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# Proposition 6 Possibilities: Funding Water Projects through New and Existing Resources

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# Webinar Agenda

Welcome and Introduction of Speakers

"TWDB Financial Assistance Programs- New Texas Water Fund and State Revolving Fund"-Scott Galaway

> Time for Q & A after each presentation

# **Speaker Introduction**

Scott Galaway

Outreach Specialist, Texas Water Development Board Texas Water Development Board Financial Assistance Programs

## NCTCOG Proposition 6 Possibilities: Funding Water Projects through New and Existing Resources

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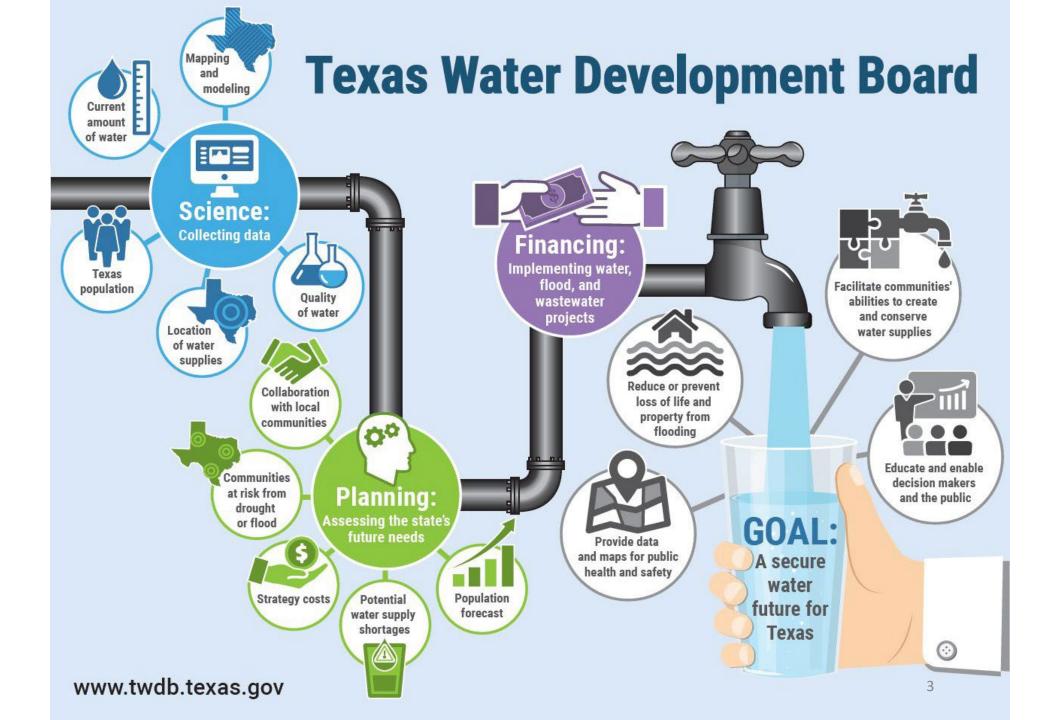


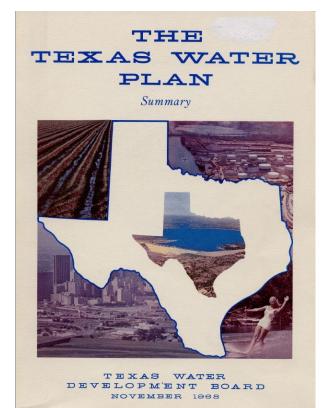
# TOPICS

- What is the Texas Water **Development Board (TWDB)?**
- What financing do we offer?
- How can the TWDB help you complete your infrastructure project?









<u>State Water Plan by Year:</u> 1961, 1968, 1984, 1990, 1992, 1997 2022 State Water Plan WATER FOR TEXAS

Texas Water



2002, 2007, 2012, 2017, 2022 next 2027



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## Water Planning in Texas

Regional Planning Groups analyze water supply needs on a 50-year planning horizon

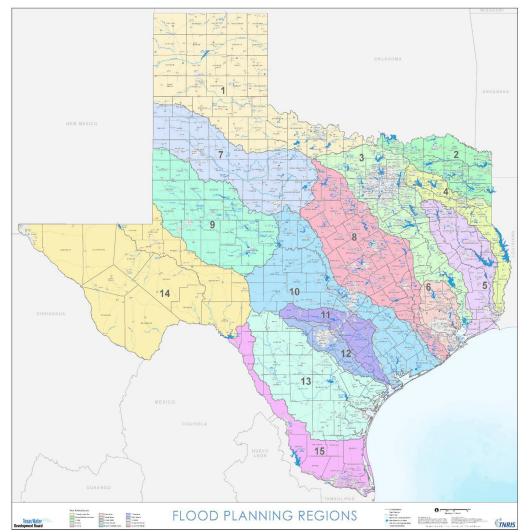
- Municipalities, agriculture, industry, and power generation are all considered
- Each regional plan lists **recommended water management strategies** and their anticipated costs
- 16 Regional Water Planning Groups across the state







### **15 Regional Flood Planning Groups**



On April 09, 2020, the TWDB adopted final rules to implement a regional and state flood planning process for Texas.

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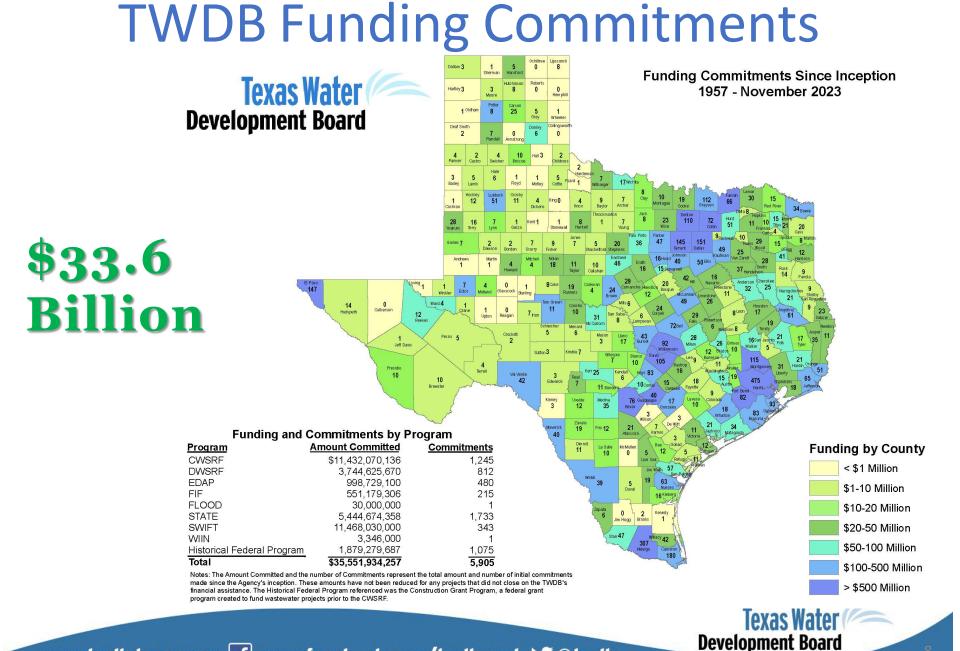
# Flood Planning in Texas



- The 2019 Texas Legislature greatly expanded the TWDB's role in flood planning and financing.
- In addition to our existing flood programs, the TWDB will administer a new a state and regional flood planning process with flood planning regions based on river basins.
- The 15 Regional Flood Planning Groups (RFPG) submitted regional flood plans in January 2023.
- The TWDB will combine the approved regional flood plans into a <u>single state flood plan</u> to be delivered to the Legislature by September 1, 2024.







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# Why?



#### Dollars Committed and Cost Savings Estimate

| Authority Type           | Rural | Program | Commitment<br>Amount | Cost Savings  |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|---------------|
| District                 | NO    | CWSRF   | \$ 44,000,000        | \$ 10,310,512 |
| City                     | YES   | CWSRF   | \$ 6,500,000         | \$ 757,523    |
| District                 | YES   | DWSRF   | \$ 13,000,000        | \$ 4,835,176  |
| District                 | YES   | DWSRF   | \$ 6,925,000         | \$ 1,616,089  |
| District                 | NO    | FLOOD   | \$ 10,486,000        | \$ 3,944,400  |
| City                     | YES   | FLOOD   | \$ 3,284,000         | \$ 1,471,308  |
| City                     | YES   | SWIFT   | \$ 14,500,000        | \$ 2,032,994  |
| Water Supply Corporation | YES   | WDF     | \$ 600,000           | \$ 99,980     |
| City                     | NO    | WDF     | \$ 28,790,000        | \$ 105,567    |



### Illustrative Lending Rates

Clean Water State Revolving Fund - 30 Year Term Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - 30 Year Term

| Equivalency | CWSRF | Estimated | Rates |
|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|
|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|

| Rating | Market <sup>1</sup> | TWDB <sup>2, 3</sup> |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------|
| AAA    | 3.85%               | 2.31%                |
| AA     | 3.95%               | 2.37%                |
| А      | 4.09%               | 2.45%                |
| BAA    | 4.40%               | 2.64%                |

#### Equivalency DWSRF Estimated Rates

| Rating | Market <sup>1</sup> | TWDB <sup>2,3</sup> |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------|
| AAA    | 3.85%               | 2.50%               |
| AA     | 3.95%               | 2.57%               |
| A      | 4.09%               | 2.66%               |
| BAA    | 4.40%               | 2.86%               |

#### General Obligation Programs – Estimated Rates

| Type of Funds                 | Terms | Market <sup>1</sup> | TWDB <sup>2</sup> | Difference |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Development Fund (Tax Exempt) | 20    | 3.85%               | 3.90%             | -0.05%     |
| Development Fund (Tax Exempt) | 30    | 4.32%               | 4.38%             | -0.06%     |
| Development Fund (Taxable)    | 20    | 6.32%               | 5.17%             | 1.15%      |
| Agricultural Loans (Taxable)  | 7     | 5.63%               | 4.84%             | 0.79%      |
| EDAP (Tax Exempt)             | 20    | 3.85%               | 3.60%             | 0.25%      |
| EDAP (Taxable)                | 20    | 6.32%               | 4.91%             | 1.41%      |



## How Can These Programs Work for You?

AAA Bond Rating/ Interest Rate Subsidization

Funding to accommodate projects of all sizes

Some projects qualify for combined funding through multiple programs

All project phases are eligible: planning, design, acquisition, construction



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## Texas Constitutional Amendment - Proposition 6 Approved November 7, 2023

"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."

### TEXAS VOTERS APPROVED √ 78% YES | 22% No

The 88th Texas Legislative Session (2023) Funding for Water Supply and Infrastructure Projects include:

#### Senate Bill 28 (SB 28)

https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB 28

#### Senate Joint Resolution 75 (SJR 75)

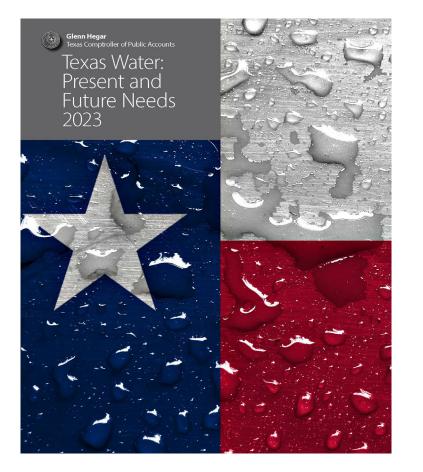
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## **Texas Constitutional Amendment - Proposition 6 Information & FAQ**



#### Texas Water Development Board

Proposition 6 and Texas Water Fund **Frequently Asked Questions** 

#### 1. Q: What is the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)?

A: The mission of the Texas Water Development Board is to lead the state's efforts in ensuring a secure water future for Texas. Our mission is a vital part of Texas' overall vision and the state's mission and goals that relate to maintaining the viability of the state's natural resources, health, and economic development.

The TWDB's main responsibilities are threefold: collecting and disseminating water-related data; assisting with regional water supply and flood planning that contributes to preparing the state water plan and state flood plan; and administering cost-effective financial programs for constructing water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects

Since 1957, the TWDB has been charged with addressing the state's water needs. The TWDB works to ensure Texans have access to sufficient, clean, and affordable water supplies that foster a healthy economy and environment.

#### 2. Q: What is the Texas Water Fund?

A: In 2023, the 88th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 28 and Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 75 providing for the creation of the Texas Water Fund. In addition, SB 30 authorized a onetime, \$1 billion supplemental appropriation of general revenue to the Texas Water Fund, contingent on enactment of SB 28 and approval of SJR 75 by voters.

Upon approval of the supporting constitutional amendment (Proposition 6) on November 7, 2023, the Texas Water Fund would be a special fund created in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund to be administered by the TWDB. SB 28 directs that the TWDB may only use the Texas Water Fund to transfer money to the following funds or accounts administered by the TWDB:

• The New Water Supply for Texas Fund, a new fund created by SB 28.

- The State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas, which support the SWIFT financial assistance program that provides low-cost financing for projects in the state water plan.
- The Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, existing financial assistance programs that provide low-cost financial assistance for planning, acquisition, design, and construction of water, wastewater, reuse, and stormwater infrastructure.

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Texas Constitutional Amendment - Proposition 6 Texas Water Fund

Transfers funds to certain existing TWDB financial assistance programs including:

- > The State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)
- > The Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds
- > The Rural Water Assistance Fund
- > The Texas Water Development Fund II water financial assistance account
- > The Texas Water Development Fund II state participation account
- > The **Texas Water Fund**, <u>a new fund created by SB 28</u>.
- The statewide water public awareness account, a newly created account that will direct funds toward a statewide public awareness program.





#### **Texas Water Fund**

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The Texas Water Fund is not a new financial assistance program itself; rather, it allows the TWDB to provide funding through certain existing financial assistance programs and the newly created New Water Supply Fund for Texas. The TWDB is working to implement the Texas Water Fund and is seeking stakeholder feedback to inform funding priorities as well as the administration of the programs to which funds may be transferred.

Sign up for TWDB "General Information" and "Financial Assistance" 🗷 email lists for regular updates.

Texas Water Fund - March 20 Stakeholder Meeting Invitation

Texas Water Fund Issues for Consideration and Request for Feedback

<u>Texas Water Fund FAQs and Implementation Timeline</u>

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### **Texas Water Fund Stakeholder Input**

The TWDB is seeking stakeholder input via three survey instruments:

- <u>Texas Water Fund Survey 1: Financial Assistance for Water Infrastructure</u>
  <u>Projects</u>
- <u>Texas Water Fund Survey 2: New Water Supply Fund for Texas</u>
- <u>Texas Water Fund Survey 3: Statewide Water Public Awareness Program</u>
- Texas Water Fund Stakeholder Meeting Wednesday, March 20, 2024 1:30 to 3:30 pm Barbara Jordan State Office Building 2nd Floor Meeting Room 2.034 1601 Congress Avenue, Austin, 78711 <u>Online option coming soon</u>





### **Texas Water Fund Implementation Timeline**

January 2024

- 18: Texas Water Fund stakeholder input opens. Three online surveys:
  - Survey 1: Financial Assistance for Water Infrastructure Projects.
  - Survey 2: New Water Supply Fund for Texas.
  - Survey 3: Statewide Water Public Awareness Program.

#### March 2024

- 5: Open Request for Applications for statewide water public awareness program.
- 20: Stakeholder Meeting in-person and online options.

#### April 2024

- 10: Texas Water Fund Stakeholder meeting in Lubbock.
- 11: <u>TWDB Board meeting in Lubbock</u>:
  - Earliest date for Board to consider approving Rural Water Assistance Fund rule proposal for publication.
  - Earliest date for Board to consider approving Texas Water Development Fund rule proposal for publication.
- 30: Online stakeholder input period ends.

#### May 2024

• 9: TWDB Board to consider approving grant recipient for statewide water awareness program.

Timeline subject to change.





### **Texas Water Fund Implementation Timeline**

#### Summer 2024

- Earliest time for Board to consider approving New Water Supply for Texas Fund rule proposal for publication.
- Earliest time for Board to consider approval of final Rural Water Assistance Fund rules.
- Earliest time for Board to consider approval of final Texas Water Development Fund rules.
- Contract in place for statewide water awareness program.

#### Fall/Winter 2024

- Earliest time for TWDB Board to consider approval of final New Water Supply for Texas Fund rules.
- Solicitation for New Water Supply Fund, Rural Water Assistance Fund, and Texas Water Development Fund financial assistance.

#### Spring 2025

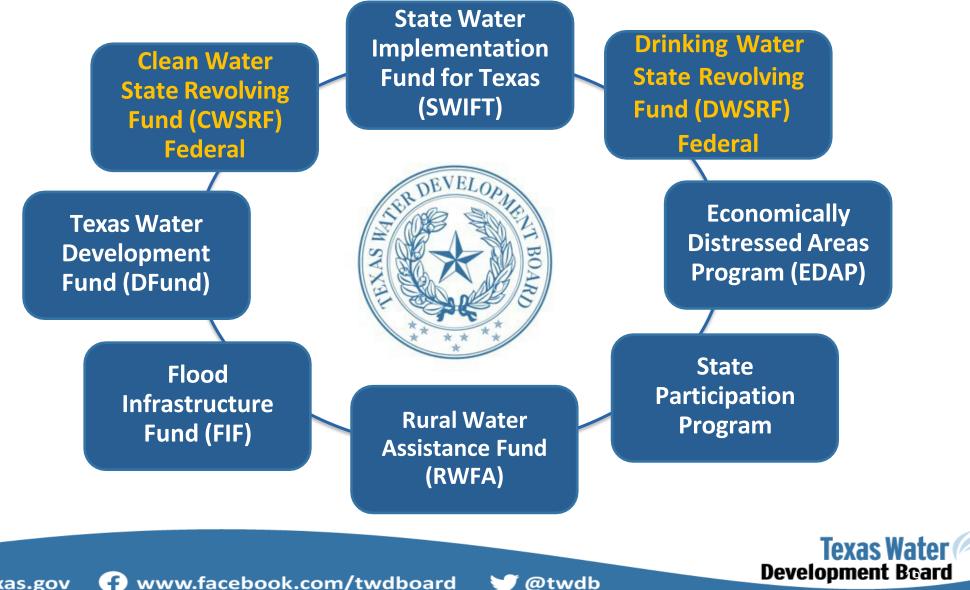
• Initial consideration of New Water Supply for Texas Fund project financial assistance.

Timeline subject to change





## **Popular Financial Assistance Programs**



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### CWSRF

| Eligible<br>Applicants:                                | Security<br>Instruments:  | Typical<br>Pledges<br>Include:   | Length of<br>Loans:   |
|--|---|--|---|
| Political Subdivisions                                 | Bonds   | System Revenue   |   |
| Private Entities<br>(Nonpoint Source<br>Projects Only) | Loan Agreement  | Contract Revenue   |   |
| ,  |   | Ad Valorem Tax   | 20 to 30 years  |
|  |   | Tax and Revenue<br>Pledge  |   |
|  | Applicants:<br>Political Subdivisions<br>Private Entities<br>(Nonpoint Source | Applicants:Instruments:Political SubdivisionsBondsPrivate Entities<br>(Nonpoint SourceLoan Agreement | Eligible    Security    Pledges      Applicants:    Instruments:    Pledges      Political Subdivisions    Bonds    System Revenue      Private Entities    Loan Agreement    Contract Revenue      Projects Only)    Ad Valorem Tax    Tax and Revenue |

- Federal Program to address wastewater, stormwater, and reuse such as wastewater treatment facilities, wastewater recycling and reuse facilities, non potable reuse, wastewater collection systems, stormwater control, nonpoint source pollution control projects.
- Loan Principal Forgiveness (grants) for disadvantaged communities, small/rural disadvantaged, very small systems, green, emergency preparedness, and urgent need.
- > SFY24 \$460,000,000
- Eligible to receive supplements from the new Texas Water Fund.
- Project Information Form (PIF) Due March 1, 2024





### DWSRF

| Program                        | Eligible<br>Applicants:      | Security<br>Instruments: | Typical<br>Pledges<br>Include: | Length of<br>Loans: |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Drinking Water State Revolving | Political Subdivisions       | Bonds                    | System Revenue                 |                     |
| Fund (DWSRF) - Water           | Water Supply<br>Corporations | Loan Agreement           | Contract Revenue               |                     |
|                                | Investor Owned Utilities     |                          | Ad Valorem Tax                 | 20 to 30 years      |
|                                |                              |                          | Tax and Revenue<br>Pledge      |                     |
|                                |                              |                          |                                |                     |

- Federal Program to address water infrastructure needs, correct water system deficiencies, upgrade or replace water systems, consolidate systems, purchase capacity, purchase other systems, green projects.
- Loan Principal Forgiveness (grants) for disadvantaged communities, small/rural disadvantaged, very small systems, green, emergency preparedness, urgent need.
- > SFY24 \$435,000,000
- Eligible to receive supplements from the new Texas Water Fund.
- Project Information Form (PIF) Due March 1, 2024





#### SRF-EC

| Programs                           | Eligible Applicants    | Security Instruments: | Typical Pledges<br>Include: | Length of<br>Loans: |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Emerging Contaminants (EC) Program | Political Subdivisions | Bonds                 | System Revenue              |                     |
| for both DWSRF and CWSRF           |                        | Loan Agreement        | Contract Revenue            |                     |
|                                    |                        |                       | Ad Valorem Tax              | Varies              |
|                                    |                        |                       | Tax and Revenue Pledge      |                     |
|                                    |                        |                       |                             |                     |

- CWSRF-EC or DWSRF-EC, it must be eligible under the base CWSRF or DWSRF programs <u>AND specifically reduce exposure to perfluoroalkyl and</u> polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other emerging contaminants.
- CWSRF-EC SFY24 \$9,719,000
- DWSRF-EC SFY24 \$60,914,000
- Project Information Form (PIF) Due April 1, 2024



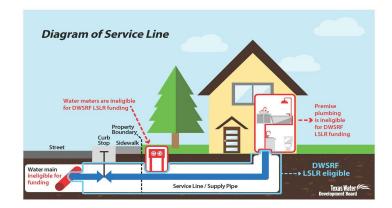




### **DWSRF-Lead**

| Programs                             | Eligible Applicants                                 | Security Instruments: | Typical Pledges<br>Include: | Length of<br>Loans: |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) | Political Subdivisions                              | Bonds                 | System Revenue              |                     |
| <u>Program</u>                       | Nonprofit water supply<br>corporations              | Loan Agreement        | Contract Revenue            |                     |
|                                      | Privately-owned community water systems             |                       | Ad Valorem Tax              | Varies              |
|                                      | Non-community public water system<br>State agencies | ns                    | Tax and Revenue Pledge      |                     |

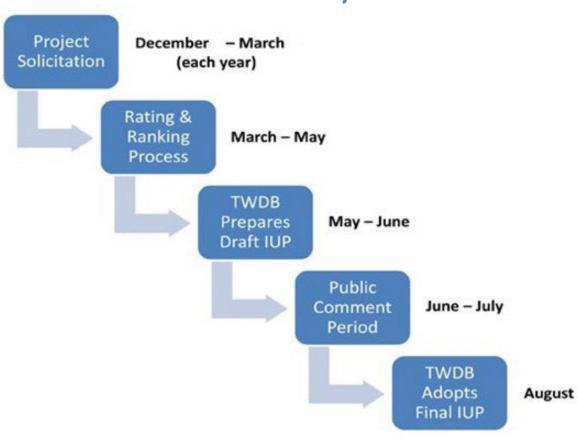
- The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) appropriated funds through the base DWSRF for Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) projects and associated activities directly connected to the identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines.
- ➢ LSLR FY24 \$146,246,000
- Project Information Form (PIF) Due April 1, 2024







## Example of Project Information Form & Intended Use Plan Annual Cycle

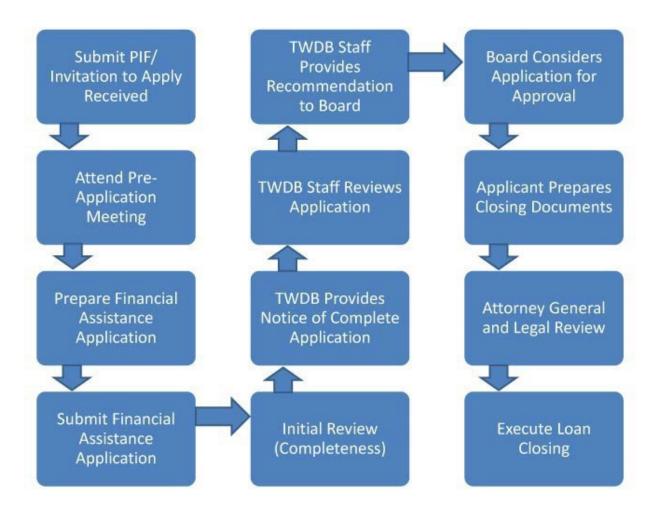


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## Loan Application Steps





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### SWIFT

| Program  | Eligible<br>Applicants:   | Security<br>Instruments: | Typical<br>Pledges<br>Include:              | Length of<br>Loans:                 |
|--|---|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| State Water Implementation Fund<br>for Texas (SWIFT)-Water | Political Subdivisions  | Bonds                    | System Revenue                              | 20 to 30 years                      |
|  | Water Supply<br>Corporations  | Master Agreement         | Contract Revenue                            | 34 years for Board<br>Participation |
|  | Project must be<br>included in adopted<br>State Water Plan /<br>Regional Water Plan |                          | Ad Valorem Tax<br>Tax and Revenue<br>Pledge |                                     |



- Projects are the recommended water management strategies with an associated c cost.
- Projects include conservation and reuse, desalinating groundwater and seawater, la new pipelines, developing reservoirs and well fields, purchasing water rights, and o plan strategies.
- > Eligible to receive supplements from the new Texas Water Fund.
- Abridged Application Due 2/1/2024





### EDAP

| Program   | Eligible<br>Applicants:                                | Security<br>Instruments: | Typical<br>Pledges<br>Include:     | Length of<br>Loans: |
|---|--|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Economically Distressed Areas<br>Program (EDAP) - Water & | Entities with Adopted<br>Model Subdivision Rules       | Bonds                    | System Revenue                     |                     |
| Wastewater  | Political Subdivisions<br>Water Supply<br>Corporations | Loan Agreement           | Contract Revenue<br>Ad Valorem Tax | 20 years            |
|   | Corporations   |                          | Tax and Revenue<br>Pledge          |                     |

- EDAP provides financial Assistance for projects serving economically distressed residential areas where water or sewer services do not exist, or existing systems do not meet minimum state standards.
- > Political subdivisions are required to show they are enforcing Model Subdivision Rules.
- > Median household income less than 75 percent of the median state household income.
- \$100 million for the 2024-2025 biennium.
- > **NOT** eligible to receive supplements from the new Texas Water Fund.
- Timeline TBD





### RWAF

| Program                     | Eligible<br>Applicants:      | Security<br>Instruments: | Typical<br>Pledges<br>Include: | Length of<br>Loans: |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Rural Water Assistance Fund | Political Subdivisions       | Bonds                    | System Revenue                 |                     |
| (RWAF) – Water & Wastewater | Water Supply<br>Corporations | Loan Agreement           | Contract Revenue               |                     |
|                             |                              |                          | Ad Valorem Tax                 | 20 to 40 years      |
|                             |                              |                          | Tax and Revenue<br>Pledge      |                     |
|                             |                              |                          |                                |                     |

- The fund is designed to assist small rural utilities to obtain low-cost financing for water and wastewater projects.
- > Eligible to receive supplements from the new Texas Water Fund.
- Serves systems with population of 10,000 or less, and with no county urban area greater than 50,000 population.
- > The RWAF program is not currently accepting applications.
- > Eligible to receive supplements from the new Texas Water Fund.
- Timeline TBD





| Program                       | Eligible<br>Applicants:      | Security<br>Instruments:   | Typical<br>Pledges<br>Include: | Length of<br>Loans: |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| State Participation Program - |                              |  |                                |                     |
| Water                         | Political Subdivisions       | Master Agreement<br>(includes responsibilities,<br>duties and liabilities of   | System Revenue                 |                     |
|                               | Water Supply<br>Corporations | each party, and<br>provisions for a defined<br>source of revenue used<br>to purchase the State's<br>portion of the facility) | Contract Revenue               | Up to 34 years      |
|                               |                              |  | Ad Valorem Tax                 |                     |
|                               |                              |  | Tax and Revenue<br>Pledge      |                     |

- The program is intended to allow for optimization of regional projects through limited State Participation where the benefits can be documented, and where such development is unaffordable without the program's assistance. The goal is to allow for the "right sizing" of projects in consideration of future demand.
- The TWDB's participation from this program is limited to a maximum of 80% of costs for projects creating a new water supply, and to 50% of costs for other types of projects.
- > Eligible to receive supplements from the new Texas Water Fund.
- > The SP program is not currently accepting applications.
- Timeline TBD





### DFund

| Program                        | Eligible<br>Applicants:                        | Security<br>Instruments: | Typical<br>Pledges<br>Include: | Length of<br>Loans: |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Texas Water Development Fund   |  |                          |                                |                     |
| (DFUND) - Water, Wastewater, & | Political Subdivisions (including non-profits) | Bonds                    | System Revenue                 |                     |
| Flood Control                  |  |                          |                                |                     |
|                                | Water Supply<br>Corporations                   | Loan Agreement           | Contract Revenue               | Up to 30 years      |
|                                |  |                          | Ad Valorem Tax                 |                     |
|                                |  |                          | Tax and Revenue<br>Pledge      |                     |
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- The program enables the TWDB to fund projects with multiple purposes (e.g., drinking water, wastewater, and flood control) in one commitment.
- > Long-term fixed interest rates based on the TWDB's cost of funds.
- > Eligible to receive supplements from the new Texas Water Fund.
- > No maximum funding limits. TWDB will sell bonds as needed.
- Application Submission Opens Spring and closes in the late Fall 2024.

Call us for availability of funds





| Programs                        | Eligible Applicants    | Security Instruments: | Typical Pledges<br>Include: | Length of<br>Loans: |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) | Political Subdivisions | Bonds                 | System Revenue              |                     |
|                                 |                        | Loan Agreement        | Contract Revenue            |                     |
|                                 |                        |                       | Ad Valorem Tax              | Varies              |
|                                 |                        |                       | Tax and Revenue Pledge      | 9                   |
|                                 |                        |                       |                             |                     |

- > Up to 30-year repayment period for construction projects.
- > Up to 10-year repayment period for planning, acquisition, and/or design projects.
- > 0% interest loans and grants available.
- Eligible activities: planning, construction, nature-based solutions, warning systems, and gauges.
- > **NOT** eligible to receive supplements from the new Texas Water Fund.
- Abridged Application due April 15, 2024.







## Asset Management Program Small Systems

#### Benefits Water or Wastewater Systems

- Up to \$100,000 worth of data collection, system analysis, and planning activities.
- Must meet the economic disadvantaged criteria to receive funding.
- Serving 5,000 or less population or, serving 10,000 or less population and not bordering a community of over 10,000 population.
- Pre-qualified contractor to develop an asset management plan.
- Project Information Form (PIF) Due November 2, 2023.

### The final products of the program include:

- Asset management plan.
- System operations and maintenance manual.
- Compliance manuals.
- Training for system management and staff.
- Installation of all tools that were developed on the system's computers.
- Presentation to system management and governing bodies.





## Water Utility Technical Assistance Program

#### Benefits Water or Wastewater Systems

- Up to \$150,000 worth of services dependent upon the needs of the system.
- All water and wastewater systems in Texas are eligible for this program, as long as they desire to seek funding from TWDB in the future.
- Pre-qualified contractors to assist.
- Project Information Form (PIF) Due January 31, 2024.
- Final products of the program include:
  - Approvable Water Conservation Plans.
  - Successful submission of Project Information Forms/Abridged Applications.
  - Successful submission of Financial Assistance Applications for invited entities.
  - Summary reports with recommendations for financial management controls and operating processes.
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Completed rate study.
  - Completed training regarding Disadvantaged Business Enterprises requirements including submission of documentation for federal reporting purposes.





## Timelines

|   | Solicitation | Application |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| Program   | Open         | Deadline    |
|   |              |             |
| Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)       | 12/15/2023   | 3/1/2024    |
| Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)          | 12/15/2023   | 3/1/2024    |
| DWSRF Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLRP)       | 12/15/2023   | 4/1/2024    |
| DWSRF Emerging Contaminants (D-EC)                | 12/15/2023   | 4/1/2024    |
| CWSRF Emerging Contaminants (C-EC)                | 12/15/2023   | 4/1/2024    |
| State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) | 12/7/2023    | 2/1/2024    |
| Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)                   | 12/15/2023   | 4/15/2024   |
| Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP)*     | Pending      |             |
| Texas Water Development Fund (DFund)              | Spring 2024  | 12/31/2024  |
| AMPSS   | 9/18/2023    | 11/2/2023   |
| WUTAP   | 11/17/2023   | 1/31/2024   |
| *No specific date yet.                            |              |             |
| Timelines are subject to change.                  |              |             |

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## Helpful Tips

#### Financial Audits

- Are they up to date?
- At the time of full application submittal, a current audit is required for the application to be deemed administratively complete.
- Costs can be captured in project budget.

#### > Ability to Take on Debt

- Analysis will be completed.
- What rates and charges are in place? Will they need to be raised?
- > Updated Water use Survey and Water Loss Audit.
- > Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan (if applicable).
- Talk early and often with TWDB staff we are happy to provide guidance and support

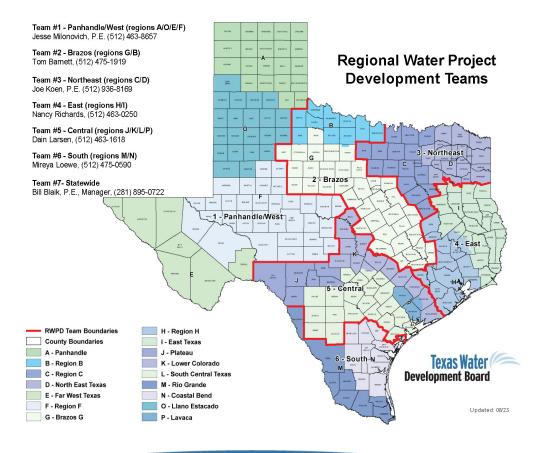






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### **Resources Links**

\* New Texas Water Fund https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/twf/index.asp

\* New Texas Water Fund Stakeholder Input – March 30 Meeting https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/TWF/doc/TWF-Stakeholder-Meeting-Invitation.pdf?d=87645.89999997616

\* New Texas Water Fund Stakeholder Online Survey <u>https://www.twdb.texas.gov/home/tabs/doc/hot/TWF-Issues-Stakeholder-</u> <u>Input.pdf?d=87645.89999997616</u>

\* TWDB Financial Assistance Programs https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/index.asp

\* **TWDB Financial Assistance Program Guidance Manuals and Forms Library** <u>https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/instructions/index.asp</u>

\* **TWDB Funding Application FAQ** <u>https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/applications/faq.asp</u>







### **Resources Links**

\* Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/CWSRF/index.asp

\* Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/DWSRF/index.asp

\* SRF Project Information Form (PIF Form) https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/pif.asp?

\* Lead Service Line Replacement Program https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/Lead-SLR/index.asp

\* Emerging Contaminants Program https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/ec/index.asp

\* EPA Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate Lists www.epa.gov/ccl







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\* Federal Procurement – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/DBE/index.asp

\* Regional Water Planning www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/index.asp

\* Flood Programs https://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/index.asp

\* **Conservation** <u>https://www.twdb.texas.gov/conservation/index.asp</u>

\* Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination Committee (TWICC) https://twicc.org/resources/doc/TWICC\_Funding\_Resources\_Guide.pdf

\* TWDB Newsletter https://www.twdb.texas.gov/newsmedia/signup.asp



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