

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND WEBINARS NEWSLETTER

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

May 17, 2023

### USDA Broadband Technical Assistance Program

This program offers \$20 million in grants for three separate entities:

- **Technical Assistance Providers:** Applicants must propose to deliver broadband technical assistance that will benefit rural communities. Up to \$7.5 million is available. The minimum award is \$50,000. The maximum is \$1 million.
- **Technical Assistance Recipients:** Applicants must be the recipients of the broadband technical assistance. Up to \$7.5 million is available. The minimum award is \$50,000. The maximum is \$250,000.
- **Projects Supporting Cooperatives:** Applicants must propose projects that support the establishment or growth of broadband cooperatives that will benefit rural communities. Up to \$5 million is available. The minimum award is \$50,000. The maximum is \$1 million. There is no match requirement.

Technical assistance can include feasibility studies, completing network designs, and developing broadband financial assistance applications. Eligible applicants include state or local governments, institutes of higher education, non-profits, cooperatives, and LLCs. Eligible areas must have a population of less than 20,000 and not be near an urban area with a population of 50,000 or higher.

Deadline to apply is **Jun.20, 2023**.

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

### DOE Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) Program

This Program offers \$500,000 to \$5 million in grants with technical assistance for clean energy projects that improve overall cost-effectiveness of energy generation, transmission, or distribution systems, Siting or upgrading transmission and distribution lines, developing microgrids, and increasing energy efficiency. Eligible applicants are cities, towns, non-profits, for-profits, and institutes of higher education serving cities, towns, and unincorporated areas with 10,000 or less people. No match required. Deadline for preapplications is **July.13th, 2023**. For more information, click [here!](#)

## OTHER RESOURCES

### Texas Digital Opportunities Surveys

The Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO) has two surveys open for assisting with the development of the Texas Digital Opportunity Plan, which will assist the State with developing policies and funding to address broadband needs. The **Digital Resources Mapping Tool Survey** is for government agencies, nonprofits, experts, practitioners, funders, researchers, and community organizers to describe the existing broadband programs and services, and the **Texas Digital Opportunity Public Survey** is for the BDO to collect information about household experience with broadband accessibility, affordability and adoption. For more information, click [here!](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BDO Monthly Roundtable for local governments and nonprofits

June 1, 10:00 AM

Registration Fee: Free

To attend, 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

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### TARC Grant Budget Webinar

June 7, 2:00-3:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

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