



# Agricultural Water Conservation Grant and Loan Programs

The Agricultural Water Conservation grant and loan programs provide financial assistance for agricultural water conservation projects in Texas. Through Fiscal Year 2019, the programs have committed approximately

\$111 million in grants, loans, and transfers of funds to support implementation of strategies and practices that improve agricultural irrigation water use efficiency and conserve water.

## Examples of Funded Programs and Projects

- Pass-through loans to individuals to upgrade irrigation equipment and improve irrigation efficiency
- Construction projects that improve infrastructure, equipment, and efficiency of irrigation delivery
- Technical assistance, technology transfer, and education relating to agricultural water use and conservation
- Metering devices to quantify water savings by measuring agricultural irrigation water use
- Long-term demonstration initiatives such as the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation ([www.tawc.us](http://www.tawc.us)), Texas Project for Ag Water Efficiency ([www.texasawe.org](http://www.texasawe.org)), and the “3-4-5 Project” ([www.northplainsgcd.org](http://www.northplainsgcd.org))

## Grants

- The TWDB publishes a *Request for Applications* notice in the Texas Register at least once a year
- Up to \$600,000 available annually
- Grant categories vary from year to year

## Eligible Grant Applicants

- State agencies
- Political subdivisions

## Loans

- Low-interest, fixed interest rates
- Up to 10-year repayment terms
- Applications may be submitted at any time, subject to availability of funds
- U.S. Iron and Steel requirements apply to certain projects

## Eligible Loan Applicants

- Political subdivisions

For specific questions about loans, please contact [financial\\_assistance@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:financial_assistance@twdb.texas.gov). For questions about grants, please contact [agconservation@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:agconservation@twdb.texas.gov). Detailed information on the programs can be found at [www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs](http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs).