



Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)

Passed by the legislature and approved by Texas voters through a constitutional amendment, the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) program currently provides financial assistance in the form of grants and zero percent interest loans for flood control, flood mitigation, and drainage projects. Please join the TWDB Financial Assistance mailing list at www.twdb.texas.gov/newsmedia/signup.asp to be notified of application periods and other important information.

Eligible Applicants

- All categories: “Eligible political subdivisions,” meaning cities, counties, and any district or authority created under Article III, Section 52 or Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution.
- Flood Management Evaluation category 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.

Eligible Projects

Only flood management evaluations, flood mitigation projects, and flood management strategies recommended in an amended regional flood plan approved by the TWDB are eligible for financial assistance.

- Flood control planning of entire watersheds
- Activities such as construction, rehabilitation, demolition, and decommission; feasibility assessments; detailed hydraulic and hydrologic studies; activities to obtain regulatory approval; drainage infrastructure; and nonstructural and nature-based solutions
- Projects such as warning systems, crossing barriers, public education and outreach, reverse 911 systems, and dam emergency action plans
- Projects for which communities have received a federal award for flood-related activities contingent on the availability of local matching funds

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
- Zero percent interest loans and grants available

Program Requirements

- 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.

Additional information on the state flood plan is available at www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning.