

# ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FLOOD RISK REDUCTION FUNDING

### Overview

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) recently adopted the inaugural 2024 State Flood Plan, a compilation of the 15 Regional Flood Plans. This plan includes a list of flood mitigation needs used by the TWDB and the state legislature to make state funding decisions that address flood risk across the state.

TWDB Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) is a funding program that provides financial assistance through grants and low/no interest loans for drainage and flood mitigation planning, design, and construction. Eligibility for the FIF requires inclusion in the State Flood Plan. FIF funding runs on a two-year cycle with the next available application window open in 2026. If your community would like the opportunity to apply for 2026 FIF funding for a flood mitigation need, then it is critical for it to be listed in the 2024 State Flood Plan. There is still time to be added into the plan or amend your previous submission.



A list of currently eligible flood reduction solutions is available online. *Scan code here.* 

## **Amendment Opportunity**

Region 12 - San Antonio Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) is providing an opportunity for Region 12 communities to incorporate their flood mitigation needs into the 2024 State Flood Plan through an amendment process. TWDB has established an April 1, 2025, amendment submittal deadline. Due to the short timeline. flood mitigation needs must meet specific criteria to be included in the amendment and all supporting information on flood mitigation needs must be provided to the RFPG no later than January 15, 2025. This allows time for the RFPG to consider amendment proposals and request additional information. Requirements for the amendment submittal are listed in the checklist on the second page.

If you do not intend to submit a 2026 FIF application, or if your previously submitted flood risk reduction solutions do not need to be updated with new information or changes in conditions, no action is required at this time. Additional flood risk solutions can be incorporated into the 2028 Regional Flood Plan through the normal flood planning process.

# Timeline for State Flood Plan Amendment for 2026 FIF Funding

#### January 15, 2025

Deadline for stakeholders to submit amendment proposals, requirements and data to Region 12

#### February 2025

RFPG determines proposal feasibility

#### March 2025

RFPG adopts Amendment to the 2023 Regional Flood Plan

#### April 1, 2025

RFPG submits Amendment to TWDB



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# **Types of Eligible Solutions**

Flood mitigation needs are classified into 3 categories:



# Fully developed, constructable, flood mitigation projects

Potential FMPs Include:

- Open Channel or Storm Drain Projects
- Road Crossing Improvements
- Detention Projects



Studies that assess flood risk or identify potential solutions/ projects

Potential FMEs Include:

- Project Design (up to 30%)
- Project Feasibility Study
- Watershed Planning Study



Policies, Education, and Awareness

Potential FMSs Include:

- Property Acquisition or Elevation
- Drainage Criteria Development
- Flood Warning Systems
- Outreach and Educational Programs

FMP	FME	FMS	Requirements
			Notice of Intent by December 15, 2024
			Project Study/Name
			Scope Description
			Shapefile (Study Area or Project Area)
			Estimated Study Cost (Non-Construction)
			Estimated Construction Cost
			Hydrologic & Hydraulic models
			Pre & Post Project 100yr Floodplains
			Benefit Cost Analysis
			No Negative Impacts Certification

## **Amendment Submittal Requirements**

## For Submittals or Questions



To submit a notice of intent or any questions you may have, please complete the contact form on the Region 12 website (https://www.region12texas.org/contact-us).



You can find additional information on the Regional Flood Planning process and Region 12's activities on the RFPG website (https://www.region12texas.org).