

Request for Applications - Regional Water Planning

Pursuant to 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 355, Subchapter C, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) requests submission of regional water planning grant applications leading to the possible award of contracts to develop a regional water plan as described in 31 TAC Chapter 357. In order to receive a grant, the applicant must be a political subdivision of the state and must have been authorized to apply for funding on behalf of a regional water planning group (RWPG) as set forth in 31 TAC §357.12(a)(4) and 31 TAC §355.90(b)(3).

Purpose and Objectives

Activities to be performed under this Request for Applications (RFA) will be based on a scope of work developed by TWDB that supports Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) efforts to complete their 2026 Regional Water Plans in accordance with statute, rule, and contract guidance requirements.

Description of Funding Consideration

Total funding for activities related to the development or revision of a regional water plan must not exceed 100 percent of the total cost of the planning for that regional water planning area. Funds awarded for grants under this request for applications may total up to the amount of funds appropriated for such activities for the Fiscal Year 2021.

In the event that acceptable applications are not submitted or that insufficient funds are available to fund proposed activities, TWDB retains the right to not award and/or commit contract funds. Additional appropriated funds from future biennium's may be awarded to contracts resulting from this request for applications by Board authorization.

Review Criteria

Applications will be evaluated according to the criteria listed in 31 TAC §355.91(e):

1. Degree to which proposed water planning does not duplicate previous or ongoing flood or water planning;
2. Project organization and budget;
3. Scope of work;
4. Eligibility of tasks for funding;
5. The relative need of the Political Subdivision for the funding based upon an assessment of the necessary scope of work, amount of work, and cost to develop the regional water plan as compared to statewide needs for development of all regional water plans;
6. The degree to which the planning efforts to be performed by the RWPG will address the water supply needs in the regional water planning area; and
7. The legal authority of the Political Subdivision to participate in the development of a regional water plan.

Applicants should review and utilize the following documents found online at http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/rfa_docs.asp

1. [Regional Water Planning Grant Application Instructions](#)

2. [Regional Water Planning Grant Application Checklist](#)
3. [Draft Initial Scope of Work for the Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning](#)
4. [Draft Contractor \(RWPG Political Subdivision\) Task Budget by Region](#)
5. [Draft Contractor \(RWPG Political Subdivision\) Expense Budget](#)

Contact Person for Additional Information

Requests for information may be directed to Sarah Backhouse at RegionalWaterPlanning@twdb.texas.gov or by calling (512) 936-2387.

Deadline

One complete regional water planning grant application must be submitted electronically via email and in Portable Document Format (PDF) to TWDB no later than 12:00 PM (CST) on April 12, 2021. TWDB file limit is 100 MB.

Applications must be emailed to purchasing@twdb.texas.gov with a copy to Sarah Backhouse at RegionalWaterPlanning@twdb.texas.gov.