



Agricultural Water Conservation Grant and Loan Programs

The Agricultural Water Conservation grant and loan programs provide financial assistance for agricultural water conservation projects in Texas. Through Fiscal Year 2020, the programs have committed approximately

\$111 million in grants, loans, and transfers of funds to support implementation of strategies and practices that improve agricultural irrigation water use efficiency and conserve water.

Examples of Funded Programs and Projects

- Pass-through loans to individuals to upgrade irrigation equipment and improve irrigation efficiency
- Construction projects that improve infrastructure, equipment, and efficiency of irrigation delivery
- Technical assistance, technology transfer, and education relating to agricultural water use and conservation
- Metering devices to quantify water savings by measuring agricultural irrigation water use
- Long-term demonstration initiatives such as the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation (www.tawc.us), Texas Project for Ag Water Efficiency (www.texasawe.org), and the “3-4-5 Project” (www.northplainsgcd.org)

Grants

- The TWDB publishes a *Request for Applications* notice in the Texas Register at least once a year
- Up to \$1.2 million available annually
- Grant categories vary from year to year

Eligible Grant Applicants

- State agencies
- Political subdivisions

Loans

- Low-interest, fixed interest rates
- Up to 10-year repayment terms
- Applications may be submitted at any time, subject to availability of funds
- U.S. Iron and Steel requirements apply to certain projects

Eligible Loan Applicants

- Political subdivisions

For specific questions about loans, please contact financial_assistance@twdb.texas.gov. For questions about grants, please contact agconservation@twdb.texas.gov. Detailed information on the programs can be found at www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs.