

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK WEBINAR

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NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

April 13-17 is National Community Development Week

- The purpose is to recognize the importance of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- These programs provide affordable housing, public services, infrastructure, and other valuable resources to our community.

Today we'll go over the Texas CDBG program, NCTCOG's Community Development programs, and other programs available for your community to respond to COVID-19.



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

- Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) provides rural communities the tools needed to assist communities and their businesses in prospering.
- TDA administers the [Texas Community Development Block Grant Program](#) (TxCDBG) to assist small cities and rural communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities principally for persons of low- to moderate-income.
- TxCDBG funds community projects such as utility infrastructure, disaster response, and unique local economic development projects.

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG)

The primary objectives:

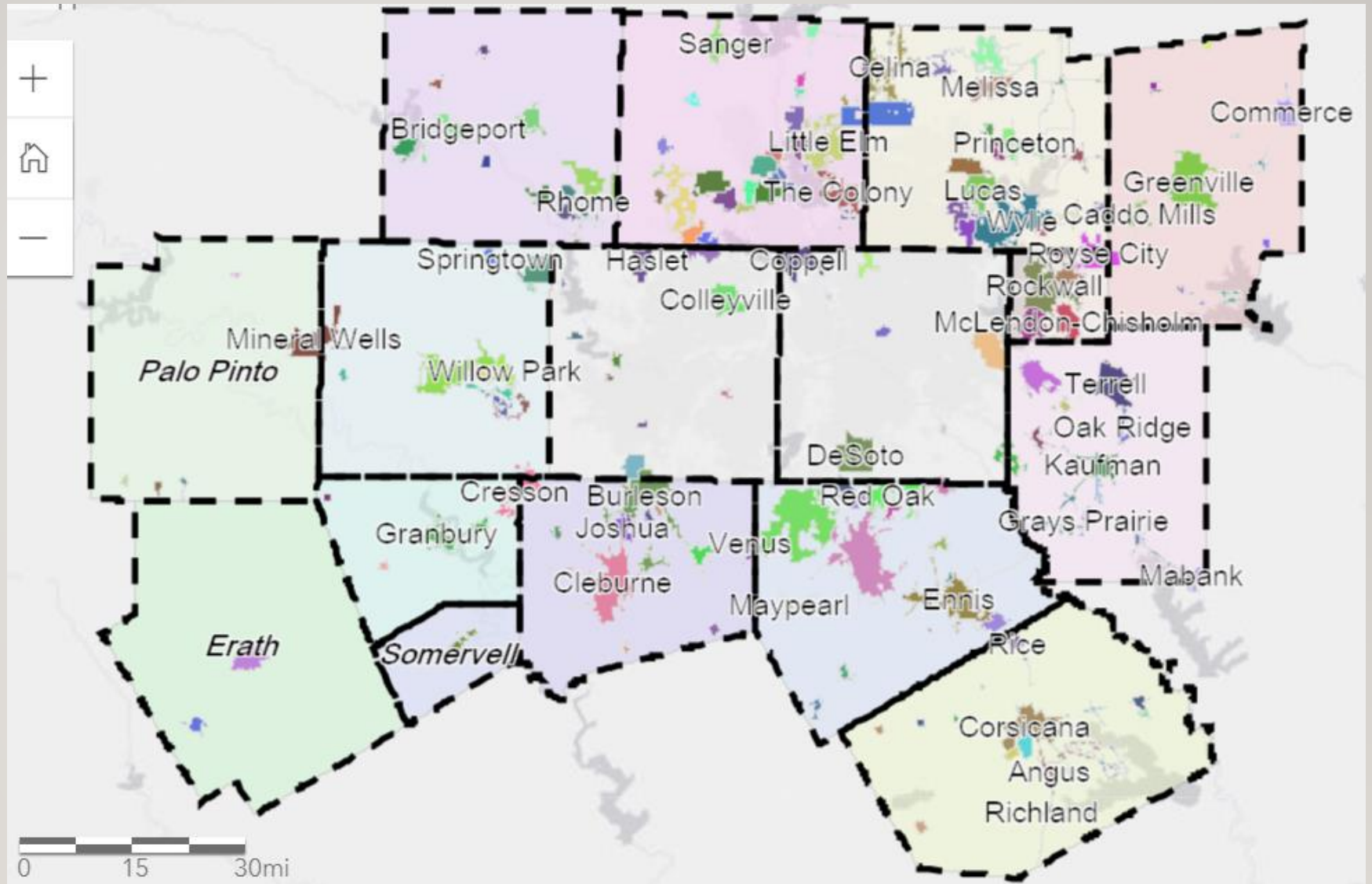
- Develop viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments
- Expand economic opportunities principally for persons of low- to moderate-income

Eligible Applicants:

- Non-entitlement* cities with a population under 50,000
- Non-entitlement* counties with a non-metropolitan population under 200,000

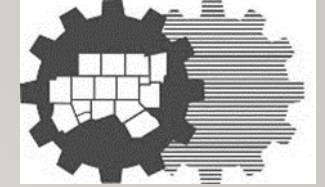
*Non-Entitlement means a community is not designated as eligible for the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Non-Entitlement Communities in North Central Texas



<https://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/community-development>

What is NCTCOG?

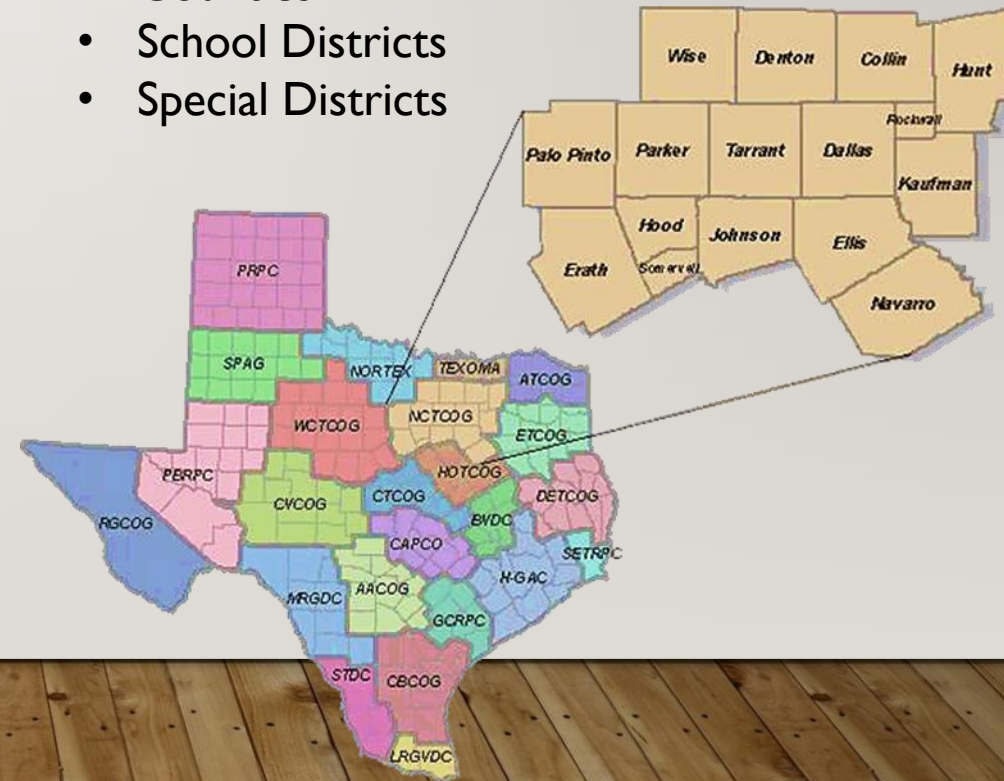


Voluntary association of, by, and for local governments, established in 1966, to help them:

- Plan for common needs
- Strengthen their individual and collective power
- Recognize regional opportunities
- Resolve regional problems
- Make joint decisions/cooperate for mutual benefit

230+ Member Governments

- Cities
- Counties
- School Districts
- Special Districts



PUBLIC WORKS COUNCIL

- Leads the Public Works Program initiatives
- Representatives from across the region
 - 21 standing seats
 - 16 subregion seats
 - 5 private sector seats
- <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/public-works-council>



SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY SUBCOMMITTEE (SPROW)

- Best Management Practices Guidebook
 - Landscape Planning & Vegetation Management (Trees, Irrigation Methods, Maintenance, Vulnerability, etc.)
 - Utilities (Coexisting Types, Franchises, Documentation, Coordinated Needs, etc.)
 - Complete Streets Planning
 - Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development
 - ROW Planning, Administration, and Policy (Fees, Ordinances, Incentives, and Coordination)
- <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/public-works-council/sustainable-public-rights-of-way-subcommittee>



Sustainable Public
Rights of Way

INTEGRATED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT (ISWM)

Design Manual for Site Development and Design Manual for Construction are cooperative initiatives that assist cities and counties to achieve their goals of:

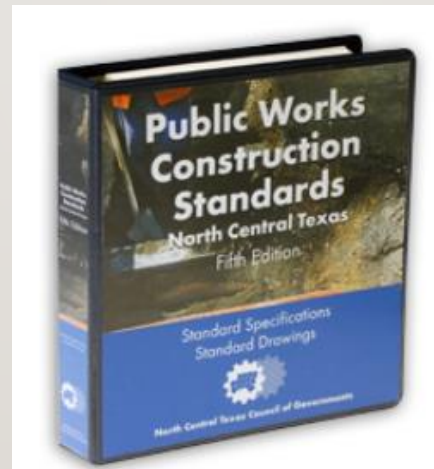
- water quality protection
- streambank protection
- and flood control
- meet their construction and post-construction obligations under state storm water permits

<http://iswm.nctcog.org/>



PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

- Public Works Construction Standards 5th Edition released in 2017
 - Drawings updated by the Standard Drawings Subcommittee
 - <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/construction-standards>



PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING

- Public Works Roundup
 - Sept 17, 2020
 - <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/annual-public-works-roundup>
- Other trainings: Young Inspector's Workshop, Construction Contracts Workshop
- Training Calendar: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/training-calendar>



Public Works
Training Calendar

Learn More

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

NCTCOG provides Technical Assistance for TxCDBG program as part of the NCTCOG's Community Development Program.

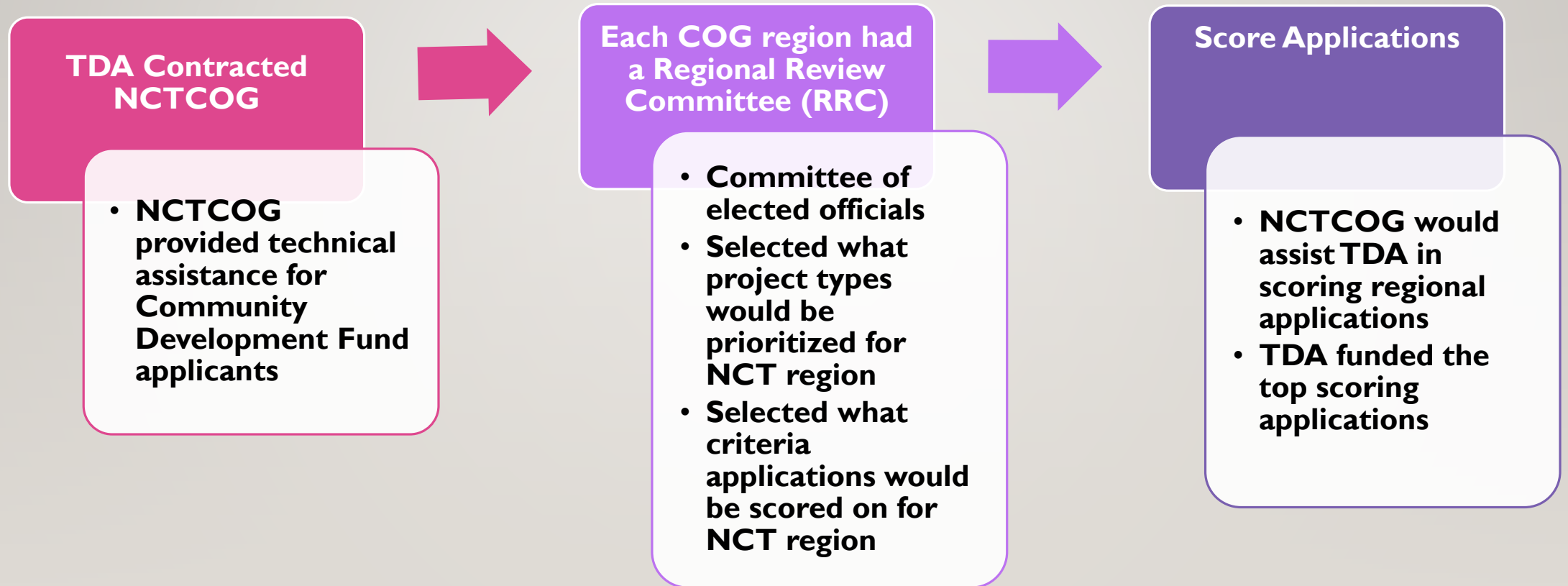
General Technical Assistance

- Provide general assistance to communities
- Cannot help with specific projects or project applications
- Answer community questions
- Stay updated on TxCDBG guidelines
- Dissemination of Program Information
 - Forward information to eligible communities on upcoming meetings, hearings, workshops, etc.
- HUD Section 3 Registry
 - Provide an opportunity for businesses or individuals to register for Section 3 employment or contracts opportunities
 - The Section 3 program requires that recipients of certain HUD financial assistance provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons

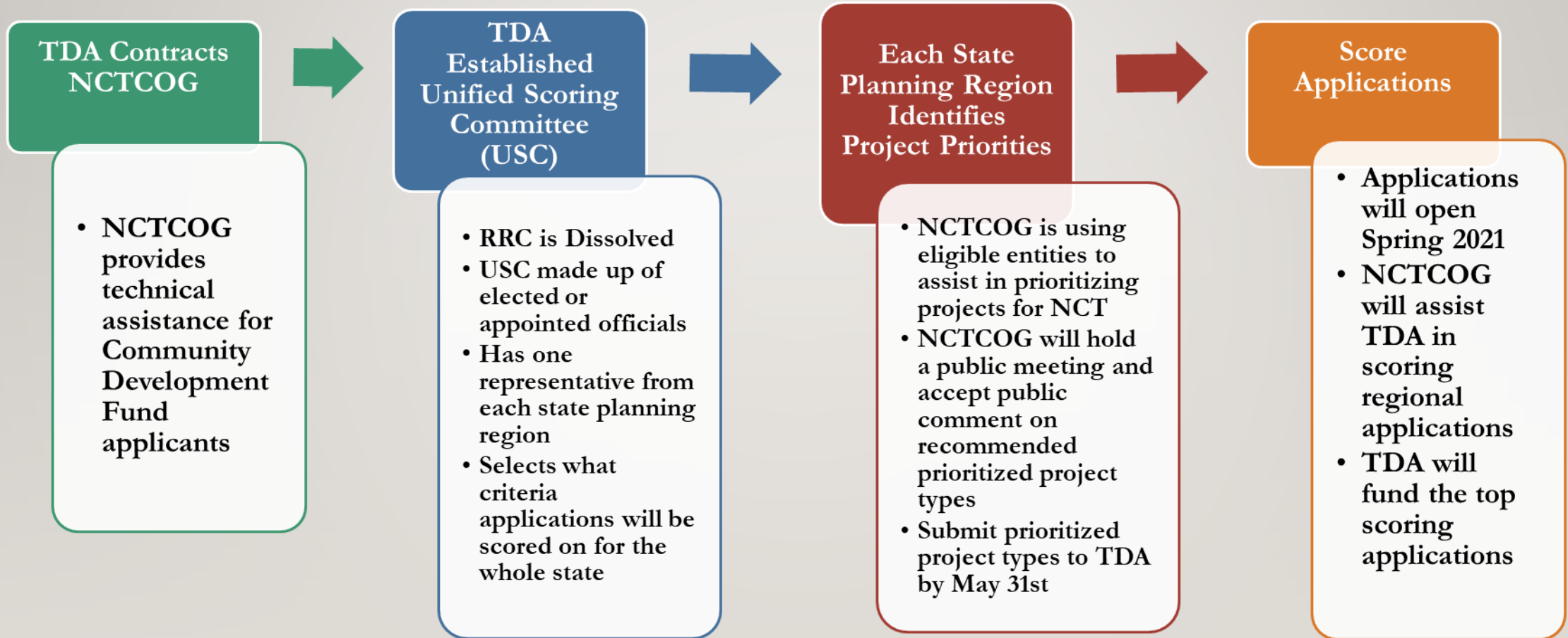
NCTCOG'S ROLE FOR THE FY2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT

- NCTCOG is a contractor to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and supports activities associated with the TxCDBG Community Development Fund (CDF) Grant.
- NCTCOG provides technical assistance to our eligible member governments in the 16-county North Central Texas region related to the Community Development Fund.
- TDA released new rules for the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) on February 24, 2020.
- These new rules have modified NCTCOG's role slightly and has changed the process of determining project priorities and scoring.

HISTORICAL CDF PROCESS



NEW CDF PROCESS



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CD) FUND RULE CHANGE

- February 24, 2020 TDA released new rules for the CD Fund.
- Projects are awarded based on a score out of 200 points.

Previously

- 10% of score from the State
 - Performance from previous contracts
- 90% of score from the Regional Review Committee (RRC)
 - Scoring Criteria
 - Prioritize Projects

Now

- 10% of score from the State
- 25% of score from the regional prioritized projects
- 65% of score from the United Scoring Committee (USC)
 - Scoring criteria

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CD) FUND RULE CHANGE CONTINUED

Regional prioritized project types

- NCTCOG coordinated with regional stakeholders to prioritize projects types for the North Central Texas region April 14th through a teleconference.
- There will be a public meeting on May 19, 2020 at 1:30pm through WebEx
 - <http://evt.to/uhisoomw>

Priorities	Project Types	Points (out of 50)
1 st	Water/Wastewater; Septic Tanks; Water/Wastewater Yard Lines; Roads/Streets; Drainage	45
2 nd	All Other Eligible Project Types	15

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CD) FUND RULE CHANGE CONTINUED

United Scoring Committee (USC)

- A new state committee to consolidate scoring
- A representative from each planning region
- USC teleconference May 6, 2020

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

- The Community Development Fund is the largest fund category in the TxCDBG Program.
- This fund is available on a biennial basis for funding through a competition.
- Although most funds are used for Public Facilities (water/wastewater infrastructure, street and drainage improvements and housing activities), there are numerous other activities for which these funds may be used.
- Funds are allocated to each state planning region to ensure a broad geographic distribution of funds as described in the One Year Action Plan.
- Applications for the 2021-2022 Community Development Fund are anticipated to open Spring 2021.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION/ MAIN STREET PROGRAM (DT/MSP)

- The objective is to provide infrastructure improvements to address the conditions that contribute to the deterioration in an area designated as slum or blighted in the applicant community's downtown or main street area.
- All proposed infrastructure improvements to be funded by the Downtown Revitalization TxCDBG Program must be located on public property within the designated downtown district. Typically, a downtown district will meet 2 or more of the following:
 - 1) The city's historic area of commerce
 - 2) May be the area around the courthouse or city square;
 - 3) Commercial area for the community
 - 4) Buildings of historical significance, but not primarily residential
 - 5) Must be areas included in or contiguous to the economic center of the community; and
 - 6) The retail area for the community that does not include single-family dwellings.
- Eligible Main Street Revitalization applicants must be an incorporated municipality with a designation as an official Texas Historical Commission Main Street City prior to applying.
 - Here is a link to become a Main Street City: <https://www.thc.texas.gov/becoming-main-street-community>

FIRE, AMBULANCE, SERVICE TRUCK (FAST) FUND

- Provides funds for eligible vehicles to provide emergency response and special services to rural communities.
- Funding is based on the following criteria:
 1. Poverty Rate
 2. Previous Funding
 3. Past Performance
- Application Minimum:
 - Single Jurisdiction: \$50,000
 - Multi-jurisdiction: \$50,000
- Application Maximum:
 - Single Jurisdiction: \$500,000
 - Multi-jurisdiction: \$500,000

PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING (PCB)

- PCB is a competitive grant program for local public facility and housing planning activities. Localities apply for financial assistance to prepare a “comprehensive plan” or any of its components.
- Eligible Activities Include:
 1. Address needed local planning elements;
 2. Assess local needs;
 3. Build or improve local capacity; or
 4. Develop strategies to address local needs.
- Planning process should result in an improved local capacity to identify long and short term needs and to develop implementable strategies to address the identified community needs. Emphasis is placed on public works and housing assistance planning.

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG)

- Community Development Fund (CD)
 - Applications open Spring 2021
- Downtown Revitalization/ Main Street Program (DT/MSP)
 - Applications due August 4, 2020
- Fire, Ambulance, Service Truck (FAST) Fund
 - Application date postponed, TBD
- Planning and Capacity Building (PCB)
 - Application date postponed, TBD

OTHER PROGRAMS TO HELP RECOVER FROM COVID-19

April 22nd HUD Conference Call

Rural Gateway Peer-to-Peer Conference Call: The Economic Impact of COVID-19 on America's Rural and Underserved Communities: A Listening Session for Local Leaders

- Join HUD's Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development (ORHED) as we engage rural community leaders in this open forum on the economic impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on America's rural and underserved communities.
- This Peer-to-Peer conference call will offer leaders of rural local/regional/national nonprofits, Indian tribes, state and local governments, colleges/universities, and the private sector an opportunity to share their community-based challenges regarding COVID-19.
- Please register at <https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=825082>

OTHER PROGRAMS TO HELP RECOVER FROM COVID-19

CARES Act Small Business Association (SBA) Program

- Assistance for small business owners and non-profits, including the opportunity to get up to a \$10,000 Advance on an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL).
 - This Advance may be available even if your EIDL application was declined or is still pending.
 - Visit <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/ApplyOnline> to apply

OTHER PROGRAMS TO HELP RECOVER FROM COVID-19

CARES Act EAA Program

- \$1.5 billion dollars specifically for EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Program. The application process for each of these programs will be streamlined, with little to no matching funds required.
 - Except for strategy grants and projects serving special impact areas, EAA projects must be consistent with the area's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
https://www.nctcog.org/nctcg/media/EDO-DOCS/EconomicDevelopmentDistrict/NCTCOG_CEDS.pdf
- EDA's role in the pandemic response will likely emphasize coordinated, long-term, regional, and strategic responses to economic recovery.
- EDA previously sought proposals during disasters that created "resiliency" in order to respond to future economic shocks.

OTHER PROGRAMS TO HELP RECOVER FROM COVID-19

CARES Act EAA Program continued

- **Deadlines:** There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until a new EAA Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is published, this EAA NOFO is cancelled, or all funds have been expended.
- **Eligible Applicants:** EDA-designated Economic Development Districts (EDDs); Indian tribes or a consortium of Indian tribes; states and local governments; institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions; and nonprofit organizations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state (42 U.S.C. §3122(4)(a)).
- **Cost Share Requirements:** Under the base EAA program, the EDA generally allows for the federal share to be 50-80% of the project cost, with some exceptions (42 U.S.C. §3144). EAA grants for disaster economic recovery activities may be funded with up to 100% federal cost share (42 U.S.C. §3233).
- Interested applicants in the EAA program need to be sure to register in grants.gov to apply and on the System of Awards Management (SAM) to be able to receive federal funds.

QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU!

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