



The Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund (TWDB FIF) is a statewide program that helps communities pay for projects that reduce flood risk. The Texas FIF can support projects at different stages—such as planning, engineering/design, and construction—depending on the funding cycle and project eligibility. This funding tool is intended to accelerate flood risk reduction by helping local sponsors fund high-priority flood mitigation projects and move them toward implementation.

The TWDB sets application requirements, reviews proposals, and approves financial assistance awards. Applications are generally submitted by eligible public entities, such as cities, counties, drainage districts, and other governmental entities. Residents and private individuals typically do not apply directly, projects are submitted by a sponsoring entity on behalf of the community.

TWDB FIF financial assistance may be offered as a grant, a low-interest loan, or a combination, depending on program rules and the applicant’s eligibility. The TWDB considers a community’s ability to pay when structuring financial assistance. Affordability considerations help ensure flood mitigation is achievable in communities with limited resources and high flood risk.

TWDB FIF awards are made through a competitive, two-step process that uses a scoring and ranking system to prioritize projects, followed by a full technical review and TWDB Board consideration.

To be eligible for FIF funding, projects must be included in the most recently adopted Regional Flood Plan and be formally recommended within that plan. In the first step, sponsors submit an abridged application. The TWDB evaluates eligible submissions using a scoring methodology and places projects on ranked priority lists (typically by project category). Projects that score and rank high enough (within available funding) are invited to submit a full application in the second step. When evaluating full applications, the TWDB Board completes the financial/technical review, before considering and approving awards. It’s important to note that ranking drives prioritization, but final awards depend on eligibility, documentation, and available funds (and may be adjusted during full review).

For more information about the TWDB FIF, upcoming funding rounds, TWDB announcements and regional flood planning updates, visit www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/fif/index.asp.

FIF FUNDING PROCESS

