

Abridged Application Instructions

(Word Version)

General Information

Entity Name

- The legal name of the entity applying for financial assistance.

County

- The county where the entity is located.

Regional Water Planning Area

- Indicate which regional water planning area covers the proposed project location. Each regional planning area is identified by a letter ranging from [A to P](#).

Contact Name, Title, Phone Number, and Email Address

- The name and title of the person who should be contacted with questions about the abridged application. This is not required to be the applicant's lead official or authorized signatory.

Project Description

Project Name

- The name of the project as it appears in the state water plan. The TWDB should be able to identify your project in the plan by referencing this name.

Where can the project be found in the 2021 Regional Water Plan?

- The TWDB's analysis includes a review of the recommended water management strategy in both the regional and state water plans. Regional plans vary in their format, and capital costs may appear in different sections than project descriptions.
- Please note: The intent of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and the state water plan is to identify and fund projects that produce additional water supply during drought conditions. Projects that rehabilitate, replace, or provide for maintenance of infrastructure to maintain existing water supplies are not eligible for SWIFT. If a project includes replacement or expansion of existing facilities that will also provide additional supply volumes above the existing supply volume, then only the share of the cost of the infrastructure that provides additional supply volumes will be eligible to receive SWIFT funding.

Phase(s) for Which Funding is Requested

- The project phase(s) that will be accomplished with the requested assistance. Any combination of Planning, Acquisition, Design, and/or Construction may be selected.

Population Served When Fully Operational

- This population should match the projection used during development of the regional water plan. If a different population is claimed, please attach an explanation of the methodology used.

Description of the Proposed Project Components

- Please be sure this description includes all major project components and clearly states what the project seeks to accomplish. A high level of detail is not necessary at this stage – such information is collected later in the application process – but the description should make clear that the proposed work is the same as identified in the regional water plan.

Emergency

- Select all applicable options to indicate which emergency characteristics are associated with the project or applicant. Public water systems (PWSs) are encouraged to self-report their water use restrictions to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), which maintains the [List of Texas PWSs Limiting Water Use to Avoid Shortages](#). Please include relevant information in the Description of the Proposed Project Components or as an attachment.

Agricultural Efficiency Project

- Indicate whether the project will result in an agricultural efficiency improvement. If the answer is "Yes", please indicate the improvement the project will achieve and attach an explanation of your methodology.

Household Cost Factor Information

- The TWDB calculates the Household Cost Factor by dividing the project service area's annual average residential water bill by the area's annual median household income. These figures should represent the entire project service area, including all participants if the project is regional in nature.

Conservation/Water Loss

- Indicate whether the project will address conservation or water loss. This baseline information will allow the TWDB to conduct further review using existing data. Please

include relevant information in the Description of the Proposed Project Components or as an attachment.

Annual Volume of Water Produced/Conserved

- Please be sure to provide your response in acre-feet per year.

Readiness to Proceed

- Select all applicable options to indicate the project's readiness to move forward after the application is submitted. Please include relevant information concerning water rights in the Description of the Proposed Project Components or as an attachment.

Estimated Costs

- Effective for 2024 and future cycles, applicants with at least one public rating from a nationally recognized statistical rating agency need to maintain the rating until their SWIFT obligations are retired or no longer held by the TWDB.
- Effective for 2025 and future cycles, entities whose application for financial assistance from the SWIFT program (when combined with outstanding balances and commitments within SWIFT and within the DFund as entered into via SWIFT prioritization) exceeds four percent of the anticipated principal balances owed for political subdivision obligations in the SWIFT program portfolio and in the DFund portfolio within the SWIFT program as of December of the previous year* must provide a publicly-available, investment grade rating (no lower than BBB –, Baa3 or their equivalent) from a nationally-recognized statistical rating organization for the proposed collateral or credit securing the anticipated SWIFT program obligations along with the full application.

*Applies to Entities applying for financial assistance, including their existing SWIFT program obligations, of \$420,416,800 or greater.

Estimated Project Costs

- The amount requested in each category of assistance, as well as local project funding and assistance from other sources. Requests at this stage do not commit the applicant to accept a particular type of financing. An abridged application may request any combination of the three financing types:
 - **Low-Interest Loans** provide financing with a subsidized interest rate below the SWIFT program cost of funds.
 - **Deferred Loans** provide a deferral of both principal and interest for up to eight years, or until construction is complete. This option is limited to projects anticipating a long administrative lead time before facilities are constructed.

- **Board Participation** allows regional facilities to be built with additional capacity to accommodate anticipated increases in demand. The TWDB takes an ownership stake in a portion of the extra capacity and is “bought out” of the project over time.

If assistance from other source(s) will contribute to the project, please list the name of the source(s) in the space provided.

Anticipated Commitments

- Multi-year commitments provide the option to receive a commitment for the entire project amount, but close on portions of it over time. If "Multi-Year Commitment" is selected, please attach your proposed closing schedule, which includes the amount of funding requested per year.

Anticipated Debt Service Structure

- Please indicate the type of debt service structure the entity anticipates requesting. If a non-level structure is requested, please attach further information.

List of Water Systems Served by the Proposed Project

- Please list all water systems that will be served by the proposed project. For wholesale providers, this includes retail customers.

Attachments

If applicable, please include:

- Methodology for determining agricultural conservation savings.
- Proposed multi-year commitment schedule.
- Proposed “non-level” debt service structure.