



State Participation

The State Participation program's goal is to allow for the "right sizing" of projects in consideration of future needs. The program encourages the optimum development of regional projects by funding excess capacity for future use. Program funding is dependent upon legislative appropriations and available funds. To be notified of future funding availability, please join the TWDB's Financial Assistance mailing list at <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/newsmedia/signup.asp>.

Eligible Applicants

- Political subdivisions.
- Nonprofit water supply corporations.

Eligible Projects

Planning, design, acquisition, and construction for the excess capacity of regional projects for

- water supply, including reservoirs, well fields, and water rights;
- wastewater; or
- flood protection.

Benefits and Terms

- Financing through a temporary TWDB ownership interest in a regional facility (local sponsor repurchases the TWDB's interest under a repayment schedule that allows for the structured deferral of both principal and interest).
- Up to 34-year repayment terms (generally).
- Subject to eligibility and Board approval, there is currently no maximum funding limit.

Program Requirements

- Program funding dependent upon legislative appropriations or available funds; includes a prioritization process.
- State-level environmental review.
- Water supply projects must be consistent with the current state water plan.
- Reservoir funding must be segmented or phased, and permitting is required prior to a construction commitment.
- Limited to funding of excess capacity portion; up to 80 percent of total water project costs and 50 percent for wastewater costs.
- Submit current financial audits for your entity with the financial assistance application.
- Entities receiving assistance over \$500,000 must adopt water conservation and drought contingency plans.
- Financing is provided through a master agreement rather than the issuance of bonds.
- Review of legislative requirements regarding water loss threshold limits.
- Meet U.S. Iron and Steel requirements.

For specific questions about the program, please contact Financial_Assistance@twdb.texas.gov. Detailed information is also available at www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/SPP.