

Texas Water Development Board

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Request for Applications for Flood Protection Planning

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) requests, pursuant to 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §355.3, the submission of applications leading to the possible award of contracts to develop flood protection plans for areas in Texas from political subdivisions with the legal authority to plan for and abate flooding and which participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Flood Protection Planning Grant applications may be submitted by eligible political subdivisions from any area of the State and will be considered and evaluated. In addition, applicants must supply a map of the geographical planning area to be studied.

Description of Planning Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the Flood Protection Planning Grant Program is for the State to provide financial assist to local governments to develop flood protection plans for entire major or minor watersheds (as opposed to local drainage areas) that provide protection from flooding through structural and non-structural measures as described in 31 TAC §355.2. Planning for flood protection will include studies and analyses to determine and describe problems resulting from or relating to flooding and the views and needs of the affected public relating to flooding problems. Potential solutions to flooding problems will be identified, and the benefits and costs of these solutions will be estimated. From the planning analysis, feasible solutions to flooding problems will be recommended. The flood protection planning study should also include an assessment of the environmental and cultural resources of the planning area as necessary to evaluate the flood control alternatives being considered. Solutions for localized drainage problems are not eligible for grant funding.

Description of Funding Consideration

Up to \$900,000 has been initially authorized for Fiscal Year 2014 assistance for flood protection planning from the TWDB's Research and Planning Fund. Up to fifty percent funding may be provided to individual applicants, with up to seventy-five percent funding available to areas identified in 31 TAC §355.10(a) as economically disadvantaged. In the event that acceptable applications are not submitted, the TWDB retains the right to not award contract funds.

Deadline, Review Criteria, and Contact Person for Additional Information

Six double-sided copies on recycled paper and one digital copy (CD) of a complete Flood Protection Planning Grant application including the required attachments must be filed with the Board prior to noon, 12:00 p.m., January 22, 2014. Applications can be directed either in person to Mr. David Carter, Texas Water Development Board, Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas or by mail to Mr. David Carter, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231 - Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.

Applications will be evaluated according to 31 TAC §355.5. All potential applicants can contact the TWDB to obtain these rules and an application instruction sheet. Requests for information, the TWDB's rules and instruction sheet covering the research and planning fund may be directed to Mr. Gilbert Ward at the preceding mailing address, or by email at gilbert.ward@twdb.texas.gov (<mailto:gilbert.ward@twdb.texas.gov>) or by calling (512) 463-6418.