Agenda

- State Revolving Fund Programs Overview
- Program Requirements
- Timeline of Funding Cycle
- Alternative Funding Options
- Helpful Tips
- Questions/Answers
• The mission of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is to lead the state's efforts in ensuring a secure water future for Texas and its citizens.

• 1957 Legislature creates agency that will become TWDB

• Provides water planning, data collection and dissemination, financial assistance, and technical assistance services to the citizens of Texas
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Authorized by the Clean Water Act
Provides low-cost financial assistance for planning, acquisition, design and construction of wastewater, reuse and stormwater infrastructure

- Offers repayment terms up to 30 years
- Partial principal forgiveness available for Disadvantaged Communities, Disaster Relief, and projects with Green components
Who can apply?

- Political subdivisions, including water supply corporations that are Designated Management Agencies (DMAs)
- Federally authorized tribal organizations
- Private entities (for nonpoint source or estuary projects only)

Eligible Projects

Planning, design, acquisition, and construction of:

- Wastewater treatment facilities
- Wastewater recycling and reuse facilities including “purple” pipe distribution systems
- Nonpotable reuse
- Wastewater collection systems
- Meter Replacements
- Stormwater control
- Conservation easements
- Nonpoint source pollution control projects, such as correction of failing on-site systems and wetlands restoration
- Estuary management projects identified in either the Galveston Bay or Coastal Bend Estuary Management Plans
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Established in 1996 from amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act

- Assists communities with below market-rate financing and various levels of principal forgiveness for Disadvantaged Communities, Disaster Relief, and projects with green components
- Planning, Acquisition, Design and Construction Phases
- Repayment terms up to 30 years
Who can apply?

- Existing community Public Water Systems (PWSs) including political subdivisions, nonprofit water supply corporations and privately-owned community water systems
- Non-profit, non-community public water systems
- State agencies

Eligible Projects

Planning, design, acquisition, and construction to:

- Correct water system deficiencies
- Upgrade or replace water systems
- Consolidate systems
- Purchase capacity
- Purchase other systems
- Implement green projects
- Implement source water protection projects
- Refinance (under limited scenarios)
**SRF Funding Options**

CWSRF/DWSRF

- Disadvantaged Communities
- Disadvantaged Community
  Small / Rural only
- Green Projects
- Emergency Relief (CWSRF)

DWSRF

- Very Small Systems
- Very Small Systems
  “Securing Safe Water Initiative
- Urgent Need – Disasters; Contaminants;
  “Securing Safe Water” Initiative;

*offering principal forgiveness or 0% interest*
Disadvantaged Community Eligibility

75% or less of state-wide Annual median Household Income (AMHI)

State’s AMHI is $61,874 (5-year ACS estimates)

$61,874 \times 0.75 = $46,405.50 eligibility threshold

May be documented with Census data or a household survey

Household Cost Factor: estimates loan’s impact on residential ratepayers

Calculate level of principal forgiveness of 30%, 50% or 70%
## Funding Option Allocations

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Significant Program Changes

SFY 2021 - Highly recommend reviewing amended IUP

- Amended CW/DW IUP capacity for funding
- Minimum interest rate floor
- Invitation only by rank
- Letters of Intent to Apply
- Multi-year funding has been suspended

Important Upcoming Dates

February 26 - Letters of Intent to Apply due for first round of SFY 2021 SRFs
March 31 - Applications due for first round

March 3 - Project Information Forms due for SFY2022
SFY 2022 Interest Rate Reduction Methodology

Percentage reduction from the Thomson Reuters Municipal Market Date (MMD) rate*

- CWSRF program:
  Equivalency projects: 40% reduction
  Non-Equivalency projects: 35% reduction

- DWSRF program:
  Equivalency projects: 35% reduction
  Non-Equivalency projects: 30% reduction

*adjusted for yield to maturity applicable to entity's rating non-rated entities at Baa rate
What does "Equivalency" mean?

Equivalency projects (Federal Requirements)

A portion of the CWSRF/DWSRF funded projects must follow all federal requirements commonly known as “cross-cutters”.

This type of financial assistance is referred to broadly as “Equivalency”

Non-Equivalency projects (State Requirements)

Non-Equivalency projects are not subject to federal cross-cutter requirements, with the exception of the federal anti-discrimination laws, also known as the “super cross-cutters”.
## Clean Water: Non-Equivalency 35% Reduction

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Net Interest Rate*  
1.695%

Cost Savings  
$1,117,978

## Drinking Water: Non-Equivalency 30% Reduction

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Net Interest Rate*  
1.774%

Cost Savings  
$926,564

*Illustrative Rates only based on Baa rating for non-rated entities
Program Requirements

- Davis-Bacon wage rate requirements
- American Iron and Steel requirements
- Loan Origination Fee
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-type environmental review

For equivalency projects only:
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program
- Additional steps when procuring architecture and engineering services

- DWSRF Projects must be consistent with the current state water plan
- Projects must be listed in the current CWSRF/DWSRF Intended Use Plan
- Projects >$500,000 must adopt a water conservation and drought contingency plan

- Review of legislative requirements regarding water loss threshold limits
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Procurement Requirements

- Associated with Federal funding programs
- Ensures Minority and Women-Owned Businesses have opportunities to bid
- TWDB Resources:
  - DBE Coordinator available for technical assistance
  - DBE Web page and newly updated guidance
  - Specific language to use in advertisements
  - DBE@twdb.texas.gov email for questions & submittals
SRF Annual Funding Cycle

1. Project Solicitation (Project Information Forms submitted in March)
2. TWDB and TCEQ Score Projects
3. TWDB Publishes Draft Intended Use Plan (IUP)
4. IUP Open for Public Review & Comment

5. IUP Finalized and Approved
6. TWDB Invites Entities from the IUP to Apply for Financing
7. TWDB Reviews Applications and makes funding commitments
8. Borrowers Close on Loans

Project Information Forms - Due March 3rd
## Alternative Funding Programs

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  - **TWICC**
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- Can fund multiple types in a single commitment
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- Repayment terms up to 40 years

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Call us for availability of funds
What Is TWICC

The Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination Committee (TWICC) is a one-stop shop for information on funding eligibility or technical assistance for water systems facing infrastructure or compliance issues. TWICC is a collaborative effort by State and Federal government agencies and technical assistance providers promoting an efficient process for affordable, sustainable, and innovative funding strategies for water and wastewater infrastructure projects that protect public health.

What can TWICC do for you?

To request technical assistance or receive eligibility information regarding the financial and technical assistance programs administered by TWICC members, simply complete and submit a [Funding Inquiry Form](#). A basic overview of each financial assistance program is available in our [Funding Resources Guide](#). Water and wastewater system representatives may also participate in TWICC meetings in person or via conference call to discuss their specific infrastructure or compliance concerns.

Upon request, TWICC members also conduct local workshops to present information tailored to the needs of a specific region. Please [contact us](#) to request a TWICC workshop in your region.
- Financial Audits - are they up-to-date?
  Audits are a requirement after financial assistance is received for the life of the project. Costs can be captured in project budget.

- Analysis of ability to take on debt
  Rates and Charges in place? Will they need to be raised?

- Reminder: Updated Water Use Survey and Water Loss Audit
  Water Conservation and Drought Contingency plan if applicable.

- Communicate/coordinate data entry in OLA - only one person at a time can work on PIF/Application.

- Make sure all consultants and entity officials are clear on project elements/details. Be mindful of project schedules and budgets; with funding caps in place have alternate funding in mind.

- Most financing is through bonds/COs recommend seeking out bond counsel and financial advisor early if planning to apply.

- Only WSC and private entities receive "loans"; if an entity has the ability to issue bonds, TWDB buys those bonds.

  Talk early and often with TWDB staff - we are happy to provide guidance and support!