

Community Assistance Request
Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship (TCRE)

This Community Assistance Request must be completed and submitted for you to receive assistance from TCRE. This information is for the explicit use of TCRE in its' communication with its resource providers and their work to help your community. Submission of this form will initiate communication that will result in a consultation with a TCRE resource provider. Community can be described in many terms, so it is used here in the broadest sense. Please provide as much information as possible on this profile.

Community Name: _____ Date: _____

Community Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip code: _____

Phone No: (____) ____ - _____

Fax No: (____) ____ - _____

Cellular No: (____) ____ - _____

Email address: _____

Community Web site URL: _____

Community Description: (if additional space required please attach additional pages)

Describe the main drivers of the economy in your community:

Describe the competitive advantages that your community has:

Describe unique opportunities that your community has:

Describe important strengths that your community has:

Describe critical challenges that your community has:

Does your community have a community-based plan? Yes ____ No ____ in progress ____
If yes, when was it last updated?

Does your company have a current action plan? Yes ____ No ____ in progress ____
If yes, when was it last updated?

List the individuals and groups currently involved in community development activities:

Describe the items and activities you think are required to get your community to the next level:

Community Environment for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development

Please rate the following statements from your individual perspective. Use the scale with the following statements:
1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=not sure, 4=agree, 5=strongly agree *Circle the best response*

Community Attitudes

Most people in my community understand that entrepreneurs are critically important to the future of our community	1	2	3	4	5
Most people in my community really support entrepreneurs when they fail and are trying again with a new business.	1	2	3	4	5
Most people in my community really support someone who is creating a new or expanding an existing business.	1	2	3	4	5
Most people in my community would encourage a younger person to pursue a career creating and growing a business.	1	2	3	4	5
Most people in my community would like to create and grow a business	1	2	3	4	5

Support for Entrepreneurship

My community recognizes and celebrates people who create and grow local businesses.	1	2	3	4	5
My community has developed programs to encourage and support entrepreneurs to develop and grow.	1	2	3	4	5
My community has a microlending program	1	2	3	4	5
My community offers business or entrepreneurship training.	1	2	3	4	5
My community creates networking and mentoring opportunities for entrepreneurs and local business persons.	1	2	3	4	5
My community has access to venture capital and/or angel investors.	1	2	3	4	5

Economic Development

My community has an economic development program.	1	2	3	4	5
Good business ideas in my community can attract the necessary financial capital to get them going.	1	2	3	4	5
There are many people in my community who actively support economic development efforts	1	2	3	4	5
The focus of my community's economic development efforts includes:					
Business attraction	1	2	3	4	5
Supporting existing businesses	1	2	3	4	5
Working with only businesses in town	1	2	3	4	5
Working with both town and country businesses	1	2	3	4	5
Considering farms and ranches as part of the business community	1	2	3	4	5
Helping new businesses get started	1	2	3	4	5
Other (please specify)	1	2	3	4	5

Describe the assistance you need at this time:

Signature_____

Submit completed form to:
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