

FLOOD RISK REDUCTION SOLUTIONS

HOW TO SUBMIT FOR STATE FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

Introduction to Regional Flood Planning

In 2019, the Texas Legislature tasked the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) initiating the regional and state flood planning processes. Region 4 is one of 15 Regional Flood Planning Groups (RFPG) across the State tasked with developing a regional flood plan. In 2024, TWDB adopted the inaugural State Flood Plan, which incorporated the findings of the 15 Regional Flood Plans. Regional and state flood planning activities are beginning for the next planning and funding cycle.

Flood Infrastructure Fund

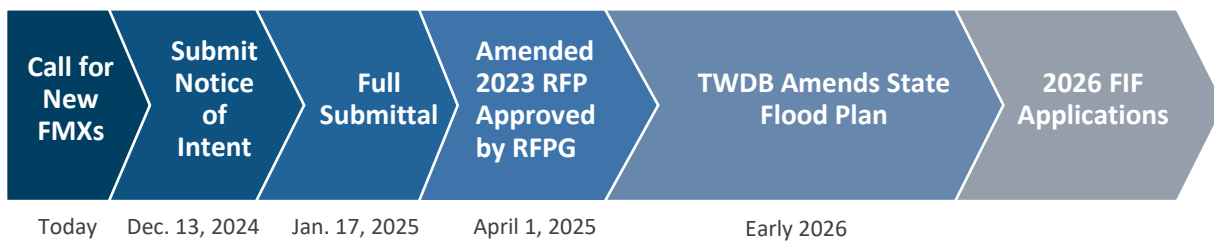
The TWDB's Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) is a funding program that provides financial assistance for drainage and flood risk reduction planning/studies and the design and construction of flood risk reduction solutions. Funding includes grants and low or no interest loans to eligible political subdivisions. To be eligible for FIF funding, your flood risk reduction solution(s) **must** be included in the State Flood Plan. A complete list of currently eligible flood risk reduction solutions is available in the 2024 State Flood Plan Documents at texasstatefloodplan.org.

The next FIF funding cycle is anticipated to open in 2026. To increase the number of eligible projects and studies, the TWDB is providing an opportunity to incorporate new flood risk reduction solutions or studies, or change a previously adopted project's type (ie. FME to FMP) into the 2024 State Flood Plan through an amendment process.

TWDB has established an April 1, 2025 submittal deadline. The RFPG must take action prior to submittal for the amendment; therefore, *the RFPG is requesting a Notice of Intent (NOI) from communities in the Sabine River basin considering joining the amendment process. The NOI should be submitted by December 13, 2024, with a full submittal deadline of January 17, 2025.* Beyond the amendment process, additional flood risk reduction solutions can be incorporated into the 2028 Regional Flood Plan and could become eligible for future funding cycles. Anticipated timelines to qualify for FY 2026-2027 FIF funding and future funding cycles are included below.

TIMELINE

Anticipated FY 2026-2027 FIF Funding Cycle






Future Funding Cycles



TYPES OF ELIGIBLE SOLUTIONS

Flood risk reduction solutions are classified into 3 categories, Flood Management Evaluation (FME), Flood Management Strategy (FMS), and Flood Mitigation Projects (FMP).

		
<h3>FLOOD MANAGEMENT EVALUATION</h3>	<h3>FLOOD MANAGEMENT STRATEGY</h3>	<h3>FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT</h3>
<p>Studies to Assess Flood Risk or Identify Potential Projects</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watershed Planning Study • Project Feasibility Study • Dam Evaluations • Flood Mitigation Project Identification 	<p>Policy Changes, Education & Awareness</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach & Education Programs • Flood Warning Systems • Drainage Criteria Development • Property Acquisition or Elevation 	<p>Structural Project to Reduce Flood Risk</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Channel Projects • Road Crossing Improvements • Storm Drain Projects • Detention Projects

For inclusion in the 2024 Plan Amendment, all proposed FMEs, FMSs, and FMPs received must be reviewed for completeness, alignment with RFPG-adopted flood mitigation and floodplain management goals and recommended by the RFPG. The submittal checklist below identifies key requirements of each flood risk solution type.

FME	FMS	FMP	Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Notice of Intent by December 13, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project/Study Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scope Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shapefile (Study area or Project Area)*
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Estimated Study Cost (Non-Construction)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Estimated Construction Cost
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydrologic & Hydraulic Models
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre- & Post-Project 100yr Floodplains
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Benefit Cost Analysis
		<input type="checkbox"/>	No Negative Impacts Certification
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre- & Post-Project Flood Risk Exposure*

*Technical Consultant will provide additional detail following Notice of Intent



<https://forms.office.com/r/6jsBBAaick>

GET INVOLVED

If interested in submitting a FME, FMS, or FMP in the 2024 Flood Plan Amendment, please reach out to the Sabine Technical Consultant at Mat.Leclair@freese.com or 713-600-6877 or complete the Notice of Intent form linked above.

For information on the RFPG, please visit <https://www.sabine-rfpg.org/>. Meeting attendance is available online or in person. To learn more about the 2023 Regional Flood Plan visit our [Region 4 StoryMap](#).