

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND WEBINARS NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

February 28, 2024

TxCDBG Downtown Revitalization Program

This program provides funds for infrastructure improvements needed to address slum or blight in a downtown or main street area. Funds may be provided for uses including the following activities IF they address the existing blighted conditions:

- Sidewalks and lighting;
- Activities required to eliminate architectural barriers for the disabled;
- Water and/or sewer lines;
- Road construction/rehabilitation to include curb and gutter and related drainage;
- Utilities including natural gas and electric;

Eligible applicants are non-entitlement units of local government (cities with 50,000 and counties with 200,000 or less people)-if you are a certified THC Main Street City you can apply for the TxCDBG Main Street version of this program. All infrastructure improvements must be located on public property within the designated downtown district-which typically will meet 2 or more of the following:

- The city's historic area of commerce;
- May be the area around the courthouse or city square;
- Commercial area for the community;
- Buildings of historical significance, but not primarily residential;
- Must be areas included in or contiguous to the economic center of the community; and
- The retail area for the community that does not include single-family dwellings.

The award amount is \$500,000 and there is a minimum \$17,500 (3.5%) cash match. Scoring is out of 85 points, including median household income, unemployment rate, previous funding, LMI population, economic development tax, and match amount. Application deadline is **April 3, 2024**. For more information, and to apply, click [here!](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

AARP Community Challenge

This program provides grants of several hundred dollars to \$50,000 in three different grant categories to fund projects that help communities become more livable for people of all ages-particularly those over 50. Flagship grants are typically \$500-\$50,000 for projects such as improving public spaces, transportation, housing, and digital connection. Capacity Building grants offer \$2,500 and technical assistance for bike and walk audits to improve safety and connectivity as well as HomeFit modifications for elder accessibility. Demonstration grants are up to \$50,000 for projects that enhance digital connectivity and housing choice design competitions. Deadline to apply is **March 6**. For more information and to apply, [click here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Broadband Development Office Board of Advisors Meeting
February 29, 2024, 2:00-3:00 PM
Registration Fee: Free
To attend, click [here!](#)

Central Texas Regional Pathways Council
March 5, 2024, 9:00-10:30 AM
Killeen Career Center

ReConnect Program Webinar: Notice of Funding Opportunity Round 5
March 6, 2024, 12:00-1:30 PM
Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here!](#)



Texas Broadband Development Office Local Government Monthly Meeting
March 7, 2024, 10:00-11:00 AM
Registration Fee: Free
To attend, click [here!](#)

FY 2024 Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) Funding Opportunity
March 12, 2024, 2:00-3:00 PM
Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here!](#)