

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND WEBINARS NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

September 13, 2023

USDA Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grant Program

This Program provides loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small-businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less. Loan guarantees are available up to 75% of eligible project costs and grants up to 50% of project costs. Grant terms are:

Renewable Energy System Grants:

- \$2,500 minimum.
- \$1 million maximum.

Energy Efficiency Grants:

- \$1,500 minimum.
- \$500,000 maximum.

Match is 50-75% depending on certain criteria. Deadline to apply is quarterly, with deadlines coming up in **September 30th, December 31st, and March 31st**. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)

EDA Recompete Program

This Program will award grants of \$250,000-\$500,000 to local governments, political subdivisions of the state, a public entity or non-profit, or a coalition of these entities in Phase One to develop Strategy Development Grants and approve Recompete Plans that address persistent economic distress and support long-term, comprehensive economic development and job creation in places with a high prime-age (25 to 54 years) employment gap. Eligible project areas must either be a Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area with a Prime Age Employment Gap (PAEG) of at least 2.5% and a local community with a PAEG of at least 5% and median income of no more than \$75,000. Deadline to apply is **October 5th, 2023**. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Community Development Partnership Program

This Program offers grants of up to \$50,000 in January and July for capital projects that benefit the entire community. In the past, awards have included emergency equipment for first responders, improvements to fire stations, parks, libraries, and community centers. Lampasas, San Saba, Hamilton, Coryell and Mills counties are both in the LCRA's service area. Recurring Deadlines; Next Application Period is **Jan. 1-31, 2024**. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Coordinating Transportation

September 14th, 1:00 PM
Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here!](#)

Regional

Communicate Value Through Benchmarks and Data

September 21st, 1:00-2:00 PM
Registration Fee: \$299 (Includes Local Demographics webinar)
To register, click [here!](#)



2023 TxCDBG Beginner's Implementation Workshop

October 17-18th, 17th: 8:30am - 4:00pm
18th: 8:30am - 12:00pm
Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here!](#)