

TWDB Financial Assistance Population Projections

When applying for financial assistance, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) requests applicants to submit the water and wastewater (WRD-253(a) or WRD-253(d)) forms with 20-year population projections.

All population projections submitted with loan applications should be consistent with the Environmental Protection Agency's reasonable growth guidance compared to the most current Board-adopted population projections. In other words, the projected population must be the reasonable amount of growth expected to occur over the useful life of the project. Population projections for a project funded by the Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) should be scaled to serve the existing population of the economically distressed area. The exception is a project designed to account for potential in-fill development within the existing residential subdivision or a necessary plant capacity increase due to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality thresholds. (U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 40, Chapter I, Subchapter B, Part 35, Subpart L, Section 35.3520(b)(2)(vi) for DWSRF program; CFR, Title 40, Chapter I, Subchapter B, Part 35, Subpart E, Appendix A to Subpart E of Part 35 for CWSRF program; and SEC. 1.02(2) of Acts 1989, 71st Leg., R.S., ch. 624 (SB 2) for EDAP program).

The TWDB uses a utility-based planning process and the Board-adopted population projections are based on water utility boundaries. As such, financial assistance program applicants must indicate on the WRD-253 form the service area of the population projections submitted.

The population projections should comprise a 20-year planning horizon and should clarify what area is projected for and the source of projection data in the WRD form-253(a)/(d).

Applicants are encouraged to review the TWDB's most current population projections adopted by the Board in November 2023 for comparison to their own projections when applying for financial assistance. The Board-adopted projections are available on the TWDB's website and can be viewed by region, county, and water user group. Link to the projections:

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/projections/2027/municipal.asp>

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