00 PM
Registration Fee: Free
To register, Click [Here!](#)



TARC Grant Budget Webinar

Jun.7, 2:00-3:00 PM
Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here!](#)