

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, RESOURCES, & WEBINARS NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

December 13, 2023

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Rural Economic Development Finance Program Texas Rural Community (TRC) Loan

The TRC loan provides financing to rural political subdivisions including cities, counties, and special purpose districts as well as EDCs to address economic development [riorities, rural economic development, or support the agriculture industry. Unincorporated areas or cities must have a population under 50,000 and counties must have a population under 200,000. Maximum loan amount is \$5 million. Loans can be used to capitalize economic development projects including infrastructure, business recruitment and expansion, community facilities (i.e. healthcare facilities), and any other eligible use that can be identified to improve or assist in rural economic development and/or impact the agricultural industry. Match is at least 10%. Application deadline is rolling.

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

Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Community Development Partnership Program

This program provides grants of up to \$50,00 for capital improvements projects in its service area, including Coryell, Mills, Hamilton, Lampasas, and San Saba counties. Past projects include improvements for fire departments, emergency response centers, community centers, schools, and libraries. Match is 20%. The application period is **January 1-31, 2024.**

FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Proposition 5

On Nov. 7th, Proposition 5 was approved by Texas voters, amending the constitution to redesignate the national research university fund as the Texas University Fund (TUF), and to appropriate up to \$100 million in funds from the economic stabilization fund and \$3.5 billion from the general revenue fund to the TUF. These funds will then be distributed to certain institutes of higher education to to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy. For more information, click [here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

CDBG Over Coffee: Change Orders

December 19, 2023, 1:00-2:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register click [here!](#)

Hiring/Recruiting Best Practices and Tips for 2024

December 21, 2023, 12:00-2:00 PM

Registration Fee: \$145 individual, \$295 group

To register click [here!](#)

Central Texas Entrepreneur Summit

January 30, 2023, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

302 E. 3rd St, Lampasas

Registration Fee: Free

To register click [here!](#)



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Certified Development Professional Boot Camp

January 31, 2023-February 1, 2024, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Registration Fee: \$495

To register click [here!](#)