

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

CENTRAL TEXAS HIGHLIGHTS

January 10, 2024

Leadership Central Texas 2024

Leadership Central Texas is offered by the DDCT to any qualified citizen who lives or works within the seven county-region (Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba) served by the Central Texas Council of Governments. The purpose of Leadership Central Texas is to identify and develop regional leaders and to promote awareness of regional/state leadership opportunities across a variety of fields—from emergency planning and infrastructure to economic development and entrepreneurship. Topics are taught with active participation from leaders across these fields, and participants will be provided leadership style tests and self assessments to assist with development into regional leaders. Each certified attendee will be encouraged to identify leadership opportunities where their individual talents would best be applied to ensure the growth and future well-being of Central Texas.

Program dates are June 20th, July 18th, and August 15th. Graduation will be September 19th, 2024.

Deadline for the 2024 program application is **March 29th, 2024**. For Application submission or questions, please contact Dominic Elizondo at dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org or 254-770-2379. For more information and to apply, go [here!](#)

Rural Internship Program 2024

CTCOG and the DDCT are accepting applications for the DDCT Rural Internship Program for 2024. The Rural Internship Program awards \$1,000 scholarships to economic development entities, including Chambers of Commerce and Departments of Tourism for the internship of high school Juniors or Seniors in their local area. Students will gain hands-on experience promoting economic development in rural communities, and in turn, the communities will benefit through a bolstering of their economic development efforts and the cultivation of future ambassadors for rural Central Texas. Three awards are expected to be made in 2024. Deadline to apply is **March 29th, 2024**. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)

The USDA RBDG is a grant program designed to fund technical assistance, training, and development services for the development or expansion of small and emerging businesses in rural areas with less than 50 employees and not more than \$1 million in annual revenue. Generally, grants range from \$10,000 up to \$500,000. There is no cost sharing requirement. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2024. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

USDA Community Connect Program Webinar

January 11, 12:00-1:30 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register click [here!](#)



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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!](#)

Certified Development Professional Boot Camp

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

Registration Fee: \$495

To register click [here!](#)

BDO Local Government Meeting

February 1, 10:00-11:00 AM

Registration Fee: Free

To attend click [here!](#)