



Resources for Texas Water and Wastewater Utilities

This publication lists resources available to help defray costs associated with upgrading water and wastewater systems. Please keep in mind that the TCEQ makes no guarantee that—by contacting any of these sources—your project will receive funding. For additional information, please contact the TCEQ’s Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section at 800-447-2827 or the Water Supply Division at 512-239-4691.

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Grants

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Colonia Self-Help Program

- Eligible entities: Political subdivisions and nonprofit water supply corporations (WSCs) within 50 miles of the international border.
- Type of Assistance: Grant
- Website: <www.twdb.state.tx.us/financial/programs/self_help.asp>
- Phone: 512-475-0590

Regional Facility Planning Grant Program

- Eligible entities: Political subdivisions with the legal authority to plan, develop and operate regional facilities, and nonprofit WSCs
- Type of Assistance: Grant
- Website: <www.twdb.state.tx.us/financial/programs/RFP_Grant.asp>
- Phone: 512-936-0852

Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- Eligible entities: Cities and counties
- Type of Assistance: Grant
- Website: <www.tdra.texas.gov/TxDRA/programs/TxCDBGhomepage/txcdbg.aspx>
- Phone: 512-936-6701 or 1-800-544-2042

As of October 1, 2011, the TxCDBG program will be administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs.

- Website: <www.TexasAgriculture.gov>
- Phone: 1-800-835-5832 or 512-463-7476

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)

The Texas Capital Fund Infrastructure Development Program

- Eligible entities: Non-entitlement city or county governments
- Type of Assistance: Grant

- Website: <www.agr.state.tx.us/agr/program_render/0,1987,1848_6054_0_0,00.html?channel=6054>
- Phone: 512-936-0273

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Eligible entities: Individuals, organizations and political subdivisions
- Type of Assistance: Grants for prevention of and recovery from natural and man-made disasters
- Website: <www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm>
- Phone: 800-621-FEMA (3362)

Loans

Texas Water Development Board

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF)

- Eligible entities: Public wastewater systems
- Type of Assistance: Loan. Additional subsidies available for disadvantaged communities.
- Website: <www.twdb.state.tx.us/financial/programs/cwsrf.asp>
- Phone: 512-463-8510

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program (DWSRF)

- Eligible entities: Community water system owners and nonprofit noncommunity water systems and political subdivisions.
- Type of Assistance: Loan. Additional subsidies available for disadvantaged communities.
- Website: <www.twdb.state.tx.us/financial/programs/dwsrf.asp>
- Phone: 512-475-4816

Rural Water Assistance Fund Program (RWF)

- Eligible entities: Nonprofit WSCs and political subdivisions
- Type of Assistance: Loan
- Website: <www.twdb.state.tx.us/financial/programs/rwaf.asp>
- Phone: 512-463-8491

State Loan Program Texas Water Development Fund II (DFund)

- Eligible entities: Political subdivisions of the State and nonprofit WSCs
- Type of Assistance: Loans
- Website: <www.twdb.state.tx.us/financial/programs/twdf.asp>
- Phone: 512-463-8491

Water Infrastructure Fund

- Eligible entities: Political subdivisions of the State and nonprofit WSCs
- Type of Assistance: Loans—subsidized and deferred
- Website: <www.twdb.state.tx.us/financial/programs/wif.asp>
- Phone: 512-463-8491

Groundwater Conservation District Loan Program

- Eligible entities: Groundwater conservation districts
- Type of Assistance: Loan
- Website: <www.twdb.state.tx.us/financial/programs/gdpl.asp>
- Phone: 512-463-8491

Co-Bank

- Eligible entities: Investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and WSCs serving predominantly unincorporated areas
- Type of Assistance: Loan
- Website: <www.cobank.com>
- Phone: 800-542-8072

Government Capital Corp.

- Eligible entities: IOUs, political subdivisions, and WSCs
- Type of Assistance: Loan
- Website: <www.governmentcapital.com>
- Phone: 800-883-1199

Rural Utilities Service (RUS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development

- Eligible entities: Rural political subdivisions, WSCs, and Native American tribes
- Type of Assistance: Loan

- Website: <www.rurdev.usda.gov/Utilities_Assistance.html>
- Phone: 800-670-6553

United Financial of Illinois, Inc.

- Eligible entities: IOUs, WSCs and local governments
- Type of Assistance: Loans, sale leasebacks and master lease
- Website: <www.unitedfinancial.com>
- Phone: 630-955-0188

Combined Grants and Loans

Texas Water Development Board

Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP)

- Eligible entities: Political subdivisions and nonprofit WSCs provided they meet certain program requirements.
- Type of Assistance: Grant, loan, or a combination grant/loan.
- Website: <www.twdb.state.tx.us/financial/programs/edap.asp>
- Phone: 512-475-0590

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- Eligible entities: Businesses
- Type of Assistance: Loans and grants
- Website: <www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants/>
- Phone: 800-827-5722

North American Development Bank

- Eligible entities: Communities located along the U.S./Mexico border
- Type of Assistance: Loans and grants
- Website: <www.nadbank.org>
- Phone: 210-231-8000

Technical Assistance

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Financial, Managerial, and Technical (FMT) Assistance

Free financial, managerial and technical assistance.

- Eligible entities: Public drinking water, wastewater systems and utilities
- Type of Assistance: On-site financial, managerial and technical assistance
- Website: <www.tceq.texas.gov/utilities/fmt>
- Phone: 512-239-4691 and ask for the FMT assistance contract coordinator.

Community Resource Group, Inc.

- Eligible entities: Small water and sewer projects
- Type of Assistance: Loans, technical assistance
- Website: <www.crg.org>
- Phone: 806-763-9515

Other Funding Source Clearinghouses

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Federal Funding Sources for Small Community Wastewater Systems

- Eligible entities: Wastewater systems.
- Type of Assistance: Publication (EPA 832-F-97-004) contains ten fact sheets of possible funding sources
- Website: <water.epa.gov/type/watersheds/wastewater/eparev.cfm>
- Phone: 800-490-9198 to request document

Grants.gov

Electronic clearing-house of competitive grant opportunities from federal agencies

- Eligible entities: All water and wastewater systems
- Type of Assistance: Grants
- Website: <grants.gov>
- Phone: 800-518-4726

The Rural Assistance Center

- Eligible entities: Rural communities and facilities
- Type of Assistance: Summaries of available grants and loans
- Website: <www.raconline.org/funding>
- Phone: 800-270-1898

The Foundation Center (membership required)

- Eligible entities: Members only
- Type of Assistance: Summaries of available grants
- Website: <foundationcenter.org>

GrantStation.com (membership required)

- Eligible entities: Members only
- Type of Assistance: Summaries of available grants
- Website: <www.grantstation.com>

Grants.com

- Eligible entities: All entities
- Type of Assistance: Lists of available matching grants
- Website: <www.grants.com>

Catalog of Domestic Federal Assistance

- Eligible entities: Political subdivisions, private and nonprofit organizations
- Type of Assistance: Full listing of all federal programs available
- Website: <www.cfda.gov>

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Funding Information Center

DSHS provides weekly lists of public and private funding opportunities, grant writer training, and other items of interest to those seeking grants.

- Eligible entities: Individuals and various organizations
- Type of Assistance: Lists funding opportunities
- Website: <www.dshs.state.tx.us/fic/>
- Phone: 888-963-7111, ext.7684