



Executive Committee Meeting | Agenda

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 8,
2021 Austin Marriott South
4415 South IH-35
Austin, Texas 78744

Judge Paul Pape, Bastrop County, **Chair**
Mayor Brandt Rydell, City of Taylor, **First Vice Chair**
Judge James Oakley, Burnet County, **Second Vice Chair**
Mayor Lew White, City of Lockhart, **Secretary**
Judge Ron Cunningham, Llano County, **Parliamentarian**
Mayor Jane Hughson, City of San Marcos, **Immediate Past Chair**
Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, City of Austin
Mayor Pro Tem Lyle Nelson, City of Bastrop
Council Member Kevin Hight, City of Bee Cave
Judge Brett Bray, Blanco County
Commissioner Joe Don Dockery, Burnet County
Judge Hoppy Haden, Caldwell County
Judge Joe Weber, Fayette County
Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Pitts, City of Georgetown
Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe, Hays County

Ms. Sandy Cox, City of Lakeway
Mayor Christine Sederquist, City of Leander
Commissioner Steven Knobloch, Lee County
Council Member Mike Heath, City of Pflugerville
Council Member Matthew Baker, City of Round Rock
Council Member Janice Bruno, City of Smithville
Commissioner Ann Howard, Travis County
Commissioner Brigid Shea, Travis County
Commissioner Russ Boles, Williamson County
Commissioner Cynthia Long, Williamson County
Representative John Cyrier
Representative Celia Israel
Representative Terry Wilson
Representative Erin Zwiener

1. **Call to Order by the Chair**
2. **Consider Approval of Minutes for the August 11, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting**
3. **Consider Approval of Title III – Nutrition Program FY 2022 Older Americans Act Services Rates**
Patty Bordie, Director of Aging Services
4. **Consider Adoption of a Resolution Declaring October 2021 as CAPCOG Cybersecurity Awareness Month**
Martin Ritchey, Director of Homeland Security
5. **Consider Authorizing an EDA Build Back Better Regional Application**
Betty Voights, Executive Director
6. **Consider Approving Appointments to Advisory Committees**
Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant
7. **Staff Reports**
Betty Voights, Executive Director
8. **Adjourn**

A closed executive session may be held on any of the above agenda items when legally justified pursuant to Subchapter D of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 551).



Executive Committee | Summary Minutes

10 a.m., Wednesday, August 11, 2021
CAPCOG Lantana Room
6800 Burlleson Rd., Bldg. 310, Suite 155
Austin, Texas 78744

Present (16)

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Commissioner Ann Howard, Travis County
Commissioner Russ Boles, Williamson County
Commissioner Cynthia Long, Williamson County

Absent (9)

Judge James Oakley, Burnet County, **2nd Vice Chair**
Judge Ron Cunningham, Llano County, **Parliamentarian**
Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, City of Austin
Council Member Kevin Hight, City of Bee Cave
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1. **Call to Order by the Chair**

Judge Pape called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., confirmed a quorum and led the Pledge of Allegiances.

2. **Consider Approval of Minutes for the July 14 and July 21, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting**

Judge Pape noted minutes from the last two meetings were before them for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the minutes. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. Judge Pape asked if anyone had any amendments to the minutes — no one responded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Consider Accepting the Quarterly Investment Report**

Lisa Bowman, Director of Finance

Ms. Silvia Alvarado, CAPCOG assistant finance director, presented the quarterly investment report ending in the June 30, 2021 to the Executive Committee. She said the CAPCOG funds ending market value were about \$29.4 million with an average yield rate of about .012 percent which had interest earnings of \$880.70. She reminded the board that CAPCOG uses TexPool as its investment pool.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dockery to approve the report. Mayor Hughson seconded the

motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider Recommending Nominating Committee to General Assembly

Betty Voights, Executive Director

Ms. Voights explained the CAPCOG Nominating Committee process and stated that Executive Committee recommends Nominating Committee members to the General Assembly every year. She said at least two Nominating Committee members must be General Assembly Representatives not on the Executive Committee and at least two members must be members of the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee should have seven members. Ms. Voights reviewed last year's members as Commissioner Dockery, Judge Cunningham, Commissioner Shea, Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Nelson, Giddings Mayor John Dowell, and Hays County Commissioner Lon Shell. She stated they had not been asked to serve again but had shown interest in continuing to serve during the prior year.

Judge Pape asked if those present would like to continue to serve. They all agreed. Commissioner Ingalsbe said Commissioner Shell would like to continue, Commissioner Dockery said Judge Cunningham also wanted to serve on the committee again, and Ms. Voights said Mayor Dowell would more than likely be willing to serve again. Ms. Voights noted that one more member was needed to have seven. Judge Pape asked Mayor Sederquist to join the Committee and she agreed.

A motion was made by Mayor Hughson to recommend to the General Assembly the following Nominating Committee members: Commissioner Dockery, Judge Cunningham, Mayor Sederquist, Commissioner Long, Mayor Pro Tem Nelson, Mayor Dowell, and Commissioner Shell. Mayor White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider Approving the FY 2022 CAPCOG Annual Budget and Recommend Approval to the General Assembly

Sheila Jennings, Director of Administration

Ms. Jennings explained that the Executive Committee officers have worked on the budget for some months and that the Capital Area Emergency Communications Budget was added to CAPCOG's budget after action from its board of managers, which is the same as Executive Committee, in July. She noted the Executive Committee proposes a fiscal year budget to the General Assembly which adopts the budget each September. Ms. Jennings reviewed the proposed expenditures of \$32.4 million and revenues of \$32.3 million and included a breakdown of revenue by source.

Ms. Voights said the Governor's Office had informed CAPCOG that we would receive level funding for the Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Programs based on FY 2021. She said air quality funding will increase and solid waste will see a minor increase but had not heard anything about the Regional Law Enforcement Academy's funding. Commissioner Dockery asked about Texas Department of Transportation (TxDoT) funding. Ms. Voights said CAPCOG is funded until next year and was hopeful that CAPCOG would continue to receive TxDoT funding in the future.

Ms. Jennings continued to explain CAPCOG's revenue sources. The dues, which consists of an estimated \$290,000, and other local sources help pay for project matches, Regional Law Enforcement Academy, Regional Planning and Services, Community and Economic Development and operating contingencies. She showed the committee that about 85 percent of the COG's revenues are budgeted in Aging Services and Emergency Communications programs.

Ms. Jennings mentioned CAPCOG would be testing the market for insurance plans which could increase or decrease CAPCOG's expenditure. She said if a new provider was selected, staff would come back to the

committee for approval. She said insurance cost would be about 21 to 23 percent of salaries and wages.

Ms. Jennings said the proposed budget would allow for 71 position or 70.5 full-time employees. Ms. Cox asked if there were any positions that Ms. Voights would like to hire that are not accounted for in the budget. Ms. Voights said no, but there were positions she felt need to be paid more and referenced the Community and Economic Development Division planner position. Ms. Cox recommended using fund balance or more local dollars to increase the salaries of such positions.

Judge Pape requested Ms. Voight and Ms. Cox discuss the issue later and called for a motion. A motion was made by Commissioner Dockery to approve recommending the FY 2022 budget to the General Assembly. Judge Haden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider Adoption of a Resolution Declaring September 2021 as CAPCOG Preparedness Month
Martin Ritchey, Director of Homeland Security

Mr. Ritchey said for the last 20 years the nation has recognized September as Preparedness Month and urged residents to be better prepared for disasters. He said in the past, the region took significant actions to increase preparedness mainly by promoting WarnCentralTexas.org. This year CAPCOG will do a social media campaign and that approving the proclamation resolution recognizing the month as Preparedness Month was part of its awareness efforts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long to proclaim September as Preparedness Month. Mayor Hughson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider Authorization to Amend Contracts for Nutrition Providers – Meals on Wheels of Central Texas and Combined Community Action, Inc.
Patty Bordie, Director of Aging Services

Ms. Bordie asked the Executive Committee to approve contract amendments for the nutritional providers Meals on Wheels of Central Texas and Combined Community Action, Inc, to include additional funding that would sustain their programs until the end of the fiscal year as required by the state. Ms. Bordie explained that CAPCOG identified these two providers as on track to spend more money than originally budgeted. She said all providers are serving more shelf-stable meals to more older adults because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the contract amendments. Commissioner Long seconded the motion. Judge Pape asked if the state would be reimbursing the additional funding. Ms. Bordie said yes. Judge Pape called for vote. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Report on Performance Evaluation of Executive Director
Sheila Jennings, Director of Administration

Judge Pape lead the discussion on Ms. Voights' performance. He told the committee Ms. Voights is doing a good job, keeps local governments in mind, and works well with state organizations. Judge Pape mentioned he knew she had many human resources issues during the year but many agencies have struggled lately. He added that CAPCOG currently has the best team of directors and managers he has seen at the COG. He mentioned Ms. Voights has worked for CAPCOG for 25 years and would like the Executive Committee to show their appreciation for her tenure at the next General Assembly meeting.

A motion was made by Judge Pape made to give Ms. Voights a five percent base salary increase and a one-

time 5 percent merit. Mayor Pro Tem Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Voights said working with the board makes her job worth doing.

9. Consider Approving Appointments to Advisory Committees

Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant

Judge Pape asked if there were any appointments to be made to CAPCOG committees. Ms. Brea said there was a recommendation for Troy Walters to be appointed the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for a Bastrop County position.

Judge Pape asked if there were any appointments to be made from the floor. Hearing none, he asked for a motion. A motion was made by Mayor Hughson to make the appointment. Mayor Sederquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Staff Reports

Betty Voights, Executive Director

Ms. Voights mentioned the failed House Bill 2911 and the federal funds which the state may set aside for Emergency Communications infrastructure upgrades. She said those funds may be used to bridge a budgeting error for regions in the state's 9-1-1 program.

Ms. Voights told the board the Office of the Governor had made adjustments to our board's revised recommendation for the General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program and eliminated the bottom four projects and reallocated funding to other recommended projects.

Ms. Voights said seven counties have reached the 98 percent mapping requirements for transitioning to NextGen 9-1-1. The three remaining counties are Blanco, Caldwell and Llano counties. It appears Caldwell and Llano counties are progressing, and she hopes Blanco may soon follow.

Judge Pape said the Executive Committee officers will help CAPCOG decide whether to hold the organization's September General Assembly Meeting in-person or virtually.

11. Adjourn

Judge Pape adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Mayor Lew White, Secretary
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments

Date

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: #3 Consider Approval of Title III – Nutrition Program FY 2022 Older Americans Act Services Rates

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) requires meal rates be renegotiated on an annual basis for nutrition services contracts. The annual revised budgets and negotiated rates become part of this current CAPCOG contract.

This year HHSC, Office of the Area Agencies on Aging (OAAA) final funding levels for FY 2022 will be dependent upon receipt of Title III allocations from HHSC and the satisfactory performance of the service providers. The proposed funding levels for the programs are based on the FY 2021 Planning Figures distributed by HHSC in FY 2020. HHSC has not issued FY2022 Planning Figures as of this date and the AAACAP anticipates the figures will be issued by early September 2022. Initial funding released to subrecipients may be lower depending on the 2022 planning figures, but the rates will not change.

A portion of federal funds will be allocated during the first quarter of FY 2022. Final 2022 funding amounts will be received later once the Administration on Community Living (ACL), the Older Americans Act federal funding agency, notifies HHSC of exact allocations and the AAACAP 2021 closeout process is reviewed and approved by OAAA at HHSC. The rates outlined in the attached chart will be implemented on October 1, 2022.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: **Patty Bordie, Director Aging Services**

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$618,353.97 in additional funds to nutrition providers

Source of Funds: Title III – Older Americans Act funding, CARES Act Funding

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? Yes No

Does item represent a new expenditure? Yes No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? Yes No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? _____

PROCUREMENT: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval for the Executive Director to approve the initial planning figures and per unit rate for FY 2022 Nutrition Contracts. Final FY 2022 funding will be dependent upon final notification of award allocations from the Office of the Area Agencies on Aging, Texas Health and Human Services Commission expected in the first quarter FY 2022.

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. FY 2022 Proposed Funding Chart: Nutrition Programs

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED:

None

FY 2022 PROPOSED FUNDING-NUTRITION PROGRAMS AND SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS

Combined Community Action Assn. Inc. Blanco/Hays/Caldwell/Fayette/Bastrop/Lee					
SERVICE	FY 2021 Title III Funding	FY 2022 Proposed Title III Funding	Proposed FY2022 Title III Units	FY2021 Rate	FY2022 Proposed Rate
Congregate Meals	\$160,770	\$160,770	22,548	\$6.99	\$7.13
Home Delivered Meals	\$449,230	\$449,230	66,356	\$6.60	\$6.77
Senior Center Operations	\$40,000	\$40,000	NA	NA	NA
Total	\$650,000	\$650,000	88,904		

Hill Country Community Action Assn. Inc. Llano					
SERVICE	FY 2021 Title III Funding	FY 2022 Proposed Title III Funding	Proposed FY2022 Title III Units	FY2021 Rate	FY2022 Proposed Rate
Congregate Meals C1	\$17,500	\$17,500	2,397	\$6.79	\$7.30
Home Delivered Meals C2	\$78,000	\$78,000	11,033	\$6.87	\$7.07
Senior Center Operations	\$11,000	\$11,000	NA	NA	NA
Total	\$106,500	\$106,500	13,430		

Meals on Wheels of Central Texas – Travis Contract (Frozen meals – AAA Direct Service – MOWCTX delivers – Williamson/Hays/Travis/Caldwell/Lee/Bastrop/Fayette)					
SERVICE	FY 2021 Title III Funding	FY 2022 Proposed Title III Funding	Proposed FY2022 Title III Units	FY2021 Rate	FY2022 Proposed Rate
Congregate Meals C-1	\$449,914	\$449,914	62,315	\$ 7.22	\$ 7.22
Home Delivered Meals C-2	\$784,598	\$784,598	147,759	\$ 5.31	\$ 5.31
			210,074		
	\$1,234,512	\$1,234,512			

Opportunities for Williamson-Burnet Counties, Inc. - Williamson/Burnet					
SERVICE	FY 2021 Title III Funding	FY 2022 Proposed Title III Funding	Proposed FY2022 Title III Units	FY2021 Rate	FY2022 Proposed Rate
Congregate Meals	\$98,513	\$98,513	15,787	\$ 6.04	\$ 6.24
Home Delivered Meals	\$530,135	\$530,135	89,550	\$ 5.72	\$ 5.92
Senior Center Operations	\$26,180	\$26,180		NA	
	\$654,828	\$654,828			

Total Planning Figures for FY 2022	
C1 Congregate Meals	\$726,697
C2 Home Delivered Meals	\$1,841,963
Senior Center Operations.	\$77,180
Total Planning Budget	\$2,645,840

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: #4 Consider Adoption of a Resolution Declaring October 2021 as CAPCOG Cybersecurity Awareness Month

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

In October 2004, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) launched National Cybersecurity Awareness Month as a collaborative effort between government and industry to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity and ensure Americans have the resources they need to be safer and more secure online. Since its inception, the line between our online and offline lives has become nearly indistinguishable and the concept has grown to include education, mobility, critical infrastructure, and private sector stakeholders. Phishing attacks and scams have thrived since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020 and today, phishing attacks account for more than 80 percent of reported security incidents. Ransomware is a big business. It is estimated that a business is targeted by a ransomware attack every 11 seconds causing upwards of \$20 billion in damage to governments, businesses, hospitals, employees, and customers in 2020 alone.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the NCSA announced the overarching theme of the 2021 campaign, "Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart" and encourages individuals and organizations to recognize their roles and responsibilities in protecting their part of cyberspace. This year, the campaign stresses personal accountability and the importance of taking proactive steps to enhance cybersecurity. A *whole community* approach to cybersecurity awareness can help to mitigate the impacts of such incidents. CAPCOG Homeland Security has prepared a regional campaign using traditional and social media outlets to encourage residents to take steps to prepare and protect their families, homes, schools, places of worship, and businesses to prepare for cybersecurity intrusions and attacks. Materials for the public will be posted online and distributed through CAPCOG stakeholders.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
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- Follow-up to previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: **Martin Ritchey, Director Homeland Security**

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: N/A

Source of Funds: N/A

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? Yes No

Does item represent a new expenditure? Yes No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? Yes No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? _____

PROCUREMENT: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider Adopting Resolution Declaring October as CAPCOG Cybersecurity Awareness Month

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Resolution for October as CAPCOG Cybersecurity Awareness Month

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED *(to be sent prior to meeting or will be a handout at the meeting):*

None



A PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER AS CAPCOG CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the ten-county Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas serving Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson counties; and,

WHEREAS, Cybersecurity Awareness Month, celebrated every October, remains a collaborative effort between government, private sector and the people to ensure every American has the resources they need to stay safer and more secure online; and,

WHEREAS; The Capital Area Council of Governments recognizes the importance in identifying, responding to and protecting against cyberthreats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; and,

WHEREAS; critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and,

WHEREAS; the 2021 Cybersecurity Awareness Month focuses include: Be Cyber Smart; Fight the Phish; "Explore. Experience. Share." - Careers in Cybersecurity; Cybersecurity First; and,

WHEREAS; #BeCyberSmart will be the official hashtag for the month; and,

WHEREAS; maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility and each of us has a critical role to play; and,

WHEREAS, the CAPCOG Executive Committee encourages all residents to participate in cybersecurity awareness activities and are asked to seek information at *Stop. Think. Connect. Campaign*, and to become more knowledgeable and prepared;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the members of CAPCOG, the Executive Committee of the Capital Area Council of Governments declares the month of October 2021, as CAPCOG Cybersecurity Awareness Month and encourages all residents, to learn about cybersecurity and to put that knowledge into practice in their

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: #5 Consider Authorizing an EDA Build Back Better Regional Application

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

The American Rescue Plan Act included funding for the Economic Development Administration to accelerate economic recovery as well as to build resiliency against future economic shocks. There are several categories of funding including the Build Back Better grant which is a regional challenge intended to fund a large scale project developed by a coalition of stakeholders. At our August 30 CAEDD meeting, we discussed what a project would look like for us, understanding that EDA is looking for innovation, long-term impact, and will be compelling since successful projects will be determined at EDA's Washington headquarters. These grants are funded in two phases – Phase I requires the coalition to scope the work from an economy-based, technical, and collaborative effort and Phase II will be the implementation phase. The funding level for Phase I is up to \$500,000 and Phase II is up to \$75 million. Since we are beginning this work, we have not determined what amount we will seek but it's likely to exceed the \$100,000 level which the Executive Committee must approve. The Phase I application is due in October; therefore, this is being presented at this time. I plan to have at least one meeting of our coalition prior to September 8th – included will be representatives of manufacturing, workforce development, regional economic development, community college partners, and some members of the CAEDD board.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
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- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: **Betty Voights, Executive Director**

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: Between \$100,000 and \$500,000

Source of Funds: US Department of Commerce, EDA

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? Yes No

Does item represent a new expenditure? Yes No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? Yes No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? _____

PROCUREMENT: Not applicable at this point.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize CAPCOG to submit an application to EDA for Phase I of the regional Build Back Better Grant Program.

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. EDA Program Description and Grant Notice

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED:

None



EDA-HDQ-ARPBBS-2021-2006976

FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge

Department of Commerce

GENERAL INFORMATION

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	EDA-HDQ-ARPBBS-2021-2006976
Funding Opportunity Title:	FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Opportunity Category Explanation:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)
Category Explanation:	Economic Development
Expected Number of Awards:	55
CFDA Number(s):	11.307 -- Economic Adjustment Assistance
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Version:	Synopsis 4
Posted Date:	Jul 22, 2021
Last Updated Date:	Jul 22, 2021
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Oct 19, 2021
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Oct 19, 2021
Archive Date:	Nov 14, 2021
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$30,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$500,000
Award Floor:	\$200,000

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants:	Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education State governments County governments Private institutions of higher education Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification) Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) Public and State controlled institutions of higher education Special district governments
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Additional Information on Eligibility:	Pursuant to section 3(4) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122(4)(a)) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3 (Eligible Recipient), eligible applicants under this NOFO include a(n): (i) District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD); (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a general purpose political subdivision of a State. Under this NOFO, EDA is not authorized to provide grants or cooperative agreements to individuals or to for profit entities. Requests from such entities will not be considered for funding.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agency Name:

Department of Commerce

Description:

Through this American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge Notice of Funding Opportunity (ARPA BBBRC NOFO), EDA aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, economic injury to U.S. communities and regions in devastating and unprecedented ways. This ARPA BBBRC NOFO is designed as a two-phase competition to (1) help regions develop transformational economic development strategies and (2) fund the implementation of those strategies that will create and grow regional growth clusters. Such efforts will help regional economies recover from the pandemic and build economic diversity and resiliency to mitigate impacts of future economic disasters.

In Phase 1, EDA will provide technical assistance grants to approximately 50-60 coalitions (through a lead institution). These coalitions will be considered "finalists" and the grants will be used by the finalists to prepare more detailed applications for transformational projects that benefit their respective geographic regions and are aligned around a holistic approach to building and scaling a strategic industry.

In Phase 2, EDA will award each of the 20-30 finalist coalitions \$25-75 million (and potentially up to \$100 million) to fund the collection of projects they identified. The projects will be funded through grants to coalition members.

This particular Funding Opportunity is for Phase 1 Concept Proposals ONLY.

Funding Amount Information

EDA anticipates up to \$30,000,000 in total being awarded in Phase 1, in technical assistance grants of up to \$500,000 each. In Phase 2, EDA anticipates funding regional growth clusters with component projects that collectively cost between approximately \$25,000,000 and \$75,000,000, though EDA will consider regional growth clusters above and below these amounts depending on the strength of the Proposal and quality of the individual component projects. EDA anticipates that the cost of individual non-construction and construction component projects within regional growth clusters will range from approximately \$750,000 to \$25,000,000, or more if the cluster or project warrants it.

Read the attached full Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for more information and for instructions on how to apply.

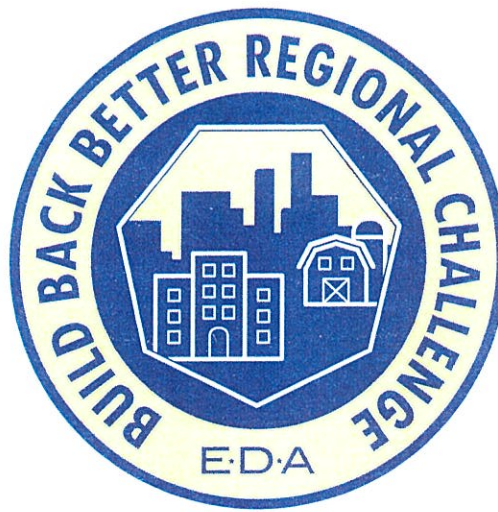
Link to Additional Information: See Related Documents

Grantor Contact Information: If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

Buildbackbetter@eda.gov

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The Build Back Better Regional Challenge (<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=334735>) is designed to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks.

The \$1 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge will provide a transformational investment to 20-30 regions across the country that want to revitalize their economies. These regions will have the opportunity to grow new regional industry clusters or scale existing ones through planning, infrastructure, innovation and entrepreneurship, workforce development, access to capital, and more.

- Phase 1: 50-60 regional coalitions of partnering entities will be awarded ~\$500,000 in technical assistance funds to develop and support three to eight projects to grow a regional growth cluster.
- Phase 2: EDA will award 20-30 regional coalitions \$25 million to \$75 million, and up to \$100 million, to implement those projects.

As part of the \$300 million Coal Communities Commitment (</arpa/coal-communities/>), EDA will allocate at least \$100 million of the Build Back Better Regional Challenge funding to support coal communities.



WHO SHOULD APPLY

EDA invites eligible applicants to form regional coalitions to apply for funding to implement a collection of three to eight distinct but related projects in their region, in coordination with industry and community partners, and aligned around a holistic vision to build and scale a strategic industry cluster. Applicants should identify one key coordinating lead institution per regional cluster to lead the concept and projects into the implementation phase, while fostering collaboration and coordinating resources to ensure these investments have the greatest economic impact on our communities, regions, and the nation.

Coalition members eligible to apply for investment assistance for their region include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State

Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible.



PROGRAM RESOURCES

- [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=334735\)](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=334735)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(/arpa/build-back-better/faq/\)](/arpa/build-back-better/faq/)
- [Build Back Better Regional Challenge Webinar \(/news/media/2021/08/02/build-back-better-arpa.htm\)](/news/media/2021/08/02/build-back-better-arpa.htm)
 - [Build Back Better Regional Challenge presentation slides \(/files/arpa/webinars/Build-Back-Better-webinar-slides.pdf\)](/files/arpa/webinars/Build-Back-Better-webinar-slides.pdf) (PDF)
- [One Pager \(/files/arpa/one-pagers/EDA_ARPA_BBB-One-Pager.pdf\)](/files/arpa/one-pagers/EDA_ARPA_BBB-One-Pager.pdf) (PDF)



APPLICATION DEADLINE

Phase 1 deadline:
October 19, 2021

Phase 2 deadline:
March 15, 2022



CONTACTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: #6 Consider Approving Appointments to Advisory Committees

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

This is the monthly item for filling positions on our Advisory Committees; please let us know if our staff can assist in identifying interested persons to serve. It is presumed that both city and county representatives will collaborate when making appointments.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: **Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant**

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: N/A

Source of Funds: N/A

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? Yes No

Does item represent a new expenditure? Yes No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? Yes No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? _____

PROCUREMENT: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve any advisory committee recommendations.

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Summary memo with recommended appointments and vacancies.

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED (to be sent prior to meeting or will be a handout at the meeting):

Executive Committee attendance roster

Advisory Committee attendance rosters



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MEMORANDUM
August 23, 2021

TO: Executive Committee Members

FROM: Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant

RE: Advisory Committee Recommendations

This memo identifies current recommendations to CAPCOG Advisory Committees and serves as a reminder of vacancies that still need to be filled. Please see the Attendance Rosters for the Requirements & Responsibilities. For questions please contact the Advisory Committee staff liaison.

Blanco – Burnett – Llano

- The Law Enforcement Education Committee (LEEC) has a representative vacancy.

Burnet County

- The Law Enforcement Education Committee (LEEC) has a representative vacancy.

City of Austin

- The Aging Advisory Council (AAC) has a representative vacancy.
- The Geographic Information Systems Planning Council (GISPC) has a representative vacancy.

Travis County

- The Law Enforcement Education Committee (LEEC) has a representative vacancy.

Williamson County

- The Aging Advisory Council (AAC) has two representative vacancies.