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AGENDA ITEM MEMO

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: Board Members

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FROM: Jesse Milonovich, Program Administration & Reporting
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SUBJECT: Texas Water Supply Corporations Grants

ACTION REQUESTED

Briefing and discussion on the Executive Administrator's implementation of the Texas Water Fund implementation plan relating to Texas Water Supply Corporations Grants (TWSCG).

BACKGROUND

This is a one-time funding opportunity for a limited number of Texas Water Supply Corporations (WSCs) to receive grant funding to implement water infrastructure and supply projects, including those that address water conservation strategies and water loss mitigation projects. Funding will be provided from the Texas Water Fund via transfers to the Rural Water Assistance Fund (RWAF) and the Water Loan Assistance Fund (WLAF) programs. In July 2024, the Executive Administrator presented a Texas Water Fund implementation plan. Of the remaining funds, up to \$50 million is being allocated for transfers to RWAF and WLAF.

On June 18, 2026, the TWDB posted to its website the draft implementation plan for this grant opportunity for public comment. The period of public review and comment ended on July 17, 2026. In total, 110 comments and general questions were received. All comments were in alignment with increasing the total funding amount. A summary of the comments can be read in Attachment 1. No changes were made in response to public comments.

KEY ISSUES

- After commitment and at closing for eligible projects, funds will be transferred to RWAF and WLAF. Programmatic requirements will apply depending on the funding source used for each specific applicant.

- The opportunity is open to nonprofit Water Supply Corporations created and operating under Chapter 67 that serve existing residential customers (excluding those primarily providing service to commercial or industrial customers).
- Funding is designated for water infrastructure and supply projects only, including reuse, (e.g., addresses real or apparent water loss, or TCEQ violations, or upgrading or replacing water systems).
- Drainage, flood control, and wastewater projects are not eligible.
- Projects must be consistent with the 2027 State Water Plan.
- Applicants must be current with their audited financial statements. For a funding application to be considered complete and eligible, it must include a 2025 fiscal year-end financial audit that has been adopted by the applicant's governing body within 135 days after the close of their fiscal year. Applicants may submit IRS Form 990 in place of audited financial statements.
- US Iron & Steel provisions apply (Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 2252, Subchapter G).
- Conveyance coordination [requirements](#) apply **only if land acquisition is a part of the project.** (Tex. Water Code Chapter 6, Subchapter H).
- All applicants are subject to requirements for:
 - Water conservation plan (Tex. Water Code §§ 16.402 and 16.4021; 31 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 363.15);
 - Water use survey (Tex. Water Code § 16.012(m); 31 TAC § 358.5);
 - Water loss audit (Tex. Water Code § 16.0121; 31 TAC § 358.6 (proposed new § 358.11)); and
 - Water loss validation (Tex. Water Code §§ 16.0121 and 16.0122; 31 TAC § 358.6 (proposed new § 358.12)).

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Projects are eligible for funding through either the Rural Water Assistance Fund (RWAFF) or the Water Loan Assistance Fund (WLAFF), depending on applicant eligibility and project type. RWAFF supports a broader range of eligible water supply and infrastructure projects but is limited to qualifying rural entities, while WLAFF is available to eligible entities statewide.

Funding is available only for water supply and water infrastructure projects. Eligible activities may include addressing real or apparent water loss, correcting Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) violations, or upgrading or replacing water systems. Direct and indirect potable reuse are eligible; however, funding for reuse projects is limited to the tertiary treatment of wastewater effluent and any applicable facilities, infrastructure, or components necessary to convey the treated water for potable use.

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Rural Water Assistance Fund

RWAF grant eligibility requirements are set forth in Texas Water Code § 15.994(b) and 31 Texas Administrative Code § 365.3(b). If an applicant meets the following definition of “rural political subdivision” from Texas Water Code § 15.001(14), that applicant’s project may be funded through the RWAF:

- “Rural political subdivision” means:
 - a nonprofit water supply or sewer service corporation created and operating under [Chapter 67](#) code... no part of the service area of which is located in an urban area with a population of more than 50,000; or
 - an entity that is a nonprofit water supply or sewer service corporation created and operating under [Chapter 67](#) of this code and
 - that demonstrates in a manner satisfactory to the board that the entity is rural or the area to be served by the project is a wholly rural area.
- For those applicants funded through the RWAF, funding is designated for water supply and infrastructure projects only. This funding is limited to:
 - water or water-related projects, including:
 - construction of infrastructure facilities for wholesale or retail water service;
 - desalination projects;
 - the purchase or lease of water well fields;
 - property necessary for water well fields; and
 - the purchase or lease of rights to produce groundwater;
 - water projects included in the state water plan or a regional water plan;
 - development of groundwater sources and acquisition of water rights, including groundwater and surface water rights;
 - the acquisition of retail public utilities as defined by Texas Water Code § 13.002;
 - construction or improvement of water projects to provide water service to an economically distressed area;
 - planning and design costs, permitting costs, and other costs associated with state or federal regulatory activities with respect to a project; and
 - obtaining water service supplied by other political subdivisions or the consolidation or regionalizing of neighboring political subdivisions, or both.

Water Loan Assistance Fund

WLAF grant eligibility requirements are set forth in Texas Water Code § 15.102 and 31 Texas Administrative Code § 363.17. If an applicant does not meet the definition of a “rural political subdivision” included above, the applicant’s project may be funded through the WLAF.

- For those applicants funded through WLAF, funding is designated for water supply and infrastructure projects only. This funding is limited to:
 - Projects that include supplying water service to areas in which water supply services:

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- from a community water system do not provide drinking water of a quality that meets the standards set forth by the TCEQ in 30 TAC 290, Subchapter D, and any applicable standards of any governmental unit with jurisdiction over such area;
- from individual wells after treatment do not provide drinking water of a quality that meets the standards set forth by the TCEQ in 30 TAC 290, Subchapter D, and any applicable standards of any governmental unit with jurisdiction over such area; or
- do not exist or are not provided, including a temporary interruption of service due to emergency conditions; and
- the financial resources are inadequate to provide water supply or sewer services that meet the standards and requirements of the TCEQ as set forth herein; or
- Projects for:
 - water conservation, meaning those practices, techniques, and technologies that will reduce the consumption of water, reduce the real or apparent loss or waste of water, improve the efficiency in the use of water, or increase the recycling and reuse of water so that a water supply is made available for future or alternative uses;
 - desalination; or
 - regionalization for a project type listed above.

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Administrator recommends the following TWSC Grants plan. This plan is intended to be flexible and is subject to change.

1. Limiting one application per entity to expedite the review process and encourage entities to prioritize system needs.
2. Limiting funding eligibility.
 - a. May request planning, acquisition, design, or construction.
 - b. If only construction is requested, the project must be ready to proceed: all environmental coordination, acquisition of 100 percent of all required water rights, land and easements, design (plans and specifications with design report), and permitting must be completed.
 - c. Reimbursement of previously incurred costs for the project will only be considered if they were incurred on or after November 7, 2023, and those activities meet the program requirements of RWAF or WLAF.
3. If a project previously received a funding commitment from a TWDB funding program (except for unclosed SWIFT and DFund program commitments slated to close in 2027 or later), these grant funds may not

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be used for the same activities that previously received funding commitments. However, if a project previously received funding commitments for only planning, acquisition, or design, the project is eligible to receive funding from these grants for construction.

4. If a project has an active DWSRF application with the TWDB, the processing of those non-TWSC grant applications may be postponed, allowing entities to pursue the most advantageous funding opportunity.
5. Allocation of the available funding, which is capped at an amount that supports at least 10 projects.

Funding Cap per project	\$5 million
Total funding target	\$50 million

6. A simplified project prioritization criteria list is intended to expedite the ranking process and support the allocation of available funding.

Criteria	Points Calculation	Points
Retail Water Providers: Service Area's Annual Median Household Income (AMHI) (if using a TWDB-approved socioeconomic survey; the AMHI will be inflation adjusted)	$(76,292 \div \text{AMHI}) \times 10$	Result
Wholesale Water Providers: Total population (POP) served by Retail Water Providers that purchase wholesale from applicant as listed in TCEQ's Drinking Water Viewer .	$(100,000 \div \text{POP}) \times 10$	Result
For projects that are deemed ready to proceed.		10 points
Tiebreaker: Preference given to the community that has never or has the greater amount of time since it last received financial assistance from the TWDB.		

7. Land/easements acquisition to be limited to entities requesting pre-design funding. All required land and easements must already be acquired for a project to qualify as ready to proceed.
8. Entities must have submitted their applicable water use survey, water loss audit, and water conservation plan and annual report by their respective deadlines or before the application deadline to be eligible.
9. TWDB will rely on TCEQ design approval for ready-to-proceed projects. TWDB will need to review Plans and Specifications to ensure these requirements are met:
 - a. US Iron & Steel

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- b. Performance bonds
- c. Retainage
- 10. The TWDB will issue a Certificate of Approval prior to authorization of release of final retainage ensuring the funds have been utilized in accordance with the committed project.
- 11. Funds will be disbursed to applicants through an entity-established escrow account.
- 12. Construction contracts must not have an end date past January 31, 2031. Construction closeout documents must be submitted by February 28, 2031, including completion of a final site visit by TWDB staff.
- 13. **Failure to submit any of the required information at the time the application's due date will disqualify the application from the selection process.** Questions can be directed to the TWDB, and two pre-application webinars will be held and posted to the TWDB website. Applications may be submitted prior to the January 13, 2027, deadline, but the TWDB will not initiate review until the deadline has passed. Entities may withdraw and resubmit an early application, provided the revised submission is a fully completed package.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

June 18- July 17, 2026	Public Comment Period
September 10, 2026	Board briefing on the implementation plan
September 15, 2026	Solicitation of applications opens for 120 days
September 15, 2026	Recorded Presentation posted to website
October 6, 2026	First Pre-Application Webinar
October 27, 2026	Second Pre-Application Webinar
January 13, 2027	Applications due
Beginning Late Summer/Fall 2027	Commitments
Beginning Winter 2027	Closings

LEGAL/SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Entities must submit, with their financial assistance application, a resolution from their governing body requesting financial assistance.
- Entities must submit with their financial assistance application, an application affidavit.
- Entities must have submitted their Water Use Surveys, Water Loss Audits, and Water Conservation Plans, as applicable, by their respective deadlines prior to submitting an application.

Attachments:

1. Texas Water Supply Corporations Grant Public Comments Summary

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Texas Water Supply Corporations Grant Public Comments Summary

Executive Summary

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) received 110 comments and questions from citizens, a Texas House Representative, non-profit advocacy groups, water supply corporations, and engineering and consulting firms.

All comments were in alignment with increasing the total \$50 million allocation, noting that the current amount is insufficient to meet statewide infrastructure needs. Many also recommended raising or removing the \$5 million project cap and eliminating the “one application per entity” restriction to allow TWSCs to address multiple critical system deficiencies.

Many commenters emphasized the needs of small rural systems, urging the TWDB to prioritize these entities either through additional scoring points or by reserving a substantial portion of funding for very small rural systems.

A coordinated submission from fifty-two residents of Trinity, Texas submitted the following comment:

As a resident and water customer in rural Texas, I am writing to ask the Texas Water Development Board to raise the \$50 million grant amount and remove the single-application restriction on the new WSC Grant program. Our local utility manages a complex water footprint that is in dire need of multiple upgrades to critical infrastructure. The state should allow funding to scale with the actual infrastructure needs of our community so that all residents are protected. Thank you.

An additional twenty-four commenters from Trinity, Texas expressed concern about aging water infrastructure and the urgent need for funding in their community.

Texas House Representative Trent Ashby (District 9), submitted a comment letter requesting an increase to the total funding amount, removal of the “one-application per entity” rule, and elimination of the \$5 million project cap.

The Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA) objected to the requirement for financial audits from TWSCs to be eligible for this grant opportunity. TRWA requested the TWDB allow for alternatives to financial audits. TRWA also requested for additional clarity regarding water conservation plans, water loss audits, and water use survey requirements.

Some commenters expressed concern that the TWDB funds could be used to support data center development, while most commenters supported prioritizing residential needs over industrial uses.

Two commenters expressed appreciation for the creation of the TWSC Grant opportunity, noting that WSCs have historically had limited access to the TWDB funding opportunity.

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**Texas Water Development Board
Public Review and Comments on the Texas Water Supply Corporations Grant
Implementation Plan**

The following provides a summary of the public comments received during the public comment period from June 18 to July 17, 2026.

Comment Submitted By: Kyler Norman, P.E., Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: June 19, 2026

Comment:

I am pleased to see that a grant opportunity similar to the WSIG from earlier this year is now available to WSCs. I am a civil engineer specializing in rural water systems and work with several WSCs in the North Texas area that I intend to recommend apply for this grant opportunity. Though I am happy to see this grant option now available, I do have a few concerns I would like to publicly note:

1. There are 744 Community Public Water Supply Corporations listed on TCEQ's Drinking Water Watch website. Some of these are likely ineligible, but a significant portion likely are eligible. The Texas Water Foundation lists 462 WSCs in its current Texas water organizations list. Upon a brief review of this list, these 462 appear to encompass all of the WSCs I'd expect to see eligible in my region. For the purposes of my commentary, I will assume that this 462 is reasonably close to the number of eligible entities for this grant.
 - a. The concern I currently have is the following: \$50,000,000 in funds are available, and I'm aware that the amount cannot be changed at this time. The maximum grant award amount is \$5,000,000, which means at least 10 WSC projects may be approved for grant funding; this is only 2.2% of my estimation of potentially eligible WSCs. Since there is no penalty for requesting the maximum amount, I expect many applications will request at, or near, \$5,000,000. **I am concerned that this high of a maximum amount, combined with a high potential number of applicants and a limited grant budget, will provide less overall benefit to the public than a smaller maximum amount or scoring modifications that encourage lower grant ask amounts.**
 - b. My suggestion: Consider reducing the maximum grant amount to closer to the \$2,000,000 range. This is still a budget amount that would yield significant benefits for all WSCs. An important note is that the **median number of service connections served by a community WSC is 360**, according to the TCEQ Drinking Water Watch list. On a system that size, \$2,000,000 could, under average circumstances, pay for ONE of the following example projects in my professional experience:

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- i. Installing a brand new small water tower or standpipe with a small pump station; or
 - ii. Drilling new well(s) and installing the associated piping and other infrastructure to tie them in to the existing system; or
 - iii. Replacing multiple miles of the leakiest or most undersized water mains, along with installing new smart water meters.
 - c. Alternatively, implementing a **scoring benefit for projects under \$2,000,000** while retaining the \$5,000,000 maximum may achieve a similar goal. This would likely increase the number of WSCs receiving much-needed aid while still allowing the systems that truly need \$5,000,000 to request it.
 - d. My final alternate suggestion would be to **set aside a portion of funds for WSCs who wish to fund smaller critical projects**, such as replacing/repairing leaking tanks, upgrading the capacity of existing pump stations to address compliance concerns, etc. **An amount like \$10,000,000 could be set aside for small projects of \$500,000 or less.** This would allow 20+ smaller WSCs to receive some critical funding for their most pressing concerns while still allocating the remaining \$40,000,000 to 8+ large projects.
2. This was a concern of mine with the WSIG grant program, and I hope it can be addressed with this new grant program. In my opinion, water supply corporations that are having difficulty meeting deadlines for water audits, water use surveys, and water conservation plans are likely understaffed and in desperate need of a grant award to help them update their systems. I suggest revising the requirement that all of these surveys, audits, etc., be completed by their respective (already passed) deadlines to allow them to be submitted late with the grant application. This appears to be the intention on page 5, item 8; however, the final bullet point on page 6 appears to contradict this.
3. The above concern leads to this one. Understaffing at small utilities is one of the greatest emerging concerns I have seen in public water utilities engineering over the last several years. It is not uncommon for the general manager and the water operator to be the sole employees responsible for the day-to-day operations of often multiple public water systems. They are too understaffed to apply for grants on their own, and their systems are often in such poor shape that no one would want to work for them, even if they could afford to hire help. Please specifically consider including an allowance in this grant to reimburse hiring or contracting a grant administrator to assist with the grant application and management. If the statutes allow it, consider covering the costs of hiring/contracting additional staff for water system operations for the duration of the grant, provided the need can be demonstrated to TWDB.

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4. Please provide guidance on how a small WSC can provide an alternative AMHI compared to the required ACS 5-year data. ACS 5-year data notoriously have high margins of error in rural areas. For example, Harrold, TX, which Harrold WSC serves, has a median household income of \$82,500 per the ACS data; however, the reported margin of error is +/- \$75,272 which means the actual median is expected to be between \$7,228 and \$157,772. Very few, if any, WSCs will have access to other sources of economic data. Some guidance for WSCs in the situation described above would be extremely beneficial. The application mentions that a TWDB-approved socioeconomic survey may be utilized. It would be beneficial to provide guidance on the typical timeline for conducting and obtaining approval for one of these surveys from the TWDB per WRD-285, and whether it is reasonably possible to complete one from the time the implementation plan is finalized to the application deadline. If it does not appear feasible, then TWDB should consider an accelerated Socioeconomic survey approval process. Conducting a rigorous socioeconomic survey (sending mailers, tracking return percentages to meet statistical requirements, and getting TWDB approval) within a 120-day timeframe of this grant application period during the Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday season will be extremely difficult, and any acceleration or assistance for this process may be helpful.

Again, I am extremely appreciative of the work that TWDB has put into this. I believe this program will greatly help some WSCs in need. Thank you for considering my concerns and suggestions, which I believe may make this program even more beneficial.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

I disagree with the proposed \$5,000,000 funding cap. I have included a discussion on potential solutions in my attached letter. In summary, though, I suggest either a funding cap closer to \$2,000,000 or setting aside a portion of the \$50,000,000 for smaller critical projects of \$500,000 or less.

I suggest this because there are several hundred (likely near ~462 per my estimates) potentially eligible WSCs for this grant, and the median number of service connections served by these WSCs is just over 300. \$5,000,000 is a lot for the median WSC, and while I believe nearly all rural WSCs deserve \$5,000,000 in funding, as an engineer who sees the day-to-day operations of several of these rural WSCs, I strongly believe that a smaller amount distributed among more potential awardees will provide much greater public benefit.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

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I do not see a question on this in the implementation plan, but I do see it mentioned in parentheses in bullet point 2, page 1. I do agree with limiting this grant to a system that primarily serves residential customers; however, I suggest great care in implementing this:

- DO NOT implement this based on VOLUME of water supplied; instead, I recommend determining this based on the number of service connections. If you base this on volume, you may end up disqualifying a WSC that serves hundreds of residential users but was forced to serve a single high-volume industrial user that uses the majority of their water supply. Please remember that WSCs with CCNs are REQUIRED by law to serve all applicants for water service within their CCNs, per the Water Code (with some specific exceptions). I do not want to see systems primarily intended to support the public be disqualified because a small minority of commercial/industrial users consume most of the water supply.
- Consider applying a multiplication factor, so my suggestion above doesn't get abused. For example, maybe an industrial-use meter counts as 4 meters, and a commercial-use meter counts as 2 meters. This needs further consideration, though.
- Consider the fact that many WSCs sell raw, untreated water to industry. Please consider how that may affect results.
- Provide guidance on where WSCs draw the line to ensure they do not count Agricultural or Institutional meters against their interests as commercial or industrial.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds? N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Derek Turner, Jacob & Martin, LLC, Weatherford, Texas
Additional Authors/Contributors: None
Comment Date: June 24, 2026
Comment:

Any clarification on specific types of projects would be helpful. Would projects that increase water purchase amounts be eligible? For example, the construction of a pump station to allow more water to be purchased from a wholesale provider.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

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I agree. Most WSC projects would fit within this amount and more projects can be funded this way.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Yes. Generally, I believe residential needs should be a priority.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Raymond Robinson, Grant Relations Specialist, Liberty Hill, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: June 24, 2026

Comment:

With regard to AMHI, what is the recommendation for WSCs that do not have an AMHI?

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan? Yes.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections. N/A

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds? N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Jerome Dittman, President, Navarro Mills WSC, Purdon, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: James Metcalfe, General Manager, Navarro Mills WSC

Comment Date: June 28, 2026

Comment:

There are over 750 small privately owned, non-profit WSCs in Texas serving 2.5 million rural Texans. The total funding amount of \$50 million is insufficient to fund the needs of these WSCs, unless it becomes an annual program. The criteria could be significantly improved by:

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1. Adding a needs criteria. By this, I mean if the WSC is over its 85% capacity for flow, pressure, and/or storage, it should receive points in the evaluation. For example, if a pressure plane is at 100% capacity for storage, then the only solution is to build a new storage tank. Small WSCs cannot afford such a large capital expense from operating funds. Points could be easily calculated as capacity percentage times 10 points (at 85% capacity = 8.5 points, at 95% capacity = 9.5 points, at 105% capacity = 10.5 points).
2. What is the definition of "ready to proceed"? If a study has been performed, a concept plan and budget estimate created, and the land acquired, is this project ready to proceed?

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

There are over 750 small privately owned, non-profit WSCs in Texas serving 2.5 million rural Texans. The total funding amount of \$50 million is insufficient to fund the needs of these WSCs, unless it becomes an annual program. The project cap is fine, but the total amount available should be increased to at least \$100 million.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Yes, I agree. WSCs with major industrial or commercial customers have other funding options and use/sell significantly more water than rural resident-only WSCs.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

None other than my previous criteria suggestions.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Tony McCarty, Palestine, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: June 30, 2026

Comment:

Equal Funding for Rural Water Supply

Far too long Rural Water Supplies have had to compete against municipalities for the same money, we are not on a level playing field, cities can use tax revenue to offset shortcomings for the utility departments, they can issue bonds and almost

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always qualify for grants. Rural Water Systems do not have any of these capabilities and our only source of revenue is what we are allowed to charge our customers. When we apply for grants a median household income threshold is applied and always renders us ineligible. Small water systems are unable to afford the financing because new projects are now millions of dollars due to the rise in cost after Covid. Now is the time to make funding easier to achieve for Rural Water Supply Companies, below is an example of how HB4 money can be easier achieved in the form of a Grant/Loan system in the future. There should be a portion of HB4 money dedicated to rural water supply only.

- 25 - 600 connections- 90/10
- 601 - 800 connections- 80/20
- 801 - 1000 connections- 70/30
- 1001 - 2000 connections- 60/40
- 2001 - 3000 connections- 50/50
- 3001 - 4000 connections- 40/60

This system should include all costs such as grant writing, engineering, permitting, construction, and testing. No median household income should be considered; this system is designed so that as systems start to replace infrastructure and grow repair costs should come down and revenue should go up, reducing the amount of dependency on state funding.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

\$5 Million dollar cap is only about a mile worth of pipe installed, or 1 well drilled, instead of a cap funding should be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

I believe it is a good practice to know what the water system serves and should be included on the water use survey that is required to be submitted.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

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Comment Submitted By: James Sartwelle III, McCoy Water Supply Corporation, Pleasanton, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 9, 2026

Comment:

McCoy WSC applauds the TWDB's decision to make this \$50 million one-time grant program available to water supply corporations. As an entity, we believe we are unfairly excluded from the SWIFT funding process. However, we are gratified by TWDB's response to our earlier comments and made some funds available to our group. We plan to submit applications for projects that would yield much needed upgrading to our 50-year old system.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

I agree in that the \$5 million cap will help spread the \$50 million fund around more.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

I believe this fund should benefit WSCs that primarily serve households and livestock production. We can do more good for more people with less water than we can by serving a data center or large industrial user.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds? None.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Luna (no last name provided), Quemado, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 9, 2026

Comment:

Our broken irrigation cement canal needs to be repaired.

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Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Yes, agree.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Agree they need to serve the local farms who need water not just corporation.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

I hope the funding also go to local farm so we can fix our irrigation canal.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Angela Mackert, Fischer, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 13, 2026

Comment:

Comal County is growing fast and our aquifers are under strain. Please prioritize grant funds for real water loss reduction, leak repairs, and Edwards/Trinity Aquifer protection. Emphasize accountability and local input so this money delivers lasting results for residents.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Agree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project.

Reasoning: With only \$50 million total available, a \$5 million cap per project is reasonable. It spreads the money across more Water Supply Corporations instead of giving a few large entities the bulk of the funds. In Comal County and the Hill Country, we have many smaller systems that need help with leak repairs, aging infrastructure, and real water loss. A cap encourages practical, targeted projects that benefit existing residential customers without favoring mega-projects.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

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Agree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Reasoning: This is a fair and necessary eligibility screen. The intent of this grant is to help Water Supply Corporations that serve existing residential customers, especially in rural and growing areas like Comal County. Prioritizing systems that mainly serve homes (rather than large industrial users) ensures the limited funds go toward public health and everyday water reliability instead of subsidizing commercial operations.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

I generally support the TWDB’s proposed approach for distributing the \$50 million. To make the program more effective for areas like Comal County, I suggest:
Prioritize projects that directly reduce real water loss (leaks) and upgrade aging residential infrastructure.

Give preference to Water Supply Corporations that serve primarily existing residential customers rather than large commercial or new development projects.

Include clear scoring for projects that protect local aquifers (Edwards/Trinity) and promote conservation during drought.

Require straightforward public reporting on outcomes (e.g., gallons saved) so taxpayers can see the results.

This funding is important for our growing region. Focusing it on practical fixes and residential reliability will provide the best long-term benefit.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: David Hamilton, McCraw Chapel Water Supply Corporation, Paris, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 14, 2026

Comment:

I represent the McCraw Chapel Water Supply Corporation in Ladonia TX. The impending completion of Lake Ralph Hall has produced supply issues for McCraw. The service area can expect a large increase in population and a corresponding demand for water. This will require new infrastructure in a system that has deferred maintenance and upgrading

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because of cost. I am comfortable that other small WSC have similar difficulties thus creating a significant need for this program.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Agree, sufficient to manage critical projects.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Industrial or commercial use in rural areas needs analysis. There may be many reasons for location of businesses in small cities or outside city management, but usage by industry generates an additional strain on small systems. Ask the question

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

None

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Omar Rodriguez, Military Highway Water Supply Corporation, Mercedes, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 14, 2026

Comment:

The proposed maximum grant award of \$5 million may not be sufficient to complete significant water system improvements, particularly for treatment plant upgrades that address drinking water quality. Many infrastructure projects exceed this amount due to increasing construction costs.

Please consider allowing applicants to combine the maximum grant award with other eligible funding sources to complete larger, comprehensive projects. This flexibility would enable water systems to undertake projects that provide greater benefit to their customers while maximizing the impact of the TWDB grant program.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

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Disagree with the \$5million Dollar Funding cap. Due to increased construction costs over the past five years \$5 million dollars may not be sufficient to provide considerable improvements. A funding cap of at least \$10-million dollars would create considerable improvements.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.
N/A

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Brian E. Macmanus, P.E., General Manager of East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation, Rio Hondo, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 14, 2026

Comment:

Under Page 3 of the Texas Water Supply Corporation Grants Implementation Plan,
RECOMMENDATIONS

Item #2

"2. Limiting funding eligibility.

a. May request planning, acquisition, design, or construction."

Should the "or" in item "a." be "and/or" allowing for planning, acquisition, design, and construction, or is this specifically intended to be exclusive of the traditional full project package of funding and is correctly written as "or"?

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Agree if it includes planning, acquisition, design, and construction.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Strongly disagree. The scoring criteria states the following:

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Total population (POP) served by Retail Water Providers that purchase wholesale from applicant as listed in TCEQ's Drinking Water Viewer (DWV).

The points generated are calculated with the following formula:

$$(100,000 \div \text{POP}) \times 10$$

So the higher the POP which is determined from TCEQ's DWV, the lower the score or points generated. East Rio Hondo WSC currently is contracted to wholesale water to North Alamo Water Supply Corporation (NAWSC) for up to 1,500,000 gpd. Using the 0.6 gpm per connection and 3 people per connection values in the TCEQ regulations, that contractual amount results in a population served of 5,208. NAWSC's population from TCEQ's DWV is 171,195. This DWV value in no shape form or fashion represents the wholesale quantity that ERHWSC provides to NAWSC or as a percentage of its total wholesale water sales vs. retail water sales. DWV provides no consideration to the actual quantity of wholesale water provided to other entities and does not even remotely reflect the percentage of wholesale vs. retail sales.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

Allow priority points for new sources of water, utilizing those listed in the eligible sources. This ensures Texas is moving toward creating the new water it will take to keep up with growing populations in our entire state.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Meagan Alvarado, CHISPA, Corpus Christi, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 14, 2026

Comment:

To the Texas Water Development Board,

My name is Meagan Alvarado, and I live in Corpus Christi, Texas. Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on the Texas Water Supply Corporation Grants Implementation Plan.

I may not be an expert engineer but I am someone who spends a lot of time listening to families in my community and listening to their needs. Through these conversations, I have learned that water has been the biggest worry. The lack of feeling secure or safe or even being available is really worrisome.

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I appreciate that this grant program is focused on improving water infrastructure and helping communities address aging systems, water loss, and water quality issues. These investments matter because they directly affect people's health, livelihoods, and quality of life.

As you move forward with this program, I hope you will consider how smaller and often overlooked communities can successfully access these funds. Many rural communities, small water supply corporations, and underserved neighborhoods may not have the staff, grant writers, or technical resources needed to compete for funding, even though their needs may be some of the greatest.

I also encourage the Board to prioritize projects that provide long-term benefits for communities facing repeated water challenges and to ensure the application process is as clear and accessible as possible. Technical assistance and outreach can make a meaningful difference for communities that otherwise might not apply.

As an Indigenous person, I also want to share that water is more than infrastructure. It is life, culture, and something we have a responsibility to protect for future generations. I hope this program continues to recognize that every investment in water is ultimately an investment in people.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your commitment to strengthening Texas' water future. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process and hope you will continue to seek input from communities across our state.

Respectfully,

Meagan Alvarado
Corpus Christi, Texas

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

I agree with it as long as it used for the city and you do what you say you will with the money.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

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I disagree with it being used for industry. What happens if we need that water? Will the city buy it back from them?

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Julia Kaufman, General Manager of Cornersville WSC, Pickton, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 14, 2026

Comment:

Aging water infrastructure is one of the greatest challenges facing our Water Supply Corporation and directly impacts our ability to provide safe, reliable, and efficient water service to our members. Much of our existing distribution system has exceeded its intended service life, resulting in increased maintenance costs, frequent repairs, and unnecessary water loss. Grant funding is essential to help us replace deteriorating water lines, modernize critical infrastructure, and improve the overall reliability of our water system.

Investing in these improvements will significantly reduce water loss caused by aging pipes, leaks, and system inefficiencies. Conserving treated water not only protects our limited water resources but also reduces operating expenses and allows those savings to be reinvested into the system. Upgrading our infrastructure will also improve water pressure, enhance service reliability, and reduce the likelihood of service interruptions for our customers.

In addition to addressing current infrastructure needs, our community continues to experience steady residential and commercial growth, increasing the demand for dependable water service. Our existing system must be expanded and strengthened to accommodate future development while maintaining the level of service our customers expect. Planned improvements, including line extensions and looping projects, will increase system redundancy, improve water circulation, and provide greater reliability during emergencies or planned maintenance. These upgrades will also improve fire protection capabilities by providing more consistent water flow throughout the distribution system.

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Receiving grant funding would allow our Water Supply Corporation to complete these necessary improvements without placing an overwhelming financial burden on our members through significant rate increases. As a rural water system, our customer base alone cannot generate the capital needed for large-scale infrastructure projects. Grant assistance will ensure that our community continues to receive safe, dependable, and affordable drinking water while positioning our system to support future growth for many years to come. This investment will protect public health, strengthen our local economy, conserve valuable water resources, and create a resilient water system capable of serving both current and future generations.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

I disagree. \$5 million isn't enough for the amount of Water supply corporations in the state of Texas. This is due to the rising cost of supplies, materials and labor for infrastructure projects.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Any application for grants can be intimidating and stressful. Especially when many companies need the funding and the process is competitive. The questions shouldn't be extremely complex. Dumb it down for us country folks.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

I would like to see more of the committee personnel that makes the selections for these grants come and walk the systems. See firsthand the problems and the projects the money would go towards. Talk to the staff and not just go off the application.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Julia Kaufman, General Manager for Pickton WSC, Pickton TX
Additional Authors/Contributors: None
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Reliable access to safe, clean drinking water is essential to the health, safety, and economic well-being of every community. Our Water Supply Corporation is requesting grant funding to address critical infrastructure improvements that are necessary to ensure the continued delivery of dependable, high-quality water service. Much of our existing water distribution system has reached or exceeded its expected service life, resulting in increased water loss, higher maintenance costs, and a growing risk of service disruptions. Without significant investment, these challenges will continue to worsen, placing additional financial strain on both the utility and the customers we serve.

Our Water Supply Corporation serves a predominantly low-income rural community where many households are already burdened by the rising costs of essential living expenses. As a nonprofit water provider, we are committed to keeping water rates as affordable as possible while continuing to meet state and federal regulatory requirements. However, the cost of replacing aging infrastructure is beyond what can reasonably be funded through customer revenue alone. Increasing rates enough to finance these projects would create a significant hardship for many of the families, seniors, and individuals who depend on our system.

Grant funding will allow us to replace aging water lines, modernize essential infrastructure, and improve the efficiency and resiliency of our distribution system. Reducing water loss through infrastructure replacement is one of the most effective ways to conserve valuable water resources while lowering operational costs associated with leaks, emergency repairs, and unnecessary water treatment. Every gallon of treated water saved represents a responsible investment in both environmental stewardship and the long-term sustainability of our system.

Our proposed improvements also include strategic line extensions and looping projects that will strengthen the distribution network by eliminating dead-end lines, improving water circulation, maintaining water quality, and increasing system reliability. These upgrades will provide greater operational flexibility during emergencies, equipment failures, or planned maintenance while helping maintain consistent water pressure throughout the service area. They will also improve fire protection capabilities by providing more reliable water flow for emergency response, helping safeguard homes, businesses, and public facilities.

As our community continues to grow, so does the demand for dependable water infrastructure. New homes, businesses, and future economic development depend on a water system that is capable of meeting increasing demand without compromising service quality. Investing in infrastructure today will position our Water Supply Corporation to responsibly support future growth while protecting one of our community's most valuable resources.

Without grant assistance, many of these critical improvements would have to be delayed, increasing the likelihood of additional water loss, costly emergency repairs, service interruptions, and even greater expenses in the future. Grant funding represents an

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investment not only in infrastructure but also in public health, economic stability, environmental conservation, and the long-term success of our rural community. These improvements will reduce water loss, increase operational efficiency, strengthen system reliability, and ensure that current and future generations have access to safe, dependable, and affordable drinking water. By investing in our Water Supply Corporation, you are investing in the future of a hardworking, underserved community that deserves reliable infrastructure and the opportunity to continue growing without placing an undue financial burden on its residents.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

I disagree that cap need to increase due to project costs and the amount of water supplies that desperately need the funding.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

I understand the selection for grants is competitive, but the questions shouldn't be complicated.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

I feel that the lower income WSCs are still being over looked.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Jake Sheeran, Alice, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 14, 2026

Comment:

Can the water use survey, water loss audit, and water conservation plan and annual report be submitted with the TWSCG application at the same time?

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

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I disagree. I would agree to \$2 million cap per project, this way more water supply corporations would be eligible to receive this funding assistance. The \$50 million is great but to fund all the WSCs in Texas at \$5 million, only 10 WSC projects would benefit from this.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

I disagree with this. You have economic (industrial and or commercial) growth in some rural areas. These WSCs are dependent on these water connections possibly for survival. Yet, they (WSCs) might not have the funding or borrowing capacity to expand their water system.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

Additional points for WSCs that have less than 250 water connections. These are the WSCs that need all the help they can get!

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Tory Dobecka, Stop the Waco Data Center, Ross/Elm Mott, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 14, 2026

Comment:

I attended the Natural Resource Committee Meeting on June 23, 2026, at the state capital. I was excited to hear that the TWDB was going to be able to assist cities that desperately need help with their water systems. However, after listening to the TWDB representation group (the only name I remember is Temple McKinnon) I was left a little alarmed wondering about the checks and balances that would come with these applications and the distribution of funds.

My concerns:

Funds will be misused claiming they are improving the city.

Lacy Lakeview is in a partnership with a data center developer.

The verbiage on the application can be left to perception: Water Supply Improvements or System Replacement-could this mean utilizing funds to assist with the data center build?

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Buying water rights? Water rights for the city or data center usage?
Infrastructure funds; for the city or data center?

Lacy Lakeview asked for \$10 million; plan shows funding cap of \$5 million per project.
TWDB will not have a checks and balance system to make sure cities are utilizing the funds
as stated in the application (based upon testimony I heard in Austin).

The city of Lacy Lakeview (Waco, Texas) is applying for these funds. This will be immensely helpful for the city and their residents if the funds are used appropriately. My concern, how will the funds be used? I read information from the Grant Implementation Plan and can see the stipulations/requirements for eligibility. Knowing the city I am dealing with, and its leaders, I believe there are gray areas that individuals could use to their advantage. Past experiences with the Mayor of Lacy Lakeview, Chuck Wilson (a former CIA agent), and the city manager, Calvin Hodde, cause me to believe they may use the gray areas to utilize the funds in a questionable manner. Lacy Lakeview is in a partnership with Infracore working together to build a data center. The proposed data center site is 4 miles outside the city limits and their plan is to annex the land. I believe the Mayor will find the gray areas and utilize them to skirt by the requirements/eligibility criteria for this grant. The Mayor can simply consider the use of funds to assist with the data center build as an improvement to the city; they will get tax money from the data center. I am afraid the money allocated to the city of Lacy Lakeview will help with infrastructure, upgrading and replacing water systems, or buying water rights, which all can be used to build the data center with Infracore. Please do not provide this funding to the city of Lacy Lakeview unless you are CERTAIN there will be individuals CHECKING that the funds are being utilized as STATED in the APPLICATION! It would be a terrible misuse of funds if the city was left in shambles in order to build a proposed data center.

I am most certain the idea for this grant was to assist cities who are in dire need with their water infrastructure and systems; not to allow cities to assist with data center builds that will diminish our natural resource of water!

Thank you for your time,

Tory Dobecka

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

N/A

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

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With the way water is being used in Texas I believe these grants should not go to industrial connections. Mainly because that includes Data centers; no added water needs to be GIVEN to a Data center! Save it for the residents of the city.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

Make sure the funds are spent on the specifications laid out in the application. There should be no allowance for the city to pick and choose how they want to use the funds.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Marisa Bruno, Hill Country Alliance, Austin, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 14, 2026

Comment:

Dear Members of the Texas Water Development Board,

Thank you for making grant funding available to water supply corporations (WSCs) seeking to invest in water supply infrastructure. In the public comments I submitted on the WSIG implementation plan, I emphasized that grant funding is especially important for rural communities because their small ratepayer bases often make it difficult to finance critical infrastructure improvements. Several of the small rural communities we work with are served by nonprofit water supply corporations and therefore were not eligible to apply for WSIG. These same communities—including Medina WSC, which serves the unincorporated community of Medina (population approximately 500)—are now eligible to apply for the Texas Water Supply Corporation Grants.

I believe this funding opportunity was made available, at least in part, in response to the feedback the Board received during the WSIG rollout. If so, I want to thank the Board for listening to stakeholders and responding to the needs of rural communities. This action will make a meaningful difference for communities that have historically struggled to access state funding opportunities, and your responsiveness does not go unnoticed.

With appreciation,
Marisa

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Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

I think \$5M is fair. I would prefer to see more communities can smaller grants than to have just a handful of communities take the lion's share of all the funding.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

I don't understand this question.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

None.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Jame Metcalfe, General Manager of Navarro Mills Water Supply Corporation, Purdon, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

I am writing to urge the TWDB to modify the project prioritization criteria for the Texas Water Supply Corporation Grants.

I ask that projects that are deemed ready to proceed receive higher points. This can be done by reducing the number of points based on socioeconomic status. Systems that are socioeconomically disadvantaged are already receiving preferential points on other grant applications; such as P.I.F. submissions.

Our system has submitted a P.I.F. for the past several years and does not come close to enough points necessary to receive funding, due mainly to being just at AMHI. However, our system is in need of upgrades just the same. Our Board has proactively engaged consultants to put projects together that would bring our system into compliance. These projects are ready to proceed. However, we have not been able to secure funding to assist.

Furthermore, I ask that TWDB consider allocating more funds towards this grant program or to make this an annual program.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

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Yes

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Yes

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

Give more points for projects that are deemed ready to proceed and less (or eliminate) points based on socioeconomic status.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Kim Feil, Arlington, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

Any studies for water stability grid resources with artificial intelligence data centers and mine need to also take into consideration all the additional fracking that is still being approved like in Arlington Texas. Those water resources and the additional natural gas demand play a key role in using new natural gas fired plants to power these data centers.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

N/A

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

N/A

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

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Comment Submitted By: Chris Trout, Licensed Operator City of Como, Como, Texas
Additional Authors/Contributors: None
Comment Date: July 15, 2026
Comment:

I only recently took over as the operator for the city of Como, so I am trying to get my feet underneath me as far as all this goes. I do not have knowledge into our financials, but I do know that our city could definitely use some help with getting funding or aid to do work on our aging lines, creating circle feeds, installing more valves, you name it. Being new I could really use some guidance as how to get the help we need. Any direction/suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

I believe it should be based on need. Some projects can quickly run up the bill, especially in systems with rapid growth or failing infrastructure.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

I believe it should be based upon a total percentage of connections.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

No

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Sheila Butler, Como, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

We are a small community of 721 mostly poverty and Spanish speaking community. We get overlooked because the system says we have a surplus of money in our community being compared to Pittsburg, Tx with a medium income of \$68000.00. The Census board says when people do not turn in the Census they put numbers in to compensate for the lack of. This is not a fair practice. Our city gets graded by this from Grant Companies like yourself and we get overlooked because we are pushed down the list. Just come out here and look yourselves. We have no industry here-we have no dairies or farms anymore-we have no businesses here except for a Dollar General that seems to make it to every small town- no grocery stores-no apartment complexes-We need help with our water infrastructure-we need a new water well-We do not want to end up like Trinidad, Tx with pipes needing to be replaced and dead end mains needing to be brought into a circular circulating system instead of a buildup of nasty stuff at each dead end that flushing only temporarily fixes. Sometimes you need to go outside the box to see who is really in need.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

\$5 million is a lot of money. That means only approximately 10 small cities under 1000 population will get help. I do not know how much pipe is-how much labor time is needed to do the jobs. I do know that a new well was going to cost the city right at a million dollars so it seems we could have the well and get the pipes replaced that need replacing. If only it was that simple right.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

I disagree- We also have a Water Supply Corporation here in our town for Rural Water Customers outside the City Limits that the City cannot get to. There is no Industrial area for them to service or Commercial connections unless a Church is considered Commercial now.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

It's easy to make things look good on paper or bad. Like I said just look outside the box and see the City you are giving money too.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Sandra Wolff, Taylor, Texas

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Comment:

Additional in route mainlines and area delivery lines sensors providing real time Data in route to customer water use. Pro-active reductions of potential water. Beyond monthly reports, self reporting or surveys.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Agree, for now Texas is a large state with many projects happening at the same time around the state fair distributions of limited funding.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

My main questions are : How many multiple duplicate data cloud storage is necessary? How many companies are there requesting their own copies of complete data? Are those copies of complete data for storage include information that may not be pertinent? Minimizing potential multiple duplicate data cloud storage requirements could reduce the amount of facilities and water.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

Dilution is Not the solution to Pollution. Mother Planet Earth is first stewards of all inhabitants.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Ted Groesbeck, President, Double Horn Creek Water Supply Corporation, Double Horn, Texas
Additional Authors/Contributors: Mike Chiodo and Curtis Raetz
Comment Date: July 14, 2026
Comment:

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On behalf of Double Horn Creek Water Supply Corp. (“DHCWSC”), we respectfully submit this letter in strong support of the Texas Water Development Board’s initiative to provide grant funding to a limited number of Texas Water Supply Corporations operating under Chapter 67 of the Texas Water Code and serving small rural residential customer bases.

These grants are an effective and practical tool for maximizing the conservation, protection, and responsible management of one of Texas’ most valuable resources: reliable water supply. For smaller nonprofit water supply corporations such as DHCWSC, access to grant funding is often essential. Corporations serving 200 or fewer rural residents generally do not have the rate base, reserves, or revenue capacity necessary to finance major infrastructure repairs, conservation improvements, water treatment needs, or emergency water access. In many cases, these systems are also effectively cut off from commercial lending because their small customer base, nonprofit status, and limited collateral make conventional financing unavailable or impractical. Without grant assistance, many rural systems lack realistic access to the capital needed to manage water usage, reduce water loss, improve conservation practices, maintain treatment capability, and preserve emergency water availability for fire protection. Additional scoring criteria for these smaller systems, which lack access to commercial loans, would help direct grant funding toward a broader range of improvements that can immediately strengthen water use and management.

DHCWSC believes the State of Texas will benefit greatly by focusing this initiative on established smaller nonprofit Chapter 67 corporations that have been in operation for ten years or more, serve 200 or fewer residents, and provide service primarily to residential customers. These systems often depend on wells and aquifers, operate with aging infrastructure, and must manage increasingly limited, degrading, or unreliable wells while continuing to meet the needs of rural households. This program would allow existing but unreliable infrastructure and wells to be repaired, rehabilitated, and returned to service at a fraction of the cost of building new systems.

Because these corporations are small, nonprofit, and residential in nature, they cannot spread costs across a large commercial or industrial customer base and are frequently unable to qualify for the loans or credit terms available to larger utilities.

In the absence of targeted grant support, smaller rural water supply corporations face significant barriers that can result in needless water loss, inadequate conservation programs, reduced ability to treat water for public use, and limited access to water during fire emergencies. These outcomes are not only costly for rural communities; they also undermine broader statewide efforts to conserve and manage Texas’ water resources for future generations. We believe Texas would also benefit from making this grant program a recurring program that supports sustainable, effective water management statewide.

For these reasons, DHCWSC respectfully urges the Texas Water Development Board to continue advancing this grant initiative and to prioritize established, small, nonprofit rural

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water supply corporations that serve predominantly residential customers and rely on groundwater sources. Such grants will help ensure that rural Texans have dependable access to safe, responsibly managed water while supporting the State's long-term conservation and water planning goals.

Thank you for your leadership and for your continued commitment to strengthening water infrastructure, conservation, and rural water security across Texas.

Respectfully submitted

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Agree. The \$5M funding cap per project will permit grant funds to be dispersed to more Texas WSC projects. As stated in our comments, we recommend that the TWDB make the WSC grant set aside a recurring offering, not just a one-time offering.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Agree. We assume commercial connections includes residential and small businesses. Compared to industrial systems, WSC's serving primarily residential connections are less likely to have access to funding channels.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

To restate our primary concern: In the absence of targeted grant support, smaller rural WSC's face significant barriers to funding that can result in needless water loss, inadequate conservation programs, reduced ability to treat water for public use, and limited access to water during fire emergencies

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Bradley LeRoy, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

As a resident and water customer in rural Texas, I am writing to ask the Texas Water Development Board to raise the \$50 million grant amount and remove the single-application restriction on the new WSC Grant program. Our local utility manages a complex water

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Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Sara Edwards, Board President of DeBerry WSC, DeBerry, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 16, 2026

Comment:

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On behalf of DeBerry Water Supply Corporation, a nonprofit Water Supply Corporation organized under Chapter 67 of the Texas Water Code and serving members in Panola County, I am submitting the following comments on the Texas Water Supply Corporation Grants Implementation Plan dated June 18, 2026, during the public comment period open through July 17, 2026.

1. The scoring criteria should account for pending or disputed Annual Median Household Income (AMHI) determinations.

The Recommendation section's project prioritization criteria award points to retail water providers based solely on the formula $(76,292 \div \text{AMHI}) \times 10$, using the applicant's Service Area's Annual Median Household Income. As written, the plan provides no mechanism for an applicant whose AMHI figure is under active dispute, or who has been approved to complete a new TWDB-approved socioeconomic survey, to have a corrected or updated figure considered before or during scoring.

DeBerry WSC currently falls into this category. We have been approved to dispute our AMHI and to complete a new TWDB-approved socioeconomic survey, but there is no assurance that this process will conclude before the January 13, 2027 application deadline. Under the plan as drafted, an applicant in our position would be scored, and very likely eliminated from consideration, using an outdated AMHI figure that does not reflect the community's actual economic circumstances, through no fault of the applicant and for reasons entirely outside its control.

With only \$50 million available and a stated cap of at least ten projects, an inaccurate AMHI figure is not a minor scoring inconvenience; it can be the difference between an eligible, deserving system being funded or shut out entirely. We respectfully request that the Board add a defined process allowing:

- an applicant with a pending, TWDB-approved socioeconomic survey to submit a revised AMHI figure if the survey is finalized before the application deadline; or, at minimum,
- a short cure period after the January 13, 2027 deadline during which an applicant with a documented, pending AMHI dispute may submit updated survey results for use in scoring.

2. The scoring criteria should give weight to documented system need, not income and population alone.

Beyond the 10 points available for a project being "ready to proceed," the entirety of the proposed prioritization criteria is based on AMHI or population served. The program's own Key Issues and Program Eligibility sections describe a purpose centered on water infrastructure need: addressing real or apparent water loss, TCEQ violations, and aging or failing systems. The scoring criteria as proposed do not reflect that purpose. A system with documented TCEQ violations, an aging or failing well, or high measured water loss receives

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no additional priority over a system that is simply low-income with no such documented deficiencies.

We request that the Board add a scoring factor tied to documented infrastructure need, such as active TCEQ violations, water loss audit results, or engineering findings of imminent system failure, so that the limited funding available is directed toward the systems facing the most urgent, demonstrable need, consistent with the program's stated purpose.

3. The AMHI-based point formula should include a stated cap.

The formula $(76,292 \div \text{AMHI}) \times 10$ has no stated maximum. For applicants with a very low AMHI, this formula can generate a score that dwarfs the 10 points available for readiness, effectively making AMHI the sole determinative factor in the ranking. We request that the Board clarify whether a cap applies and, if not, consider adopting one so that no single factor can overwhelm the overall prioritization.

We appreciate the Board's efforts to direct this funding toward Texas's rural water systems and ask that these comments be considered before the plan is finalized.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

I do not disagree with the funding cap.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

N/A

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

DeBerry WSC was recently selected for the USDA ECWAG grant, a process that required extensive documentation proving dire need. We were awarded \$999,999.00, but as TWDB is aware from its history working with Water Supply Corporations, an award of this size covers only a portion of what a system in our position actually requires. The same documentation that demonstrated to USDA how imminent our risk of water loss is should be equally relevant to a TWDB funding decision. For this reason, we disagree with using AMHI as the determining factor in project prioritization.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

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Comment Submitted By: Bobby Mengden, Pape-Dawson, San Antonio, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 17, 2026

Comment:

1. Clarify if complete pump station facility upgrades qualify for grant funding (for example, if tank recoating, pump/motor replacements, SCADA upgrades, facility piping, emergency generators, etc. all need attention can this be one project?).
2. Clarify if entire pipeline infrastructure network replacements qualify for grant funding (for example, if an entire subdivision's pipeline infrastructure is no longer TCEQ compliant can this be one project?).
3. Clarify if new water wells and/or well rehab and associated desalination filtration system and storage, pumping, and transmission mains for redundant water supply projects qualify for grant funding as one project.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

N/A

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

N/A

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Tem Nieto, BD Manager at Southwest Engineers, Gonzales, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 17, 2026

Comment:

1. The grant states WSC's are eligible. Does 'WSC' mean only WSC's or is it a broader definition that includes WCID's, MUD's, and/or SUD's? Also, some SUD's are SUD's in name only, they provide only water service. Are these SUD's eligible, if the answer to my first question excludes SUD's because they typically provide wastewater services as well.
2. Given the proposed application due date, are applicants ineligible if they do not have their Water Conservation Plans, Water Loss Audit, etc. submitted/filed/completed? If

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yes,, is there an opportunity for the WSC to cure this deficiency before the application deadline?

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Do you mean 'per applicant' instead of 'per project'?

Agree: Given the stated \$50M allocation and current construction costs, I feel it is reasonable for awardees to address a few key needs.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Not familiar with the question.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

Perhaps the AMHI weighting already addresses this, but I feel the points for shovel ready favors the larger WSC's who already have the money to complete projects. Maybe add points if the WSC is a really small system (<1000 connections)?

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Tom Entsminger, Policy Director, National Wildlife Federation Texas Coast & Water Program, Austin, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: Submitted on behalf of the Texas Living Waters coalition.

Comment Date: July 17, 2026

Comment:

We appreciate the creative implementation of Texas Water Fund resources to provide a grant opportunity for nonprofit Water Supply Corporations. The ineligibility of WSC's for funding through the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants opportunity was a key theme expressed in public comments, and we applaud the agency for its responsiveness to this input. Water Supply Corporations are a prominent and important piece of the utility landscape in Texas and should not be overlooked - thank you for ensuring they will not miss out on important opportunities offered to other utilities.

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Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

N/A

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

N/A

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Steven Mindt, Overton, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 17, 2026

Comment:

Comments for the “Texas Water Supply Corporation Grants” Comment Period.

Questions:

1) Are the same criteria proposed to be used in this fund as in other TWDB Programs, or are any additional criteria and/or “special consideration” going to be included? For example: Regulatorily imposed directives, that impact customers financially in “Disadvantaged Communities” or other “Economically Depressed areas”?

2) If the State of Texas (ex: any State Agency that has regulatory authority) is requiring the WSC to relocate their waterlines, will this fund be available for the costs to relocate their lines or any portion thereof?

a. If not, please explain, as unnecessary debit as direct result of the States’ action may

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occur to the system.

- i. Doing nothing, will result in a large number of customers losing drinking water, which the WSC has been providing for decades, with no viable options. Potentially, causing an “Urgent Health” issue for those customers impacted by that loose of their drinking water.

3) If Question #1 is affirmative, will the funding be ranked as an “Urgent Need” project, for point consideration?

- a. If not, please explain, how this will be “ranked” in the point criteria?

4) In the Eligibility Statement for this program: “Projects must be consistent with the 2027 State Water Plan and 2026 Regional Water Plans.”:

- a. How will the words “consistent with” be interpreted and be how or what will be used to “prove” this, as this is an instant reason for denial?

5) If the project is required to meet the “RWAf” funding requirements, as a result of a program decision to move an application to that program, will they then be “disqualified” if they did not have a complete application, under the RWAf program, or will they have time to submit any new information required under that program?

6) In the RECOMMENDATION section for this program: “b. If only construction is requested, the project must be ready to proceed: all environmental coordination, acquisition of 100 percent of all required water rights, land and easements, design (plans and specifications with design report), and permitting must be completed.”: Specifically, the part; “All environmental coordination...and permitting must be completed.”

- a. If the project appears to be eligible for a CE, would a completed TWDB-0803 form that reflects it meets the condition of a CE, be sufficient, for a complete application, be met?

- i. If not, what would meet that “complete application” requirement?

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

\$5 million is not a lot of money to fix a serious problem, however it is enough to fix somethings.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Yes, residential systems should be considered more than industrial or commercial systems because they can pass the costs along as "the cost of doing business".

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Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Lina Larned, Fort Worth, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 17, 2026

Comment:

I am interested in how the water will be used and who will be using it. I am not for Data Centers use.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Yes, agree to cap.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Agree

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

No

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Roger Beam, Board Member of Northside Water Supply Corporation , Vernon, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 17, 2026

Comment:

It was made apparent to us, Northside Water Supply Corporation (NWSC) board members that we were ineligible for the HB 500 grant because we are a corporation. We are a small not- for- profit group of about 85 members with about 90 meters serviced. We serve

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residential, agricultural, 2 churches and one school- (Northside Independent School District).

We have issues with nitrates, water loss from aging infrastructure and some pressure concerns at some delivery points. We need resources to access potable water from another source. Also resources are needed to replace existing infrastructure. We were originally financed by the Farmer Home Administration in the mid 1960's. The board members were apparently given advise from someone to incorporate. We need financial help and it seems to us that we may be excluded.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Yes I agree. The cap seems reasonable.

I would recommend that Northside Water Supply Corporation be eligible for this grant with a 5 million cap.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

I believe that churches and schools are considered commercial. They probably should not be given that designation. These entities are not doing what they do for financial gain.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

Please include the Northside Water Supply Corporation, in the distribution of these funds. Mainly because NWSC is a not-for-profit corporation that services mainly residential customers, with the exception of some agriculture, two churches and a school - Northside Independent School district. Thank you very much.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Representative Trent Ashby, Office of State Rep. Trent Ashby, Lufkin, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 17, 2026

Comment:

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Dear Administrator McMath,

Recently, I learned that the Water Development Board has drafted new implementation rules for the Texas Water Supply Grant Corporation. While I am deeply grateful to the Board for beginning its process in implementing this vital program, there are some issues with the rules as drafted that I would like to bring to your attention and request your assistance in remedying.

First, while I appreciate the \$50 million that the Board has allocated towards the TWSCG Program, I feel that it will be inadequate to truly address the issues most water supply corporations face today. As you well know, WSCs face multiple challenges in providing critical services to their ratepayers. \$50 million is simply not enough to address crucial infrastructure backlogs and other issues facing WSCs. I request that the agency increase the cap using whatever Texas Water Funds remain available to practically address the issues our WSCs face on a daily basis.

Additionally, I request that the agency eliminate the “one-application per entity” rule as drafted. WSCs and rural WSCs frequently manage large, spread-out regional footprints consisting of multiple distinct public water systems. Limiting utilities to a single application could force those managing large geographic service areas to delay improvement projects in certain areas and would, in my view, go against the intent of this program and the prioritization structure of the Water Fund itself.

Finally, I request that the agency raise the \$5 million limit for individual grants. With rising costs, I fear that \$5 million grants could prove to be insufficient for major infrastructure overhauls and repairs needed to bring deteriorating water infrastructure into regulatory compliance, especially for those applying for grants to address high-priority and regional consolidation projects.

I want to extend my sincerest thanks to you and everyone at the agency for your continued leadership and steadfast commitment to securing Texas’s water supply and infrastructure. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (512) 463-0508 if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Trent Ashby

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

N/A

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N/A

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Mary Alice Boehm-McKaughan, Texas Rural Water Association, Austin, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 17, 2026

Comment:

The Texas Rural Water Association (“TRWA”) is concerned about two funding requirements/constraints in the proposed Implementation Plan (IP) that are not legally required and act as barriers to non-profit water supply corporations (“WSCs”) accessing TWSCG funds. TRWA is also concerned about the vagueness of one of the requirements. The issues are:

- The IP should not require a WSC to submit a recent financial audit with a TWSCG application for a grant of over \$1 million, even if the WSC applicant does not have an active TWDB loan. This is not a statutory or regulatory requirement, the necessary information can be obtained through alternate means, and it serves little purpose because the TWSCG is a grant so the utility’s financial condition and ability to pay back a loan is immaterial.
- The proposed IP requires entities to have their water use survey, water loss audit, and water conservation plan and annual report by their respective deadlines or before the application deadline to be eligible. It is unclear whether this means that WSC must have their water use survey, water loss audit, and water conservation plan and annual report done early if it is not due before the TWSCG application deadline or if the WSC only has to submit the most recently due water use survey, water loss audit, and water conservation plan and annual report.

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TRWA requests the following changes to the TWSCG IP to allow WSCs to more easily access the funds and make the IP requirements clearer.

The proposed implementation plan (IP) should not require a WSC without an outstanding TWDB loan to submit a 2025 financial audit with the TWSCG Application.

The IP should not require a WSC applicant to include a 2025 financial audit in their application for a TWSCG grant for over \$1 million if the applicant does not have an active TWDB loan. A WSC is not required to conduct an annual financial audit unless it has an active TWDB loan. Financial audits are very expensive, and certified accountants who conduct these audits have been difficult for our members to find. If a WSC does not regularly get annual audits, it can be a long and expensive process.

TWDB has the authority to approve an alternative method for establishing reliable accounting. The applicable regulations require applications for financial assistance to include, “an audit of the applicant for the preceding year prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant, unless an alternative method of establishing a reliable accounting of the financial records of the applicant is approved by the executive administrator (emphasis added)” See 31 TAC 363.12(2)(A)(x). The IP allows TWSCG applicants to submit IRS Form 990 in place of audited financial statements. TRWA asks that TWDB exercise its discretion, remove the \$1 million limit, and allow a WSC with no active TWDB financing to submit an IRS Form 990 in place of an audited financial statements for any amount of grant.

The IP also has a vague requirement that: “Entities must have submitted their applicable water use survey, water loss audit, and water conservation plan and annual report by their respective deadlines or before the application deadline to be eligible.” The Proposed IP requires entities to have their water use survey, water loss audit, and water conservation plan and annual report by their respective deadlines or before the application deadline to be eligible. This could be clarified as follows:

Entities must submit their most recently completed water use survey, water loss audit, and water conservation plan and annual report with their application. Any entity that has not complied with the most recent deadline to submit their applicable water use survey, water loss audit, and water conservation plan and annual report must do so prior to the application deadline to be eligible.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

N/A

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Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

N/A

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Amy Stevens, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 17, 2026

Comment:

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Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

N/A

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

N/A

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

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Comment Submitted By:

Allison Hatfield-Oreskovich, Amy Mingle, Amy Stevens, Andrew Oreskovich, Arthur Romo, Barry Coleman, Beth Vickrey, Bobbie Morrison, Bradley LeRoy, Brian McCarty, Carol Kirkland, Carrie Woravka, David Dunphy, Debbie King, Debora Bailey, Donnie Griffith, Erica John, Henry Keith (Trinity Rural Water Supply Corporation), Jackie Lundgren, Jacob Kilgore (Homeowner), Jennifer Budzise, Jill Spangler, Jim Cleburn, Katrina Green, Katherine Williams, Kevin Tackett, Lane Clapsaddle, Larry Coons, Laura Kilgore, Laura Moreno, Lavita Lewis, Linda Adamick, Lindsey Chaisson, Lisa Cook, Mario and Sylvia Ramos, Marvi Blas, Melissa Nixon (Trinity Rural Water Supply Corporation), Michael James (Pine Forest Property Owners Association), Ora Lee Peters, Patricia Hanes, Rebecca Hill, Rebecca Scarcliff (Trinity Rural Water Supply Corporation), Robin Palmer, Robin Perkins, Samuel Blair III, Sarah Keogh, Stephanie Lawrence, Steven Mitchell, Terry Coen, Timothy & Kathleen Dubbs, Tracie McCreary, and Yvonne Schaller (Trinity Rural Water Supply Corporation).

Trinity, Texas

Comment Date: July 15-17, 2026

Comment:

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Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

N/A

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Dan Weissmann, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

Hi. I am a resident and water customer in rural Texas.

I am writing to ask the Texas Water Development Board to please raise the \$50 million grant amount and remove the single-application restriction on the new WSC Grant program. Our local utility manages a complex water footprint that is in dire need of multiple upgrades to critical infrastructure.

I respectfully request that the state allow funding to scale with the actual infrastructure needs of our community so that all residents are protected.

Thank you!

Dan Weissmann

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Disagree. Our local utility manages a complex water footprint that needs emergency repairs as well as multiple upgrades to critical infrastructure. I feel the state should allow funding to scale with the actual infrastructure needs of our community so that all residents are protected.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Disagree. This does not apply to our rural water supply company, which primarily serves residential homes, many of them at or below poverty lines.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

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please refer to original comments. Thank you!

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Vickie Gearheart, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

As a residential customer, I'm frustrated by the number of times water is shut off because of a break in the line followed by a boil water notice. I lived in a small town in north Texas for 15 years. Never once was the water cut off. I moved to Trinity 5 years ago and water has been cut off dozens of times.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

I am in favor of raising the \$5 million cap if more funds are needed to fix the Trinity Water Supply. I disagree.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

I disagree with grant funds serving industrial or commercial connections. Residential customers should be a priority when determined who gets the grant.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

Rural communities are different. Some have more industrial and commercial enterprises. Trinity is a rural community without much enterprise.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Joyce Hallam, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

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We really need a new infrastructure for our water supply. It's old and pipes keep breaking. People hit the pipes and we're out of water or low pressure. We need water we can drink and cook with also.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Agree

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

No. we are a rural water supply with a little of residents that need clean water!! no

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

No.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Kimberly Gross, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

We need better water from trinty rural water supply. Our infrastructure needs repairs bad so we can have water that is able to on at all times because it is so old
Repairs are always going on. our system is crap to say it nicely. Water bills are always going up due to rising cost of repairs and maintenance issues

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

We will probably need more than that.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Disagree I believe a lot of residential

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

No

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Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Judith Perkins, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

Please increase your available funds for improving drinking water infrastructure in rural Texas. We MUST have help in Trinity, Texas!

We are in Trinity County, the poorest county in Texas, I'm told. Our rural water company, Trinity Rural Water Supply Corp., is desperately in need of major repair. We have breakdowns of pipes, pumps, etc. nearly monthly. Then it's little to no water plus a BOIL NOTICE. I feel like we're living a hundred years ago or in some third-world country.

Thank you for your attention to our issue here,

Judith Perkins

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

\$5 million would certainly help. I have no idea if it will be adequate, however.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

There is a high cancer rate here. I cannot prove it but wonder if water wuss as kitty is a contributing factor.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

No.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

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Comment Submitted By: Deborah Shcultz, Trinity Rural Water Supply Corporation, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

Allow funding for grants.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Disagree, water company needs all the funding they can gat

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Disagree everyone deserves to have water.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

No.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Michael Perillo, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

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Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Yes, because the trinity water is so full of calcium it is causing problems in my home and needs any upgrades to assist with better water.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

N/A

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Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Janette Adelstein, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

We desperately need our water system upgraded! They are operating on ancient equipment and lines, experiencing constant line breaks which result in frequent outages and/or boil water notices. I'm a senior and a widow and cannot afford to put in a well. I am very concerned that some day we simply won't have water at all. Cannot depend on it being on. At Trinity Rural Water they really are doing the best they can with what they have, but the system is failing.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

I don't agree as I think some systems may need more. It sounds like a lot of money but it isn't really when talking about miles of water lines, not to mention equipment.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

I don't disagree with it but I do think serving the private citizens should be a priority as they don't have the resources that corporations do.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

No. I'm glad y'all are doing this!

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Marianne Brown, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

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We need help with our unsafe water!!!

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Agree

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.
Residential

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

None

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Peggy Wiles, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

Please all Trinity Rural Water company to get a grant (large grant) as we are always without water due to the old infrastructure and we need help.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

No, we need a large grant. We are always without water due to leaks in the old pipes.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.
N/A

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

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Comment Submitted By: David Fish, Trinity Rural Water Supply Corporation, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

Our current water supply company is in desperate need of replacing lines, parts for their surface water plant, etc. They work very very hard making repairs constantly due to old and out dated lines and materials. They are constantly having to shut off the water due to needing new parts and broken lines which puts a great burden on all families in our community constantly. They do a great job considering their circumstances. They could use these funds for upgrades, etc. which would make our water system so much easier to maintain and upgrade new developments which would help to keep our system up and running and reduce the amount of times for water outages.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Agree. I feel that having sufficient water supplied to homes daily is a well needed asset.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Disagree Because most, if not all, of our industrial and commercial properties are in the city and they are supplied by City Water and not the Water Supply Corporation that supplies most, if not all, of the surrounding areas which are residential only.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

Yes I would recommend the proposal for the appropriated funds to be distributed to The Trinity Rural Water Supply Corporation. We have used it for over 40 years now and see a constant increase of failure due to the needs to upgrade their system and water lines.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Ryanne Whicker, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

We've been on the TRWC repair list for months.

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Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

N/A

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

N/A

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Tim Spraw, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

Please fix this water situation!

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Agree

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Agree

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

None.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Brenda Oberholtzer, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

I’m paying a premium price for water I can’t drink or make coffee with. My clothes are regularly ruined via the iron and chlorine in the water. We are always under a low pressure, boil water or not water advisory. We need new pipes and water that we can use daily

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Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

I disagree. I doubt that \$5 million will fix the problem.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

None

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

None

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Clem, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

Make fairer for rural supply money needed not just a suggested amounts!!! Put water system is not equipped for heavy usage as the town requires!! Please help we have no water or un-drinkable water more often then we can actually drink it!!!

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Disagree

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Disagree

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

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N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Donald Adams Jr., Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

Our water quality is so bad it would take 50 million in just itself. Our equipment and our pipes are so old and neglected it would cost 50 million just to rectify.

As a resident and water customer in rural Texas, I am writing to ask the Texas Water Development Board to raise the \$50 million grant amount and remove the single-application restriction on the new WSC Grant program. Our local utility manages a complex water footprint that is in dire need of multiple upgrades to critical infrastructure. The state should allow funding to scale with the actual infrastructure needs of our community so that all residents are protected. Thank you.

Your voice matters. Showing the state that our community is actively watching will give our upcoming application a massive competitive edge. Thank you for your support!

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Disagree 100 percent

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Agree. We want the people helped not rich corporations who are. Most likely to abuse the funding.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds? N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Tonja Moreton, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: Billy Moreton

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

We are in desperate need of a water system for the rule Trinity rule area as we lose water at least once a month then we end up on a boil water notice more times than not. Our water

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system is desperate need of an upgrade. Our water int fit to barely use on animals let alone humans.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Yes, I agree with that. Something needs to be done.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Yes I agree.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: John Beavers, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 15, 2026

Comment:

We could really use the money.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Our systems are very old and a link with the city is a win for all.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Ok with me.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

Please help.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

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Comment Submitted By: Carole Grover, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 16, 2026

Comment:

Texas, I am writing to ask the Texas Water Development Board to raise the \$50 million grant amount and remove the single-application restriction on the new WSC Grant program. Our local utility manages a complex water footprint that is in dire need of multiple upgrades to critical infrastructure. The state should allow funding to scale with the actual infrastructure needs of our community so that all residents are protected.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Disagree. More funding is required.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Agree

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

No

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Ronald Ferguson, Pinecrest Subdivision, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: Ronald W. Ferguson

Comment Date: July 16, 2026

Comment:

Pinecrest subdivision and city of Trinity are in need of a water plant that's reliable. We need a water source that's reliable for the various restaurants that are available for us. If it's not the water plant breaking down it's the pipe lines breaking. You never know when you're not going to have water. I've lived in Pinecrest subdivision for 16 years with various problems with the water plant and infrastructure. The problems in the last couple years have gotten worse. You never know if you can use the water or ok I've got to boil it. Please help our subdivision and city of Trinity.

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Thank you for helping
Ronald W Ferguson

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

If 5 million is all the city of Trinity can receive along with Pinecrest subdivision then YES

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Industrial and commercial need water just like the individuals that work there.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

The water plant should be upgraded for the people first then industrial and commercial.

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: James Ferguson, Trinity Rural Water Supply Corporation, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 16, 2026

Comment:

Our only source of water.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Agree

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Disagree

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

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No

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Harold Hibbitts, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: Celia Hibbitss

Comment Date: July 16, 2026

Comment:

WE NEED HELP WITH OUR WATER SUPPLY COMPANY (Trinity Rural Water supply)

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Agree

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Agree

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB's proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

No

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Vicki Tucker, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 16, 2026

Comment:

Our water is off a lot of the time due to broken pipes. Then requires boiling.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Agree

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Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Agree

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

None

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Larry Gilbert, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 16, 2026

Comment:

None

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Yes

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

Yes

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

N/A

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Roberta Burton, Trinity Rural Water Supply Corporation, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 17, 2026

Comment:

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To the Texas Water Development Board,

As a nonprofit Water Supply Corporation operating under Chapter 67 of the Texas Water Code, Trinity Rural Water Supply Corporation appreciates the creation of the \$50 million TWSCG program. However, as currently drafted, the implementation rules present severe barriers that will prevent critical funding from reaching the rural communities that need it most. We ask the Board to adjust the final rules to address the following issues:

1. Expand Total Funding and Advocate for Future Appropriations: A one-time, statewide pool of \$50 million is vastly inadequate to address the critical infrastructure backlogs facing Texas Water Supply Corporations. We urge the Board to maximize this current cycle by allocating any available Texas Water Fund reserves to increase the initial \$50 million cap. Furthermore, we request that the TWDB formally recommend and support dedicated, recurring WSC grant appropriations in upcoming state legislative sessions to ensure long-term water security for rural Texas.

2. Eliminate the One-Application Limit per Entity: Rural WSCs frequently manage large, spread-out regional footprints consisting of multiple distinct public water systems. Restricting a utility to a single application forces us to abandon equally urgent public health or infrastructure needs in neighboring portions of our service area.

3. Lift the \$5 Million Project Cap for Complex or Regional Systems: A hard \$5 million cap is insufficient for major treatment facility overhauls or extensive line replacements required to bring aging rural infrastructure into structural compliance. We request a waiver process allowing entities to exceed the cap for verified high-priority or regional consolidation projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration of rural Texas water systems.

Sincerely,
Roberta Burton, Secretary/Treasurer
Trinity Rural Water Supply Corporation
robertanburton@gmail.com

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

\$5 million will get us started with our needed improvements. We need continued sources of funding to ensure safe water for our area.

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Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

We need expanded sources of funding to ensure safe drinking water for individual users.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

No additional recommendations

Response: Thank you for your submission.

Comment Submitted By: Karen Trahan, Trinity, Texas

Additional Authors/Contributors: None

Comment Date: July 17, 2026

Comment:

Tired of having to buy cases of drinking water due to the recurring boil water notices. We are paying for water, we deserve potable water.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed \$5 million funding cap per project outlined in the implementation plan?

Something is better than nothing.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed question for determining whether a Water Supply Corporation primarily serves industrial or commercial connections.

No response.

Do you have any additional recommendations or alternative approaches regarding the TWDB’s proposal for distributing the appropriated funds?

No

Response: Thank you for your submission.

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