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Given the ever-changing public health climate, “social distancing” recommendations, and anticipated travel restrictions, TDA has determined that a revised schedule is necessary for the upcoming Community Development Fund scoring development processes.

- June 2, 2020 - Deadline for Regional Project Priorities to be submitted to TDA
- June 2, 2020 - Unified Scoring Committee, Public Hearing, Corpus Christi
- June 1, 2020 - Unified Scoring Training (required for members)
- May 1, 2020 - Deadline for nominations to the Unified Scoring Committee

This change in schedule will also impact application deadlines as follows:

- Colonia Fund-Construction, Secondary Round
July 15, 2020 – Application Deadline
- Texas Capital Fund, Real Estate & Infrastructure Final Round
May 1, 2020 - Application Deadline
April 1, 2020 - Pre-Application Requirements Due

In order to assess the availability of funding in this changing climate, potential applicants must contact Aubrey-Ann.Gilmore@TexasAgriculture.gov no later than April 1 to schedule a pre-application call and submit a completed and signed Business Information section of the application (or a signed letter from the benefiting business containing similar information).

In addition, Governor Abbot and HUD have both provided guidance on conducting virtual public meetings during this time when public gatherings are discouraged. Communities opting to hold telephone or web-based public hearings must ensure that:

- Members of the public will be entitled to participate and address the governmental body during any telephonic or videoconference meeting
- The governmental body must post a written notice that gives the public a way to participate remotely, such as a toll-free dial-in number, and that includes an electronic copy of any agenda packet that officials will consider at the meeting.
- The governmental body must ensure that the public can ask questions and receive answers to all attendees in real time.
- The governmental body must ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency.
- A governmental body must provide the public with access to a recording of any telephonic or videoconference meeting.
- Governor’s Proclamation: <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-allows-virtual-and-telephonic-open-meetings-to-maintain-government-transparency>

We understand that this situation continues to develop, and TDA will pass along additional information as it becomes available.