

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

CENTRAL TEXAS HIGHLIGHTS

September 20, 2023

7th Annual Bacon, Blues, and Brews Festival

Check out Belton's Bacon, Blues, and Brews Festival for great live entertainment including music performances from a variety of great blues musicians! This two-day festival takes place the last weekend in September in the Historic Bell County Courthouse square and features a bacon cook off between local food trucks.

Friday, September 29th: 5:00-9:00 PM

Saturday, September 30th: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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

Morgan's Point Resort Firehouse Chili Cookoff

Join the Morgan's Point Resort Ladies Auxiliary for the Fire Department for their annual Firehouse Chili Cookoff on **September 23rd, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM!** Enjoy chili tasting, dessert sale, craft booths, and a silent auction. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Best Chili, People's Choice, and Best Cook Area. Entry forms can be found at city hall and on the city website. For more information, [click here!](#)

Kleypas Park

Morgan's Point Resort

Communities Unlimited Lending

Communities Unlimited is a non-profit U.S. Treasury-certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that finances small businesses, water and waste wastewater projects, and community facilities projects for nonprofit corporations and local government entities. Financing for water/community facilities projects will be up to \$750,000 at 6% interest and for small businesses \$1,000-\$100,000 at around 3% interest with a turnaround time on receiving funds of several months. Eligible recipients must serve a significant number of low-income customers and have a population of less than 20,000. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Texas Veterans Commission General Assistance Fund

The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC)'s General Assistance Fund will open for applications for 2024-25 on **October 2nd, 2023**. The General Assistance Fund provides \$5,000-\$300,000 in incremental funding requests to local governments, nonprofit organizations, and Veteran's service organizations for financial assistance, supportive services, homeless veteran support, employment support, transportation programs and services, and small business support. Deadline to apply is **December 4th, 2023**. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Texas Veterans Commission 2024-2025 RFA & Application Webinar

September 20th, 2:00-4:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, click [here!](#)

Communicate Value Through Benchmarks and Data

September 21st, 1:00-2:00 PM

Registration Fee: \$299 (Includes Local Demographics webinar)

To register, click [here!](#)



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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!](#)