

Questions & Answers from Fiscal Year 2026 Agricultural Water Conservation Grants – Request for Applications (RFA) Live Webinars

Session 1: Thursday, January 8, 2026, 1:30 PM, Central Standard Time

Q. Could non-profits pitch to universities the grant?

A. Yes, anyone is welcome to pitch an agricultural water conservation grant program/project idea to universities or any other eligible applicant.

Q. Will we gain access to this webinar after this meeting?

A. We will post an on-demand recording of the webinar on our website.

Q. Could you share the presentation via email?

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Q. Is it allowed and/or beneficial to have more than one goal? For example, irrigation efficiency improvement and research/demonstration?

A. Yes, it is allowed. Provide as much information as needed to respond to the RFA and fully share the project goals.

Session 2: Thursday, January 22, 2026, 2:00 PM, Central Standard Time

Q. Is indirect cost permitted in the budget for proposals submitted by a university?

A. Indirect expenses such as the applicant's overhead are not eligible for reimbursement and will not count towards the local match when being evaluated by the technical review team. See the RFA for this information.

Q. Is it permissible to submit the proposal jointly with TexMesonet?

A. The application to the agricultural water conservation grant RFA should be made separately from other TWDB funding opportunities.

Q. Are you able to print the slide show given today?

A. An on-demand version of the webinar will be available on our website for viewing.

Q. How would this apply to residents interested in ag development on their own properties?

A. One may locate their nearest political subdivision or state agency and share their idea to see if the eligible applicant would like to apply.

Q. I may have missed this point. Will this recording be made available to attendees or on the website?

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Q. What groundwater conservation district am I in?

A. Input your address on this website to find your groundwater conservation district:

<https://tagd.halff.com/>

Q. Is Texas Agrilife a political district?

A. According to 31 Tex. Admin. Code § 367.2; eligible applicants include, "(13) Political subdivision--Includes a municipality, county, district or authority created under the Texas Constitution Article III, Section 52, or Article XVI, Section 59, **an institution of higher education as defined by §61.003, Education Code**, any interstate compact commission to which the state is a party, and any nonprofit water supply corporation created and operating under Texas Water Code Chapter 67.

Q. Is turfgrass/sod farming considered agricultural?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the approximate funding rate for applications in the previous years/rounds?

A. There is not an approximate rate as the number of awards in any given year is a function of applications received, the amounts requested, and the scoring of applications. See the TWDB website for the previous years' awards.

Q. How about another public university from the same system, would a Co-PI from that university eligible?

A. There can be Co-PI's from the same university, however if from another university, they would be a subcontractor.

Q. Are the slides in this presentation available for printout?

A. An on-demand version of the webinar will be available on our website for viewing. Much of the information contained on the slides appears in the RFA and application instructions documents.

Q. Can we access details on approved past project applications?

A. See the TWDB website for the previous years' awards. For projects reaching completion and having a required final report, those are available hyperlinked on the website.

Q. Feasibility reports and environmental surveys required for the application submission or after grant approved?

A. See 31 Tex. Admin. Code § 367.6 for details on engineering feasibility and 31 Tex. Admin. Code § 367.7 for environmental review guidance.

***Session 3: Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 10:00 AM, Central Standard Time
Upcoming***