

TWICC Funding Resources Guide

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T W D B	NEW PROGRAM Lead Service Line Replacement Program (LSLR)	Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicly and privately-owned community water systems Non-profit water supply corporations Non-profit, non-community public water systems State agencies 	Funding for lead service line replacement (LSLR) project or associated activity directly connected to the identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines. Lead service line inventories are also eligible for funding from this program. See the TWDB's LSLR webpage (link in the "Program" column) for more information on eligible projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For this current funding cycle, submit completed Project Information Forms (PIFs) by May 23, 2023. All financing will be made at the ratio of 51% principal forgiveness and 49% loan/bond. Entities' project areas must meet new disadvantaged criteria specific to the LSLR program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 15 years repayment period for inventory-only projects Up to 30 years repayment period for PAD and construction phases Below-market fixed interest rates (basis points off borrower's underlying credit rating) The inventory portion of any loan will be at 0% interest 	Heather O'Keefe DWSRF Program Coordinator (281) 895-0722 DWSRF@twdb.texas.gov
	Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) 31 TAC 375	Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Subdivisions Authorized Indian tribal organizations Private entities are eligible to apply for non-point source or estuary projects only 	Planning, Acquisition (limited) and Design (PAD) and Construction of wastewater treatment, wastewater recycling and reuse, non-potable reuse, wastewater collection systems, stormwater and nonpoint source pollution control, and estuary management projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year-round funding, but submit Project Information Forms (PIFs) before each year's solicitation deadline (typically in March) for maximum consideration Principal Forgiveness available for qualifying disadvantaged and small/rural disadvantaged communities, emergency relief, and "green" projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 30 years repayment period Below-market fixed interest rates (basis points off borrower's underlying credit rating) Initial maximum funding limit is \$44 million per project 	Alyssa Azari Program Administration Manager (512) 463-5801 CWSRF@twdb.texas.gov
	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) 31 TAC 371	Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicly and privately-owned community water systems Non-profit water supply corporations Non-profit, non-community public water systems 	PAD and Construction of water projects to bring systems in compliance with water standards as set out by the Safe Drinking Water Act, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct water system deficiencies Upgrade and replace water systems Consolidate systems Purchase capacity or other systems Source water protection projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year-round funding, but submit PIFs before each year's solicitation deadline (typically in March) for maximum consideration Principal Forgiveness available for qualifying disadvantaged and small/rural disadvantaged communities, very small systems (<1,000 population), green projects, and urgent need projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 30 years repayment period Below-market fixed interest rates (basis points off borrower's underlying credit rating) Initial maximum funding limit is \$24 million per project 	Heather O'Keefe DWSRF Program Coordinator (281) 895-0722 DWSRF@twdb.texas.gov
	Texas Water Development Fund (DFUND) 31 TAC 363	State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Subdivisions Non-Profit Water Supply Corporations 	PAD of water supply projects, conservation, water quality, wastewater, and flood control projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First-come, first-serve. Access to funding year-round, but please contact us to discuss timeline and fund availability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically 20-30 years Loan interest rates based on TWDB's cost of funds (AAA bond rating) No maximum funding limit 	William Alfaro State Programs Coordinator (512) 463-4741 Financial_Assistance@twdb.texas.gov
	Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) 31 TAC 355 and 363	State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Subdivisions Non-Profit Water Supply Corporations 	PAD and Construction of water and wastewater projects in areas designated as an economically distressed area.	Project area must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Median Household Income (AMHI) ≤75% of the Statewide AMHI Water and or wastewater services that are inadequate to meet minimal needs of residential users Subdivision established prior to June 1, 2005 Adopted and enforcing Model Subdivision Rules (MSR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combination Loan/Grant - ratio dependent upon documented Public Health Nuisance Determination TWDB-funded portion not paid for by grant must be provided as an EDAP loan 20 year loan term 	William Alfaro State Programs Coordinator (512) 463-4741 EDAP@twdb.texas.gov

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	State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) 31 TAC 363	State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Subdivisions Nonprofit Water Supply Corporations 	Flexible financial assistance options for the implementation of Recommended Water Management Strategies in the state water plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abridged Applications typically due in February. Projects must be recommended water management strategy projects, with an associated capital cost, in the adopted State Water Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Funding options: low-interest loans with subsidized interest rates, deferred loans, and Board Participation Multi-year commitments 20-30 year loan terms 	William Alfaro State Programs Coordinator (512) 463-4741 SWIFT@twdb.texas.gov
	State Participation 31 TAC 363	State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Subdivisions Nonprofit Water Supply Corporations 	Funding of water and wastewater projects to allow an eligible entity to build optimum-sized projects where the existing population cannot fully support the debt. The state purchases an interest in the project, not to exceed 80% in water projects in the State Water Plan and 50% in all other projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For State Water Plan funding, the projects must be recommended water management strategies in the adopted State Water Plan or the Board approved Regional Water Plan Program funding dependent upon legislative appropriations or available funds - contact us for availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally 34-year repayment No maximum funding limit 	William Alfaro State Programs Coordinator (512) 463-4741 Financial_Assistance@twdb.texas.gov
	Agricultural Water Conservation Loan Program	State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Subdivisions 	Loans for improvements to irrigation facilities or through Political Subs to make loans to individuals for efficient irrigation technology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First-Come, First Serve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 years Low-interest, fixed interest rates No maximum funding limit 	William Alfaro State Programs Coordinator (512) 463-4741 Financial_Assistance@twdb.texas.gov
	Agricultural Water Conservation Grant Program	State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Subdivisions 	Grants for improvements to irrigation facilities or through Political Subs to make loans to individuals for efficient irrigation technology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TWDB publishes a Request for Applications notice in the Texas Register at least once a year At least \$1.2 million available annually Grant categories vary from year to year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	Antonio Delgado Agricultural Conservation (512) 463-7984 -or- Jaclyn Buck Agricultural Conservation (512) 475-1525 agconservation@twdb.texas.gov

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T W D B	Groundwater District Loan Program	State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groundwater District or Authority 	Finance the start-up costs of newly created Groundwater Conservation Districts	First-Come, First Serve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 years 	William Alfaro State Programs Coordinator (512) 463-4741 Financial_Assistance@twdb.texas.gov
	Asset Management Program for Small Systems (AMPSS)	State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water or Wastewater SRF eligible 	Grant program to fund the creation of an asset management plan and other planning tools. Participant systems will work with a pre-qualified contractor to complete the project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serve less than 5,000 connections and less than 10,000 people System must be eligible for DWSRF or CWSRF Application period typically open during summer See program webpage for more information as this is a new program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding of up to \$100,000 per project 	Patrick Kading AMPSS Coordinator (512) 936-8149 AMPSS@twdb.texas.gov
U S D A - R D	United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development (USDA-RD) Water/Wastewater	Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Subdivisions non-profit organizations recognized Indian tribes 	Construction loans, grants and loan guarantees for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities and towns of 10,000 or less. Planning costs are eligible for reimbursement as part of the total project costs.	Rural (< 10,000 population)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 years 3.75% market* 3.0% intermediate, up to 45% grant, MHI less than state non-metro MHI (\$54,591) 2.25% poverty, up to 75% grant, MHI < 80% state non-metro MHI & alleviate health & sanitary issues Interest rates through 03/31/2023 – adjusted quarterly. 	Connie Petru Community Programs Specialist (254) 742-9793 connie.petru@usda.gov For local offices see: www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/tx
	USDA – RD 306 c - Colonia funding	Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public bodies non-profit organizations recognized Indian tribes 	Water/waste disposal facilities in low- income rural communities whose residents face significant health risks. Can also fund service connections.	Colonia, existed before Oct 1, 1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 years Loan/grant 	Elizabeth Sherrod (254) 742-9788 For local offices see: www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/tx
	Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)	Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public bodies non-profit organizations recognized Indian tribes 	To assist rural communities that have experienced a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water due to an emergency, or in which such decline is considered imminent, to obtain or maintain adequate quantities of water that meets the standards set by the Safe Drinking Water Act. See also 7 CFR 1778.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural (< 10,000 population) Median Household Income (MHI) must be < the State nonmetropolitan MHI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant Maximum for another water source is \$500,000 Maximum for repairs, replacement or significant maintenance is \$150,000 	Jerry Moore (254) 742-9786 For local offices see: www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/tx

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T D A	Community Development Fund (CD Fund)	Federal (CDBG)	Non-entitlement Cities & Counties	Meet community development (water/wastewater) needs related to health and safety of low-moderate income residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biennial application cycle (odd- numbered years) • Grants up to \$350,000 • Local match as scoring factor 	• Local match may be scoring factor in some regions	Suzanne Barnard (800) 428-7848 http://texasagriculture.gov/
	Colonia Construction Fund	Federal (CDBG)	County applicants within 150 miles of border	Construction—priority to first-time water and sewer service, then other colonia improvements.	Annual grant cycle	Grant up to \$1,000,000	Suzanne Barnard (800) 428-7848 http://texasagriculture.gov/
	Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program (CEDAP)	Federal (CDBG)	County applicants within 150 miles of border	Assist low-moderate income residents to connect to large federal/state funded water/sewer projects.	As needed	Grant up to \$1,000,000	Suzanne Barnard (800) 428-7848 http://texasagriculture.gov/
	Planning & Capacity Building Fund	Federal (CDBG)	Non-entitlement Cities & Counties	Planning studies for utility systems, community transportation, or comprehensive community planning	Annual grant cycle	Grant	Suzanne Barnard (800) 428-7848 http://texasagriculture.gov/
	Status Urgent Need Fund	Federal (CDBG)	Non-entitlement Cities & Counties	Repair, replace, rehabilitate, or improve public infrastructure impacted by a natural disaster, including mitigation measures appropriate to the project	As needed	Grant up to \$350,000	Suzanne Barnard (800) 428-7848 http://texasagriculture.gov/
	Downtown Revitalization Programs	Federal (CDBG)	Non-entitlement Cities	Downtown sidewalk and other infrastructure to address blight and promote economic development	Annual grant cycle	Grant up to \$350,000	Suzanne Barnard (800) 428-7848 http://texasagriculture.gov/
N A D B	Lending Program	Federal/ Multi- lateral	Public and private entities	Financing may be provided in a number of ways, including: direct loans, interim financing, revolving lines of credit and participation in municipal bond issues for projects that are part of a long-term master plan that promotes the most efficient use of all resources. Loans are available in U.S. dollars or Mexican pesos, depending on project location and the source of repayment, and must be repaid in the currency in which they were originally funded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project must be part of a long- term master plan that promotes the most efficient use of all resources. • The project must contain a comprehensive operations and maintenance plan. • The project must be self-sustaining through user fees or other revenue or income streams in order to repay all debts, cover operations and maintenance costs, and create reserves. 	Up to 25 years, but cannot exceed the useful life of the project.	Temis Alvarez lavarez@nadb.org nadb.org

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N A D B	Border Environment Infrastructure Fund (BEIF)	Federal/ Multi-lateral	Public and private entities	To make high-priority municipal drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects affordable by combining grant funds with loans and other forms of financing for communities along the border.	Application evaluations occurring on a periodic basis to update the ranked project list. Project selection will depend on the availability of funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must be located within 100 km of Texas-Mexico border. • To be considered eligible for the prioritization process, projects in both countries must address existing conditions that if improved will have a positive impact on the health and environment in the United States. 	Grant	Temis Alvarez talvarez@nadb.org nadb.org
	Project Development Assistance Program (PDAP)	Federal/ Multi-lateral	Public and private entities	To support communities with development activities necessary for the certification and implementation of projects selected to receive BEIF funding. Grant funding is available for planning studies, environmental assessments, final design, financial analyses and community participation efforts, among other activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must address an existing human health and/or ecological issue. • Projects must have a U.S.-side benefit. • Priority will be given to projects with maximum funding from other sources and where program funding (BEIF) is necessary to complete financing of the project. 	Grant	Temis Alvarez talvarez@nadb.org nadb.org
C U	Communities Unlimited Loan Fund	Private nonprofit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities • Districts • WSCs • HOAs • IOUs 	Targeted to rural areas and/or small systems with water/wastewater needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 10,000 population • Application on website. • About 3 week turn-around. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$500,000 • Up to 15 years • ≤ 2 years, 3.5% • 2 to 5 years, 4.0% • 5 to 10 years, 5.5% • Origination 1.0% 	POC: Harold Hunter (903) 261-9161 -or- Mark Pearson (512) 284-3000 www.crg.org
N R W A	USDA-RD grant funded Rural Loan Fund	Private nonprofit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public bodies • Non-profit organizations • Recognized Indian tribes 	Rural utilities with smaller or shorter term funding needs.	Application on website. About 3 week turn-around.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 years • Up to \$100,000 • 3% min. or USDA pov. rate 	(800) 332-8715 www.nrwa.org/revolvingloan

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T D S H S	Funding Information Center	State		DSHS provides weekly lists of public and private funding opportunities, grant writing training, and other items of interest to grant seekers. Be sure to sign up for their free, automatic grant notification service.			(888) 963-7111 ext.7684 http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/fic/
T C E Q	Financial, Managerial, and Technical Assistance	Federal (Set-Aside)		TCEQ offers free financial, managerial and technical assistance through on-site visits. You can request assistance by submitting the FMT Assistance Referral Form (TCEQ- 20167)			Dorothy Young (512) 239-4691 http://www.tceq.texas.gov/cgi-bin/comm_exec/forms.pl
	Small Business and Local Government Assistance Program (SBLGA)	State	Public and private entities	TCEQ offers free assistance through on-site visits from SBLGA staff, and through our EnviroMentor program (volunteer private- sector professionals such as consultants and engineers).			(800) 447-2827 www.TexasEnvirohelp.org
E P A	Funding Sources for Small Community Wastewater Systems	Federal		This publication contains 10 fact sheets of possible funding sources to help small, rural communities attain adequate wastewater systems. They provide information on the types of help each program offers, what projects are funded, who is eligible, and how to reach the program contacts to apply for the funds.			(202) 260-2268 http://www.epa.gov/owm/mab/smcomm/eparev.htm

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T D E M	Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM)	Federal		TDEM administers a number of FEMA grant programs that may be able to support water infrastructure, including the Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, and BRIC grant programs.	Public Assistance can cover infrastructure damaged by a presidentially declared disaster Hazard Mitigation and BRIC can cover infrastructure hardening or other mitigation projects		https://www.tdem.texas.gov/mitigation/current-funding-opportunities
R C & D	Texas Association of Resources Conservation and Development (RC&D) Areas, Inc.			RC&D has periodic funding for certain counties and small communities for water and sewer improvements and can help individual septic.			(979) 846-0819 http://www.texasrcd.org
R A C	Rural Assistance Center (RAC)			RAC offers rural funding and grant information. From their website, you can access the information several ways.			(800) 270-1898 http://www.raconline.org/funding
U S B R	WaterSMART Program – Water and Energy Efficiency Grants (WEEG)	Federal	Eligible entities include irrigation and water districts, river authorities, tribes, states, and other entities with water or power delivery authority.	This program seeks to conserve and use water more efficiently, increase the use of renewable energy, improve energy efficiency, benefit endangered and threatened species, facilitate water markets, carry out activities to address climate-related impacts on water or prevent any water-related crisis or conflict.		50/50 cost-share is required for each funding group. • Funding Group I: Up to \$300,000 will be available for smaller projects that may take up to two years to complete. • Funding Group II: Up to \$1,000,000 will be available for larger, phased projects that will take up to three years to complete. No more than \$500,000 in federal funds will be provided within a given fiscal year to complete each phase.	Oklahoma-Texas Area Office Bureau of Reclamation Phone: (512) 899-4150