

Public Comment Period: Economically Distressed Areas Program Project Prioritization

Comment period ends December 5

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is holding a period of public review and comment on the [list of prioritized projects](#) requesting Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) financial assistance.

Abridged applications for the available EDAP financial assistance were due to the TWDB on May 13. After receiving the abridged applications, the TWDB reviewed the projects for eligibility and prioritized the applications according to the methodology outlined in the EDAP [Intended Use Plan](#). The scoring criteria is intended to prioritize residential projects providing first-time service and projects that will resolve public health nuisances and/or violations related to contaminants.

Ties were broken in favor of projects serving areas with a lower annual median household income, calculated using the 2015–2019 American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

The TWDB anticipates funding projects on the proposed prioritized list using up to an estimated \$100 million in bonds.

The period of public review and comment begins **November 21** and ends on **December 5**. Two options are available for submitting comments:

1. Email comments to EDAP-IUPcomments@twdb.texas.gov
2. Submit written comments to the following postal mail address:

Mr. Mark Wyatt
Director, Program Administration and Reporting
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711

Comments received by the deadline will be considered, and any resulting changes to the prioritized list will be made before presenting the list for review and approval at the December Board meeting. After approval, the TWDB will begin the invitation process for projects that rank within funding capacity.

If you have questions, please contact the EDAP Program Coordinator, William Alfaro, at 512-463-4741 or william.alfaro@twdb.texas.gov.