

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND WEBINARS NEWSLETTER

CENTRAL TEXAS HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 28, 2023

Songwriters Showcase at Rockdale's Kay Theatre

July 1st at 7:00 PM come out and enjoy a Songwriters Showcase at Rockdale's Kay Theatre for a night of songs and storytelling! Proceeds from this event will benefit the Vision Historic Preservation Foundation's renovation of the 1895 former Rockdale City Hall! Phase One includes the restoration of the facade and reconstruction of the bell tower. Advance tickets are \$20, and door tickets \$25. Doors will open at 6:00 PM and the music will begin at 7:00 PM.

350 N Main Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

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

DDCT Board Meeting

The next DDCT Board meeting will be held July 6th, 9:30-11:00 AM at CTCOG offices in Belton. This meeting will be open to the public, so if you are interested in seeing what work the Board does, feel free to attend! The Board will be discussing implementation of its five year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and hearing an update on future plans for the Texas A&M University-Central Texas University Research Park. The agenda can be accessed [here](#).

Department of Energy's Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) Program

This program offers \$500,000 to \$5 million in grants 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 those areas with 10,000 or less people. No match required. Deadline for preapplications is **July.13th, 2023**. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Texas SB 1238 and HB 9

These bills passed during the last Texas legislative session expand unserved, underserved, and served areas on the Broadband map based on a new statutory definition that includes latency speeds of 100 ms or less to count as broadband service (SB 1238) and establish the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund-the largest broadband investment in state history (HB 9). For more information, click [here](#) and [here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Creating a Local Workforce: Use of Local and Economic Hiring Provisions

June 29, 12:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here!](#)

Overcoming Common Infrastructure Challenges in Energy Communities: Transportation and Grid Infrastructure

June 29, 1:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here!](#)

Driving Investment in Main Street Redevelopment

July 18, 1:00-2:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here!](#)



TML Small Cities' Problem-Solving Clinics

July 27, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

Texas Municipal Center, Austin
Registration Fee: \$40/person
To register, click [here!](#)

2023 TxCDBG Beginner's Implementation Workshop

July 25-26, 25: 8:30 AM-4:00 PM and 8:30 AM-12:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here!](#)