

# TWDB Financial Assistance Population Projections

When applying for financial assistance, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) requests that applicants submit the water and wastewater (WRD-253(a) or WRD-253(d)) forms with 20-year population projections.

All population projections submitted with loan applications should be consistent with the reasonable growth guidance compared to the most current Board-adopted population projections. In other words, the projected population must be the reasonable amount of growth expected to occur over the useful life of the project, (U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 40, Chapter I, Subchapter B, Part 35, Subpart L, Section 35.3520(b)(2)(vi) for DWSRF program; CFR, Title 40, Chapter I, Subchapter B, Part 35, Subpart E, Appendix A to Subpart E of Part 35 for CWSRF program; and SEC. 1.02(2) of Acts 1989, 71st Leg., R.S., ch. 624 (SB 2) for EDAP program).

Historically, the TWDB has developed population projections based on city boundaries, however, not all water utility service boundaries align perfectly with city boundaries. Therefore, the TWDB has transitioned from city-based planning to utility-based planning and the current Board-adopted population projections are based on water utility boundaries. In the past, the TWDB has requested city-based population projections from applicants, but due to the changes in the TWDB's planning methodology for the State Water Plan, the requirements for the financial assistance programs are also being modified.

**The population projections utilized in financial assistance applications should be based on project service area or the utility's water or wastewater service area. The projections should comprise of a 20-year planning horizon and should clarify what area is projected for and the source of projection data in the WRD form-253(a)/(d).**

Applicants are encouraged to review the TWDB's most current projections for comparison to their own projections when applying for financial assistance. The Board-adopted population projections are available on the TWDB's website and can be reviewed by region, county, and water user group. Link to the projections:

<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/projections/index.asp>

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