



Stormwater and Mitigation Funding Through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund

What is stormwater?

When precipitation occurs (rain, snow, ice), stormwater is created. In undeveloped areas, precipitation typically soaks into the ground. When buildings, parking lots, roads, and other hard surfaces are added to the landscape, however, the ground cannot absorb the water, and stormwater often runs off into nearby streams, rivers, or other bodies of water. Because stormwater can flow over many surfaces, it can pick up pollutants along the way, which also end up in these bodies of water.

What type of funding is available and who can apply?

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provides financial assistance for stormwater projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund at below-market interest rates. Financial assistance may be made to cities, counties, districts, river authorities, water supply corporations that are Designated Management Agencies, and other public bodies. A water quality-based priority system, which evaluates the environmental benefits of the proposed project, is used to rank applicants and fund projects.

What is an eligible project?

Stormwater projects may be

- publically or privately owned;
- permitted and unpermitted; or
- used for measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water.

Activities eligible for funding include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- Structural or engineered control devices and systems to manage, reduce, store, and/or treat stormwater
- Stormwater best management practices, both technical and institutional
- Acquisition, protection, and/or rehabilitation of natural waterways
- Low Impact Development

How can stormwater funds be used?

Funds may be used for planning, acquisition, design, and construction of stormwater activities. Funds may be used for projects specifically required by a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permit; for projects outside of an MS4; for "soft" structures (ponds, swales, wetlands, and green infrastructure); and for "hard" drainage structures (pipes or concrete channels).

Where may I get more information?

For more information, contact your Regional Team Manager listed on the following page or email Financial_Assistance@twdb.texas.gov. Additional information on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and other financial assistance programs is also available on the TWDB website, www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs.

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