



Flood Protection Grant Program

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provides financial assistance to assist state and local entities in creating or improving upon flood early warning systems, flood response plans, and/or flood protection planning studies to mitigate flood hazards occurring within their jurisdiction.

Eligible Activities

Planning studies or projects may include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

- Purchasing/installing reverse 911 systems
- Purchasing/installing siren/warning systems
- Purchasing/installing flood gages
- Purchasing/installing flood monitoring system
- Developing flood response plan
- Purchasing equipment for flood response
- Developing/improving web-based public information system
- Determining and describing problems resulting from or relating to flooding
- Conducting hydrologic and hydraulic studies
- Identifying potential solutions
- Estimating benefits and costs of potential solutions, including structural and nonstructural measures
- Determining the views and needs of the affected public relating to flooding problems
- Recommending feasible solutions to flood protection problems
- Ensuring that any proposed solutions are consistent with appropriate regional or statewide plans and relevant laws and regulations

Activities directly related to preparing applications for state or federal permits or other approvals and activities associated with administrative or legal proceedings by regulatory agencies are not eligible for Flood Protection Grant assistance.

Applicant Eligibility

Any political subdivisions of the State of Texas that have the legal authority to plan for and implement flood protection measures within their jurisdictional area and that are members of the National Flood Insurance Program are eligible to apply for assistance. Political

subdivisions include cities, counties, districts, or authorities created under the Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 52, or Article XVI, Section 59; any other political subdivision of the state; any interstate compact commission to which the state is a party; and any nonprofit water supply corporation created and operating under Texas Civil Statutes, Article 1434a.

Cost Share

The TWDB may contribute up to 50 percent of the total cost of the project or planning study, with the exception that some economically disadvantaged applicants may be eligible for more funding. To qualify, economically disadvantaged applicants must have unemployment rates exceeding the state average by 50 percent or more and per capita income that is 65 percent or less of the state average for the last reporting period available. If the applicant meets these qualifications, the TWDB may contribute as much as 75 percent of the total planning study cost. In-kind services may be substituted for any part of the local share if such services are directly in support of the planning effort, are properly documented, and are approved in advance by the TWDB.

Application Period

The TWDB will publish a request for proposals in the Texas Register as funds are available. Unsolicited applications may be filed at any time but will only be considered if funds are available and the planning to be done is deemed urgent.

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