

Groundwater Research, Science, and Data Collection Grants

Fiscal Year 2026 Application Form

Submit this completed application form and all required attachments by email to GCDGrants@twdb.texas.gov by **March 13, 2026, 2:00pm**. Use the subject: "FY2026 Groundwater Grant Application – <Your District Name>".

Refer to the FY2026 Groundwater Grants Guidelines for deadlines and detailed instructions. All information on this form is required to be considered a complete application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

I. Applicant Information

Official name of applicant (groundwater conservation district name)

Physical address:

Mailing address:

Authorized official (has legal authority to sign a grant agreement)

Name:

Title:

Phone number:

Email address:

Designated representative (primary contact for this application)

Same as authorized official

Complete the information below if designated representative is different from the authorized official.

Name:

Title:

Phone number:

Email address:

II. Eligibility Confirmation

Check all that apply

Applicant is a groundwater conservation district as defined by Texas Water Code § 36.001(1).

Applicant is authorized to accept grants under Texas Water Code § 36.158.

Only one application is being submitted by this applicant.

Eligibility documentation

Attach ONE of the following to confirm applicant eligibility, intent, and authorized representatives. *Select which form of documentation is included in this application:*

An affidavit from the individual with the authority to act on behalf of the applicant, OR

A copy of an adopted resolution, OR

Minutes approved by the groundwater conservation district board with the authority to act on behalf of the applicant.

Eligibility documentation must include:

- Amount requested;
- Any local match (not required);
- A statement that grant funds will supplement, not replace, applicant funds;
- Authorization to submit application; AND
- Designation of a representative the TWDB can contact regarding the application.

III. Applicant Financial Information

Annual operating budget (amount)

For example, \$1,250,000

Link to most recent annual operating budget OR enter "file attached" and attach file

Last financial audit (date):

Link to most recent financial audit OR enter "file attached" and attach file

Explain the need for financial assistance

V. Project Information

Project cost

Total project cost

Amount requested from the Texas Water Development Board

TWDB will only award grants for \$50,000 to \$300,000

Applicant will provide supplemental funding for this project (local match not required)

Yes No To be determined

If yes, amount of supplemental funding and source(s)

Grant Category

Project title

Short project description (brief statement of purpose)

No more than 175 words.

Project duration

Months to complete. Awarded projects must be completed by May 31, 2028.

Category-specific narrative

Complete the prompt that matches your selected category.

For Category 1: Describe how this project furthers best available science¹ in the state and supports the implementation of effective groundwater resource management and planning.

For Category 2: Describe how this project enhances the collection, quality, and availability of groundwater data used by groundwater conservation districts and the TWDB to support effective groundwater resource management and planning within the district and across the state.

No more than 300 words.

¹ See Texas Water Code § 36.0015 for the definition of *best available science*.

Scope of work (attach)

Attach a scope of work that includes:

- Clearly identified tasks,
- Clearly defined project team,
- Estimated completion times for each task (project timeline,
- Proposed equipment purchases (if applicable, and
- Deliverables the TWDB will receive through this project (data, reports, or other products).

Note: All deliverables must be provided to the TWDB. Data deliverables must follow data requirements as provided in the grant agreement.

Project budget (attach)

Attach a proposed project budget (using example budget tables in Appendix B of Guidelines) that includes:

- Total project cost,
- The cost of each significant element of the project,
- TWDB costs and local match costs (if applicable; local match not required), and
- Equipment cost list (if applicable).

VI. Additional Documentation

If you would like to provide any additional information or documentation to support your application, you may attach that to the application. Please list any additional documentation provided with the application:

Before submitting your application, please review all the information provided on this application form carefully, and ensure all required attachments are appended to this PDF or included as email attachments.

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