

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND WEBINARS NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES September 27, 2023

Communities Unlimited Finance Programs

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. Small Business Loans can be used for working capital, equipment purchase, and business purchase. Community Facilities projects include public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, fire departments and/or fire trucks, safety services, etc. Water and wastewater projects must improve public health and system security, extend service to new customers or improve service to existing customers, and create opportunities for economic development. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)

USDA's Community Wildfire Defense Fund

This program will award up to \$250,000 for planning grants and \$10 million for implementation grants to local governments, special districts, non-profits, and institutes of higher education for planning and mitigating against the risk created by wildfires. Applicants in an area identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential, are low-income, and/or have been impacted by a severe disaster are prioritized. Grants will fund the development, revision, and implementation of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP). Match is 10% for CWPP development projects and 25% for implementation grants. Deadline to apply is **October 31st, 2023**. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

OneStar Foundation AmeriCorps Program

The FY 2024-25 OneStar Foundation AmeriCorps Program provides grants to support the development of an AmeriCorps program and AmeriCorps member positions that engage members in service to meet critical needs in Texas. Project periods are for three years with continuation grants required for the second and third year. Eligible applicants include local governments, ISDs, nonprofits, and institutions of higher education. AmeriCorps VISTA areas include disaster services, economic opportunity, and education. Deadline to apply is **February 1st, 2024**. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

NE APWA NEC Connects Webinar: Grant Writing - How to Get Started
September 28th, 10:00 AM
Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here!](#)

Solving the Workforce Housing Crisis
October 12th, 1:00-2:00 PM
Registration Fee: \$299
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!](#)