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TEDC Economic Resilience Resource Guide 2021-2022

**A Comprehensive Resource for Texas
Communities, Counties, and Regions**

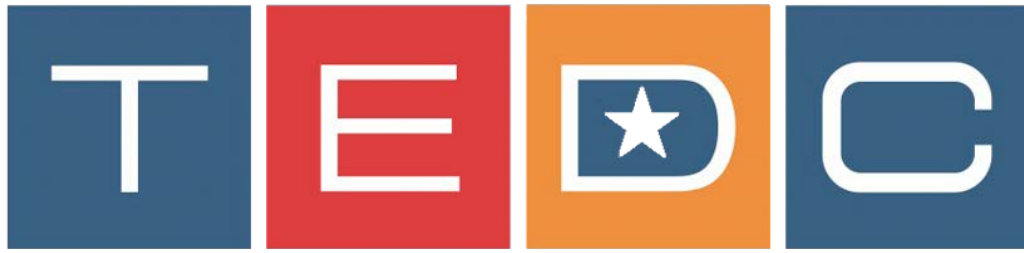
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Disaster Recovery and Resilience Resource Guide for Texas Communities

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Introduction

From March 15 2020 to July 15, 2021 the world endured the worst pandemic in 100 years, a record number of tropical storms, massive flooding throughout the globe, massive wildfires in Australia and the western U.S., and freezing temperatures that crippled almost all of the State of Texas. The impacts of these events can be overwhelming to local and regional economies and must be dealt with, raising the issue of community and regional resilience. For economic development organizations and professionals, economic resilience is no longer a luxury-it is a core need to respond when prospective and resident industry inquire about disaster risk.

Recognizing this need, the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) successfully obtained a grant from the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) to help Texas communities recover from COVID19 and increase their resilience, particularly economic resilience. TEDC then contracted with the International Sustainable Resilience Center, Inc. (ISRC) to provide a resource guide and a series of 6 workshops in the State's six major regions, two in fall of 2021 and six in the first half of 2022.

This resource guide will serve as both a compliment to the workshops and a stand-alone reference source for economic developers to explore resources and information to put what they have learned into action. This guide is not about taking a position on climate change. It is about giving communities the tools to deal with ongoing disasters of all types, including natural, pandemic, industrial, acts of terror, and the newest threat, cyber-incidents.

This guide is a mixture of reports and reference guides designed to provide both direction and information on taking resilient actions. There are nine individual resources, and most contain more detailed summaries for quick reference to their contents:

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