

## LRGVDC Town Hall Meetings

In February, a team representing UTRGV Community Engagement and Economic Development facilitated a series of town hall meetings across three counties.

In partnership with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), the team of facilitators hosted conversations around six topics:

- Education & the Workforce;
- Destinations, Geographic Assets & Quality of Life;
- Urban & Rural Entrepreneurship;
- Industry, Growth, Diversity & Resilience;
- Transportation, Technology & Infrastructure;
- Foreign Trade & International Competitiveness.

The first town hall meeting took place in Pharr, Texas at the Pharr Event Center on February 14, 2018, and had approximately 20 community members in attendance. The second meeting took place in Harlingen, Texas at the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District's Administration Office, where 25 people attended. The final town hall meeting took place at the Reber Memorial Library in Raymondville, Texas.

More than 30 community members participated in this discussion.

The groups at each of the town hall meetings identified priorities for future or existing projects that will address the needs of the region. These town hall meetings are the second phase of a strategic plan that includes a regional survey and focus group discussions to follow.

