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## Rio Grande City EDC Lunch & Learn: Business Development Grants

**Rio Grande City, Texas (February 21, 2017)** — The Rio Grande City EDC held an informative Lunch & Learn workshop at the Kelsey Bass Museum and Event Center in Rio Grande City. The workshop panelists provided information on business development grants, free business counseling and non-profit business loan lenders. Speakers included Dalinda Guillen and Belinda Trevino from the Rio Grande City EDC, Balde Morales from UTRGV Small Business Development Center, Veronica Ortega from the U.S. Small Business Administration and Marlene Rodriguez and Sara Saldana from LiftFund, Inc.

The workshop covered information of services and resources available to entrepreneurs and small business owners. LiftFund, Inc. is a non-profit business loan lender and provides small business loans to those who do not have access to capital from typical lending sources, such as traditional banks. The Small Business Administration provides financial, management and technical assistance as well as business training. The Small Business Development Center provides free, individual business counseling and low-cost advanced training to help find practical solutions for small businesses.

The Rio Grande City EDC, in partnership with the UTRGV Small Business Development Center, offers business education workshops and seminars. This year, the Rio Grande City EDC has initiated a Business Education Passport program. Rio Grande City business owners and/or their employees that attend a total of 10 Rio Grande City EDC Lunch & Learn workshops and UTRGV SBDC seminars for the year will be entered for a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy tablet.

For more information on upcoming Rio Grande City EDC and UTRGV SBDC events, follow us on Facebook or visit www.rgcedc.org and sign up for the Rio Grande City EDC newsletter. Visit liftfund.com and sba.gov on how LiftFund and the Small Business Administration can offer assistance.

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Photo caption: Rio Grande City Lunch & Learn workshop