

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

## CENTRAL TEXAS HIGHLIGHTS

**MARCH 6, 2023**

### 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 29, 2024**. For Application submission or questions, please contact Dominic Elizondo at [dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org](mailto: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

### Apprenticeship Building America, Round 2 (ABA2)

This program awards \$1-8 million grants to county governments, institutes of higher education, cities, non-profits, and workforce development entities to continue to expand, diversify, and strengthen the Registered Apprenticeship system through support for public and private partnerships designed to serve a range of industries and individuals and promote Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs). Required partners include at least two employer sponsors or a trade association that represents at least two employers, and the State Apprenticeship Agency. No cost share is required. Applications are due **April 15, 2024**. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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!](#)



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### 2024 Community / Pre-Application Webinar - Downtown Revitalization Program

March 25, 2024, 2:00-3:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, click [here!](#)