Texas Water Development Board

Financial Assistance Programs

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TWDB

- ➤ In 1957 the Texas Legislature creates the agency that will become TWDB
- The mission of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is to lead the state's efforts in ensuring a secure water future for Texas
- Provides water & flood planning, data collection and dissemination, financial and technical assistance

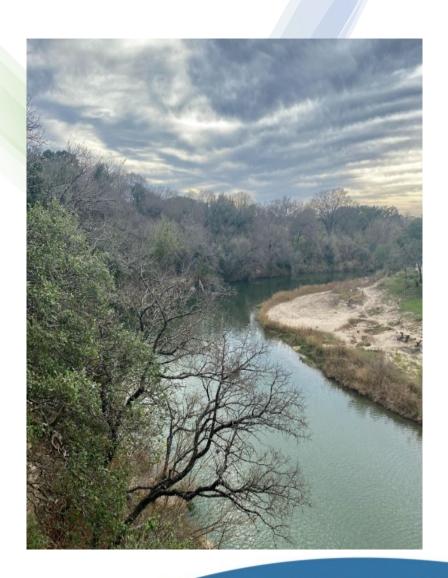
AGENDA

Overview of Financial Assistance Programs:

- Drinking Water / Clean Water State Revolving Fund Programs (DWSRF / CWSRF)
- ➤ Infrastructure & Investment Jobs Act (IIJA)
- State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)
- > Texas Water Development Fund (DFund)
- Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)
- Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP)
- > TWDB WSI Contacts



Financial Assistance Programs



Loans

Planning, Acquisition, Design, Construction Loans / Principal **Forgiveness Loans / Grant**

Program Funding Cycles

Program Requirements



State Revolving Funds (SRF)

State Revolving Funds (SRF) Drinking Water & Clean Water

- Below market fixed interest rate financing
- DWSRF: Public/private owned water systems, nonprofit water supply corporations, nonprofit, non-community public water system
- CWSRF: Political subdivisions, water supply corporations that are designated management agencies, authorized Indian tribal organizations, private entities (for nonpoint source or estuary projects only)
- Drinking Water SRF addresses water infrastructure needs and Clean Water SRF addresses wastewater, stormwater, and reuse needs
- Principal forgiveness
- Up to 30-year repayment terms
- Program Requirements





SRF Funding Options: Principal Loan Forgiveness and/or 0% Loan



- Disadvantaged Communities
- Disadvantaged Communities Small/ Rural
- Very Small Systems (included in CWSRF for SFY 2023)
- Green Projects
- **Emergency Preparedness**
- Urgent Need







State Revolving Fund Annual **Funding Cycle**

Project Solicitation

TWDB Invites Entities from the IUP to Apply for Financing

TWDB Reviews Applications & Makes Funding Commitments

TWDB & TCEQ Score Projects

IUP Finalized & Approved

Borrowers Close on Loans

TWDB Publishes Draft Intended Use Plan (IUP)

Draft IUP Open for Public Review & Comment

You may apply any time, but for SFY 2025 funding consideration

- 1. Project Solicitation opens December 2023
- 2. Project Solicitation Ends: March 1, 2024

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Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act IIJA



- ➤ Signed into law November 15, 2021
- >To address Infrastructure priorities, which include water
- >SRF Supplemental Funds
- ≥5-year period (funds allocated yearly)

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Categories

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

- ❖ Base (general activities)
 SFY 2023 \$140,993,000
- Lead Service Line Replacement
 SFY 2023 \$213, 455,000
- Emerging Contaminants (PFAS)
 SFY 2023 \$ 59,202,000

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

- ❖ Base (general activities)
 SFY 2023 \$ 81,347,000
- Emerging Contaminants (PFAS)
 SFY 2023 \$ 4,274,000



NOTE: The IIJA is a 5-year supplement to the State Revolving Fund. This 5-year period is from FFY 2022 through FFY 2026



State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)

State Water Implementation Fund for Texas SWIFT



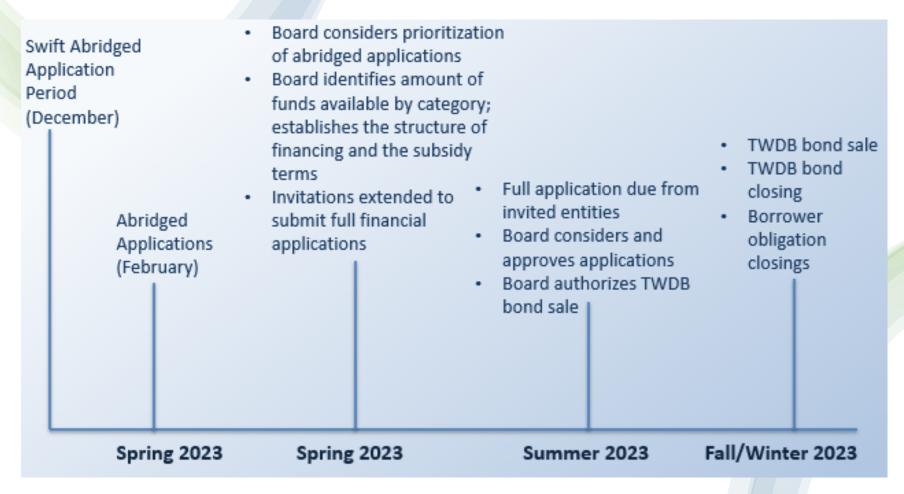
- Projects in the State Water Plan
- Eligible applicants such political subdivisions or nonprofit water supply corporation
- Projects are the recommended water management strategies with an associated capital cost
- Projects include conservation and reuse, desalinating groundwater and seawater, building new pipelines, developing reservoirs and well fields, and purchasing water rights, as well as numerous other strategies
- Interest rates reflect the TWDB low cost of funds (additional subsidies may apply and set by the Board for each funding cycle)
- Up to 30-year repayment period

State Water Implementation Fund for Texas SWIFT

- Flexible Financing Options
- 1. Low interest loans
- 2. Deferred Loans Principal and interest deferred up to 8 years or until end of construction (for planning and design phase costs), whichever is sooner
- 3. Board Participation Temporary TWDB ownership interest in the excess capacity of a state water plan project, providing an entity the opportunity to reasonable finance an optimally sized regional facility. The TWDB may participate up to 80% of the total project costs
- Additional interest rate subsidies for rural or agricultural water conservation/irrigation projects
- No maximum funding limit
- Multi year commitments
- Program Requirements



State Water Implementation Fund for Texas **SWIFT** Funding Cycle



Texas Water Development Fund (DFund)

Texas Water Development Fund DFund

- Financing various types of infrastructure projects
- Eligible applicants include political subdivisions and nonprofit water supply corporations
- > Planning, Acquisition, Design, Construction
- Eligible projects include water supply, conservation, water quality enhancement, flood control, wastewater
- > Long term fixed interest rates based on the TWDB's cost of funds
- > 20/30-year repayment terms
- > No maximum funding limit
- Access to loan funding on a periodic basis

Call us for availability of funds



Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)

Flood Infrastructure Fund

1. The FIF program provides financing in the form of grants and 0% loans for drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects

Eligible Applicants

- Categories 1–4: Political subdivisions, including cities, counties, and any district or authority created under Article III, Section 52 or Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution.
- Category 1 only: Any political subdivision of the state, interstate compact commission to which the state is a party, and nonprofit water supply corporation created and operating under Chapter 67.

Project Categories

- Category 1: Flood Protection Planning for Watersheds
- Category 2: Planning, Acquisition, Design, Construction, Rehabilitation
- Category 3: Federal Award Matching Funds
- Category 4: Measures Immediately Effective in Protecting Life and Property



Flood Infrastructure Fund

- The current FIF IUP is closed, and additional projects are not being considered at this time.
- Update: The 88th Texas Legislative Regular Session appropriated over \$624 million for the Flood Infrastructure (2024-2025 biennium). Information regarding the upcoming funding cycles and project solicitation forthcoming.
- To be eligible in the future for FIF funding, the TWDB may only provide financing for flood projects included in the State Flood Plan.
- Contact your Regional Flood Planning Group for more information.

State Flood Plan Timeline

08/01/2022: Regional flood plans due

01/10/2023: Final regional flood plans due

07/14/2023: Amended regional flood plans due

09/01/2024: State flood plan due

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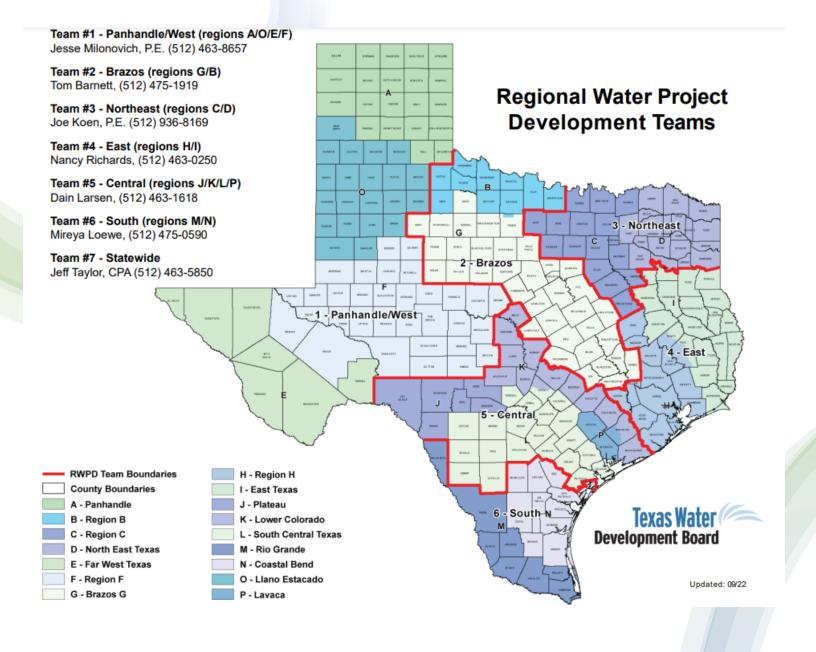


Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP)

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- Provides financial assistance through grants and loans for water and wastewater projects in economically distressed areas where service is unavailable or inadequate to meet state standards
- > Low-interest rates loans based on TWDB's cost of funds
- Grants with a max of 70% (additional requirements)
- Program funding is based on legislative authorization for debt service
- Requirements (Model Subdivision Rules)





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