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Public Comment Period: Economically Distressed Areas Program Intended Use Plan

Comment period begins Dec. 31, 2021, through Jan. 31, 2022

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is requesting comments on the [draft Economically Distressed Areas Program \(EDAP\) Intended Use Plan \(IUP\)](#).

In November 2019, Texas voters approved a proposition authorizing additional general obligation bonding authority for EDAP projects. Other changes to EDAP resulting from the 86th Legislative Session are also being implemented. The 87th Legislature appropriated funds to support new funding for EDAP projects.

Proposed rules will be concurrently available for public comment on the TWDB Administrative Rules [webpage](#), along with instructions for comment.

The proposed rules state that certain program details will appear in an EDAP IUP. The draft EDAP IUP outlines the proposed structure and type of financing available for projects funded through EDAP. Details contained in the draft EDAP IUP include specific loan and grant eligibilities, available funding capacity, and the prioritization criteria that will be applied to proposed projects.

The period of public comment on the draft EDAP IUP will begin **December 31, 2021**, and end at **5:00 p.m. CST on January 31, 2022**. There are three ways to provide public comments to the TWDB:

1. Email comments to edap-iupcomments@twdb.texas.gov
2. Submit written comments to the following postal address:
Mark Wyatt
Director, Program Administration and Reporting
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711
3. Attend the public hearing that will be held on **January 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Stephen F. Austin State Office Building, Room 170, in Austin, Texas.

Comments will be addressed and the final EDAP IUP will be presented to the Board for approval.

Please feel free to contact Alyssa Azari with any questions:

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