Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)

Passed by the legislature and approved by Texas voters through a constitutional amendment, the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) program provides financial assistance for flood control, flood mitigation, and drainage projects. The FIF program offers financial assistance in the form of grants and loans at a zero percent interest rate under four project categories. As of December 31, 2021, FIF has committed approximately $347 million for projects across Texas.

Eligible Applicants

- Categories 1–4: Political subdivisions, including cities, counties, and any district or authority created under Article III, Section 52 or Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution.
- Category 1 only: Any political subdivision of the state, interstate compact commission to which the state is a party, and nonprofit water supply corporation created and operating under Chapter 67.

Project Categories

- Category 1: Flood Protection Planning for Watersheds
- Category 2: Planning, Acquisition, Design, Construction, Rehabilitation
- Category 3: Federal Award Matching Funds
- Category 4: Measures Immediately Effective in Protecting Life and Property

Eligible Projects

- Category 1: Flood control planning of entire watersheds greater or equal to HUC-10
- Category 2: Feasibility analyses, detailed hydraulic and hydrologic studies, activities to obtain regulatory approval, activities such as construction, rehabilitation, demolition, and decommission; or planning studies that do not meet Category 1 requirements; or planning, acquisition, design, construction, and rehabilitation of nonstructural and nature-based solutions that do not meet Category 4 requirements
- Category 3: Communities that have received a federal award for flood-related activities contingent on the availability of local matching funds
- Category 4: Warning systems, crossing barriers, public education and outreach, reverse 911 systems, and dam Emergency Action Plans

The current Flood Intended Use Plan is closed, and additional projects are not being considered at this time. Only projects included in the state flood plan will be eligible for future FIF funding. Please join the TWDB mailing list at [www.twdb.texas.gov/newsmedia/signup.asp](http://www.twdb.texas.gov/newsmedia/signup.asp) to be notified of further developments, including opportunities to apply.

Benefits and Terms

- Up to 30-year repayment period for construction projects
- Up to 10-year repayment period for planning, acquisition, and/or design projects
- 0% interest loans and grants available

Program Requirements

- Project must be included in the state flood plan
- State level environmental review
- U.S. Iron and Steel requirement
- Benefit-cost ratio analysis
- Memorandum of understanding
- Affidavit that the applicant has acted cooperatively with other political subdivisions
- No redundant funding for activities already performed and/or funded through another source
- Floodplain ordinances or orders must be in place and the appropriate entity must certify that it is currently enforcing floodplain management standards at least equivalent to National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) minimum standards; an entity is exempt if requesting FIF funding to fulfill additional requirements for participation in the NFIP
- Must use best/most recent available data
- Applicants for construction funds must document plans for operations and maintenance costs associated with the proposed facilities and must consider possible floodwater capture techniques that could be associated for water supply purposes

For specific questions on the program, please contact FIF@twdb.texas.gov. Detailed information on the program is also available at [www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/FIF/index.asp](http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/FIF/index.asp).

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