



Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)

Passed by the legislature and approved by Texas voters through a constitutional amendment, the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) program currently provides financial assistance in the form of grants and zero percent interest loans for flood control, flood mitigation, and drainage projects. Join the TWDB Financial Assistance mailing list at www.twdb.texas.gov/newsmedia/signup.asp to be notified of application periods and other important information.

Eligible Applicants

- For all project categories: cities, counties, and any district, authority, or other political subdivision created under Article III, Section 52 or Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution.
- For flood management evaluation projects only: other political subdivisions and nonprofit water supply corporations operating under Chapter 67 of the Texas Water Code.

Eligible Projects

Only flood management evaluations, flood mitigation projects, and flood management strategies recommended in the state flood plan and approved by the TWDB are eligible for financial assistance. Project examples include

- flood control planning of entire watersheds;
- construction, rehabilitation, demolition and decommission, feasibility assessments, detailed hydraulic and hydrologic studies, activities to obtain regulatory approval, drainage infrastructure, and nonstructural and nature-based solutions;
- warning systems, crossing barriers, public education and outreach, reverse 911 systems, and dam emergency action plans;
- projects for which communities have received a federal award for flood-related activities contingent on the availability of local matching funds.

Benefits and Terms

- Up to 30-year repayment period for construction projects.
- Up to 10-year repayment period for planning, acquisition, and/or design projects.
- Zero percent interest loans and grants available.

Program Requirements

- Current financial audits for your entity may be required with submission of the financial assistance application.
- State level environmental review.
- Meet U.S. Iron and Steel requirements.
- Perform a benefit-cost ratio analysis.
- Memorandum of understanding applies to flood control projects as defined in 31 Texas Administrative Code § 363.402.
- Affidavit that the applicant has acted cooperatively with other political subdivisions.
- No redundant funding for activities already performed and/or funded through another source.
- Floodplain ordinances or orders must be in place, and the appropriate entity must certify that it is currently enforcing floodplain management standards at least equivalent to National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) minimum standards; an entity is exempt from this requirement if requesting FIF funding to fulfill additional requirements for participation in the NFIP.
- Use the best/most recent available data.
- For construction projects, documentation of plans for operations and maintenance costs associated with the proposed facilities, and consideration of possible floodwater capture techniques that could be associated for water supply purposes.

For specific questions about the program, please contact FIF@twdb.texas.gov. Detailed information is also available at www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/FIF. Additional information on the state flood plan is available at www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning.