

Economically Distressed Areas Program Project Prioritization Public Comment Period Now Open

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.

Applications for the available EDAP financial assistance were due to the TWDB on July 18, 2018. After receiving the applications, the TWDB prioritized the projects according to the methodology published on the [TWDB website](#). The scoring criteria are intended to prioritize the projects that are ready to proceed with construction phase activities.

A comparison of each project's overall eligible EDAP cost per residential connection (including prior EDAP funding for the project) was used as a tiebreaker. Ties were broken in favor of the lower cost per connection.

Remaining bonding authority for the EDAP program is estimated at approximately \$53.5 million. The Executive Administrator is recommending that each project may receive no more than \$13,375,000, which is 25 percent of the remaining bonding authority rounded up to the nearest \$5,000 increment. This amount was used in the cost per connection calculation for projects with requests exceeding this limit.

The period of public review and comment begins **September 4, 2018**, and ends at 5:00 p.m. on **September 13, 2018**. Two options are available for submitting comments:

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

EDAP Public Comments
c/o Program Administration and Reporting
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711

Comments received by the deadline will be considered and the prioritized list will be presented to the Board for review and approval. After the Board's decision, applications will be subject to further TWDB technical review.

If you have questions, please contact the EDAP Program Coordinator, Tom Entsminger, at 512-936-0802 or Tom.Entsminger@twdb.texas.gov.