

Funding Opportunities for the TMDL Program

- [Search for Environmental Grants in Texas](#)

Federal Funding

- [USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program](#) – Provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.
 - **Eligible applicants:** Most state and local government entities, Private non-profits, and Federally recognized tribes
 - **Eligible areas:** Rural areas and towns less than 10,000 people, Tribal lands, Colonias
- [EPA Environmental Education \(EE\) Grants](#) – Supports environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. The grants provide financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods or techniques.
 - **Eligible applicants:** Local education agency, State education or environmental agency, College or University, Non-profit organization, and Tribal education agency
- [Five Star Urban Waters Restoration Grants Program](#) – Seeks to develop nation-wide community stewardship of local natural resources, preserving these resources for future generations and enhancing habitat for local wildlife. Projects seek to address water quality issues in priority watersheds. Program requires establishment and/or enhancement of diverse partnerships and an education/outreach component that will help shape and sustain behavior to achieve conservation goals.
 - **Eligible applicants:** Non-profit organizations, State government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes, and educational institutions
- [EPA Urban Waters Small Grants](#) – Aim for communities to engage in activities that improve water quality in a way that also advances community priorities. Program objectives include issues related to urban runoff pollution.
 - **Eligible applicants:** States, Local governments, Indian tribes, Public and private universities and colleges, Public or private institutions/organizations, Intertribal consortia, and Interstate agencies

State and Local Funding

- [Clean Water State Revolving Fund \(CWSRF\)](#) – Provides low-cost financial assistance for planning, acquisition, design and construction of wastewater, reuse, and stormwater infrastructure.
 - **Eligible applicants:** Cities, Counties, Districts, River authorities, Designated management agencies, and public and private entities proposing nonpoint source or estuary management projects
- [TWDB Texas Water Development Fund \(DFund\)](#) – State funding loan program that enables the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to fund multiple eligible components in one loan to our borrowers, e.g. an application for funding of water and wastewater components can be processed in a single loan.

- **Eligible applicants:** All political subdivisions of the state (including cities, counties, districts, and river authorities), Non-profit water supply corporations
- [TWDB Economically Distressed Areas Program \(EDAP\)](#) – Provides financial assistance to provide water and wastewater services to economically distressed areas where services do not exist or systems do not meet minimum state standards.
 - **Eligible applicants:** Cities, Counties, Water districts, Non-profit water supply corporations, and all other political subdivisions of the state.
 - The city or county where the project is located must adopt [Model Subdivision Rules](#) to the regulation of the subdivisions prior to the application for financial assistance.
- [TWDB Rural Water Assistance Fund \(RWAFF\)](#) – Designed to assist small rural utilities to obtain low-cost financing for water and wastewater projects. RWAFF offers tax-exempt equivalent interest rate loans with long-term finance options.
 - **Eligible applicants:** Rural political subdivisions, including non-profit water supply corporations, Districts, municipalities serving a population of 10,000 or less, and counties in which no urban area has a population exceeding 50,000.
 - Rural political subdivisions may also partner with a federal agency, state agency, or another rural political subdivision to apply for funding.
- [TWDB State Water Implementation Fund for Texas \(SWIFT\)](#) – Affordable, ongoing financial assistance to projects in the state water plan. The SWIFT program helps communities develop and optimize water supplies at cost effective rates. The program provides low-interest loans, extended repayment terms, deferral of loan repayments, and incremental repurchase terms for projects with state ownership aspects.
 - **Eligible applicants:** Political subdivisions, including Municipalities, Counties, River authorities, Special law districts, Water improvement districts, Water control and improvement districts, Irrigation districts, and Groundwater conservation districts
- [TWDB Green Project Reserve \(GPR\)](#) – Guides funding toward projects that articulate the objectives of the four categories: Green infrastructure, Water efficiency, Energy efficiency, and Environmentally innovative.
 - Projects eligible may receive a portion of their requested funding in the form of a subsidy
 - GPR can be used for planning, design, and/or construction activities
- [Texas Community Development Block Grant \(TxCDBG\)](#) – Develops viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low-to-moderate income.
 - **Eligible applicants:** Non-entitlement cities under 50,000 in population and non-entitlement counties that have a non-metropolitan population under 200,00 and are not eligible for direct CDBG funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
 - NCTCOG assists the Texas Department of Agriculture at a regional level to administer the [TxCDBG Community Development Fund](#).
- [Supplemental Environmental Project \(SEP\) Administrator](#) – Does your municipality have an unfunded project that prevents pollution, reduces the amount of pollution reaching the environment, enhances the quality of the environment or contributes to public awareness of environmental matters? Become a Third-Party Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)

Administrator. Third-Party Administrators are required to complete a [Third-Party application](#), providing basic information about your organization, previous history administering SEPs or grant funds, the project budget and other detailed information about the proposed project. Once the project is approved, respondents in enforcement will have the option to select your project to offset assessed penalties in enforcement actions.

- [Keep Texas Beautiful: Grants and Funding](#) – Keep Texas Beautiful maintains an inventory of grants and funding opportunities related to environmental initiatives.

Foundation Funding

- [The Meadows Foundation](#) – The Meadows Foundation offers funding opportunities to achieve the goals of their [Strategic Plan for the Environment for 2012-2021](#). The program goals include water, Land and habitat conservation, Stewardship, Public education and advocacy, air quality, and energy efficiency.
 - **Eligible applicants:** Qualified public entities and 501(c)(3) charities serving the people of Texas
 - Aims to allocate between one-third and one-half of its grant resources to organizations helping those in the Dallas area.
- [SURDNA Foundation: Urban Water Management](#) – The Sustainable Environments Program supports innovative stormwater run-off practices that capture and slowly release water into existing drains, pipes and sewers, or reuse rainwater where it falls (green infrastructure) instead of building expensive pipes and sewer tunnels.
 - **Eligible applicants:** Non-profit organizations under 501(c)(3)