



**Financial Assistance Programs** 

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# Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

The DWSRF assists communities by providing low-cost financing for a wide range of water projects that facilitate compliance with drinking water standards. Recent streamlining of the program

provides year-round funding as projects are included in the DWSRF Intended Use Plan. Through Fiscal Year 2020, the DWSRF has committed approximately \$3 billion for projects across Texas.

## **Eligible Applicants**

- Publicly and privately owned water systems
- Nonprofit water supply corporations
- Nonprofit, non-community public water systems

## **Eligible Projects**

Planning, design, acquisition, and construction to:

- Correct water system deficiencies
- Upgrade or replace water systems
- Consolidate systems
- Purchase capacity
- Purchase other systems
- Implement green projects
- Implement source water protection projects
- Refinance (under limited scenarios)

#### **Benefits and Terms**

- Below-market fixed interest rates (basis points off borrower's underlying credit rating)
- Principal forgiveness for qualifying disadvantaged, small/rural disadvantaged, green, very small systems, and urgent need projects
- Up to 30-year repayment period
- Initial maximum funding is \$24 million per project

### **Program Requirements**

- Loan origination fee
- Projects must be consistent with the current state water plan
- Projects must be listed in the current DWSRF Intended Use Plan
- Entities receiving assistance greater than \$500,000 must adopt a water conservation and drought contingency plan
- Davis-Bacon wage rate requirements
- American Iron and Steel requirements
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-type environmental review
- Review of legislative requirements regarding water loss threshold limits
- For equivalency projects only: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program

For specific questions on the program, please contact Financial Assistance@twdb.texas.gov. Detailed information on the program is also available at www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs.