

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND WEBINARS NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

May 31, 2023

EDA Tech Hubs Phase One

The Tech Hubs program was created as part of the CHIPS Act, and has \$10 billion authorized over five years. This program offers up to \$500,000 in grants in FY 2023 for initiatives that strengthen a region's capacity to manufacture, commercialize, and deploy critical technologies. Awards will be made to regions that have the assets, resources, capacity, and potential to transform into globally competitive innovation centers in the next decade while spurring the growth of jobs for American workers of all skill levels. Eligible applicants are consortia which must include AT LEAST one of EACH the following entities:

- Institutions of higher education, and Minority-Serving Institutions;
- State, territorial, local, or other political subdivisions of a State
- Industry or firms in relevant technology, innovation, or manufacturing sectors (EDA encourages two or more firms in the consortium's selected core technology area to be part of the consortium)
- Economic development organizations or similar entities that are focused primarily on improving science, technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, or access to capital; and
- Labor organizations or workforce training organizations, which may include State and local workforce development boards

Phase 1 will be for applications for Strategy Development Grants, which will fund activities such as:

- Identification of regional partnerships for developing and implementing a comprehensive regional technology strategy
- Implementation or updating of assessments to determine regional needs and capabilities
- Development or updating of goals and strategies to implement an existing comprehensive regional plan;
- Identification or implementation of planning, local zoning, and other changes to code, law, or policy necessary to implement a comprehensive regional technology strategy;
- Development of plans for promoting broad-based economic growth, creating good paying jobs, assessing job quality, and helping students and workers gain the skills for jobs in target technology area
- Hiring of the coalition's Regional Innovation Officer (RIO) to lead the overall effort and

Deadline to apply is **August 15th, 2023**.

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

OTHER RESOURCES

DDCT Regional Community Profiles Document

The DDCT has updated its Central Texas Regional Dashboard to include an up to date Community Profiles document. This document showcases an overview of population demographics, median income, location, and economic assets for each of the 32 cities in the CTCOG/DDCT region. The economic assets include information such as proximity to economic drivers, industrial parks, major employers/industry and occupation breakdowns, tax incentives for businesses, and presence of Opportunity Zones, Enterprise Zones, Main Street programs, and other designations that could be attractive to employers. To read the document, click [here!](#) Email dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org with edits as needed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BDO Monthly Roundtable for local governments and nonprofits

June 1, 10:00 AM

Registration Fee: Free

To attend, click [here!](#)

TARC Grant Budget Webinar

June 7, 2:00-3:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, click [here!](#)

Broadband Technical Assistance "Ask Me Anything: BTA" Webinar

June 1, 12:00-1:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

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Economic Recovery Corps - Information Session

June 7th, 3:00-4:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

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