**Technical Assistance TxCDBG**

The Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Community Development Fund provides grants to rural Texas cities and counties for basic infrastructure projects such as water/wastewater facilities, street improvements and drainage. Grants range from $75,000 to $800,000.  The application process is competitive with applications accepted biennially; grant funds are awarded annually.

The Regional Review Committee (RRC) is comprised of 12 local elected officials, appointed by the Governor.  The role of the RRC is to participate in the process for determining regional scoring priorities for projects funded through the TxCDBG’s Community Development Fund and is responsible for developing the objective scoring criteria. Click [here](file:///%5C%5CCTCOG-APP-2%5Cplanning%5CTechnical%20Assistance%5CRegional%20Review%20Committee%5CCDBG%202019-2020%5CCTCOG%202019-2020%20RRC%20Guidebook%20Revised%202019.10.18.htm) to view the Central Texas RRC Guidebook for the 2019-2020 TxCDBG Program .

The 2019-2020 Community Development Fund application and guidelines are available here:

[2019-2020 Community Development Fund Application Guide](https://www.texasagriculture.gov/Portals/0/Publications/RED/CDBG/2019-2020%20RRCs/CD%20App%20Guide%202019-2020%20FINAL%208.14.18.pdf)

[2019-2020 Community Development Fund Application](file:///%5C%5Cctcog-utility-1%5CPlanningMyDocs%5Chelen.owens%5CDownloads%5CApplication%20CD%202019-2020.pdf)

Applications for this competition were due July 9, 2020, for awards to be announced in 2019 and 2020. Projects have been scored and we anticipate announcement of awards shortly.

For more information regarding community development programs, please visit the [Texas CDBG website.](http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant%28CDBG%29.aspx)

If you have any questions about the Texas Community Development Program or need additional information, please contact John Weber by phone at (254) 770-2364 or by email athelen.owens@ctcog.org.

**Technical Assistance – Fair Housing**

The National Fair Housing Law promotes fair housing practices. Title VIII of the Civil rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. The Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights. April is known as Fair Housing Month and CTCOG typically promotes this by issuing proclamations and holding a fair housing awareness event. The event and newsletters provide information for first time home buyers, low-income home buyers, and disabled or disadvantaged home buyers and is open to all members of the public. If you would like to be a part of this event or add resources to our newsletters, please contact Helen Owens via phone at 254-770-2364 or email at helen.owens@ctcog.org.

**Resources**

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has a variety of information for homebuyers and renters. HUD’s mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination; and transform the way HUD does business. For more information, visit the HUD website at <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD>.