



## Infrastructure

### Aviation Facilities Development Program

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Transportation  
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Austin, Texas 78701  
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[www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us)

**Program Description:** The Aviation Facilities Development Program of the Texas Department of Transportation provides financial assistance through loans or grants to cities, counties and other public entities for establishing, constructing, reconstructing, enlarging or repairing airports, airstrips or navigational facilities. TxDOT can grant or loan up to 90 percent of project costs for state-only projects.

**Funds:** \$16.4 million for FY 2001.

### Boat Ramp Construction Program

**Contact:**  
Texas Parks and Wildlife  
Recreation Grants Branch  
4200 Smith School Rd.  
Austin, TX 78744  
(512) 912-7124  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

**Program Description:** The Boat Ramp Construction Program of Texas Parks and Wildlife provides 75 percent matching fund grants to local governments for the construction of public boat ramps.

**Funds:** \$1.8 million for FY 2001.

### Clean Water State Revolving Fund

**Contact:**  
Texas Water Development Board  
Office of Project Finance and  
Construction Assistance  
1700 North Congress Avenue  
P.O. Box 13231  
Austin, TX 78711-3231  
[www.twdb.state.tx.us](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us)

**Program Description:** The Clean Water State Revolving Fund provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for the construction and improvement of wastewater treatment works, including projects to control storm water and nonpoint source water pollution. The program offers below-market interest rate loans to political subdivisions for the planning, design and construction of wastewater treatment works and supplies below-market interest rate loans for the implementation of federal Nonpoint Source Pollution and National Estuary Pollution Control Programs. Eligible political subdivisions can use funds for publicly-owned wastewater treatment works or nonpoint source projects necessary to achieve clean water standards or alleviate public health problems.

**Funds:** \$330 million for FY 2001.

## Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

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**Program Description:** The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund of the Texas Water Development Board provides federal and State funds to communities to bring their water systems into compliance with national drinking water standards. It offers below-market interest rate loans to public water systems for the planning, design, and construction of drinking water supply projects and provides additional subsidies, including forgiveness of loan principal, to systems qualifying as disadvantaged communities. Eligible entities include political subdivisions, water supply corporations, investor-owned utilities, and nonprofit non-community water systems. Funds must be applied to projects that bring public water systems into compliance with national drinking water standards, or otherwise further the health objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

**Funds:** \$78 million for FY 2001.

## Economically Distressed Areas Program

**Contact:**

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Office of Project Finance and  
Construction Assistance  
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Austin, TX 78711-3231  
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**Program Description:** The Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) of the Texas Water Development Board offers grants and loans for construction, acquisition, or improvements to water supply and wastewater collection and treatment works to assist economically distressed areas. Financial assistance may be awarded in the form of loans, grants or a combination of the two. Eligible political subdivisions must be in counties with unemployment rates 25 percent above the State average, and per capita income 25 percent below the State average, or next to the Texas/Mexico border. The area to be served must lack adequate water or wastewater service, lack the financial resources necessary to obtain adequate service, and must have been established as a residential development as of 1989. Counties in which projects are located must adopt and enforce Model Subdivision Rules to stop colonia growth. Additionally, projects must be located in an area where a local political subdivision is participating in the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission program to regulate on-site waste disposal facilities. In order to receive greater than 50 percent of the projected costs in the form of a grant, the Texas Department of Health must find conditions in the area dangerous to public health.

**Funds:** \$16 million for FY 2001.

## Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program

**Contact:**

Texas Water Development Board  
Office of Planning, Research and  
Planning Fund/Grants  
Management Division  
1700 North Congress Avenue  
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Austin, TX 78711-3231  
(512) 463-7926  
[www.twdb.state.tx.us/](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/)

**Program Description:** The Texas Water Development Board administers the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program on behalf of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The FMA program provides grants for cost-effective measures that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes and other National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) insurable structures. FMA planning grants may also assist communities in developing Flood Mitigation Plans. This program serves FEMA, NFIP, state and local community agencies, and local and regional floodplain managers.

**Funds:** \$986,000 (projects) and \$91,000 (planning) for FY 2001.

## State-Funded General Obligation Bond Program

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Construction Assistance  
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Austin, TX 78711-3231  
[www.twdb.state.tx.us](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us)

**Program Description:** The State-Funded General Obligation Bond Program of the Texas Water Development Board provides cost-effective loans to assist communities in funding water, wastewater, and flood control projects. The program offers low-interest loans to political subdivisions for the planning, design, and construction of wastewater treatment works, water supply projects (including public water supply, rainwater enhancement and brush control), municipal solid waste projects and structural and nonstructural flood control programs. Eligible entities include political subdivisions of the State and nonprofit water supply corporations. Funds must be used for water, wastewater, municipal solid waste, or flood control projects. Potential applicants are considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Funds:** \$600 million for FY 2001.

## State Participation Program

**Contact:**

Texas Water Development Board  
Office of Project Finance and  
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Austin, TX 78711-3231  
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**Program Description:** The State Participation Program of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provides financing for political subdivisions to build larger regional projects designed to meet future growth through partial State acquisition of projects for water supply, flood protection, groundwater recharge and wastewater treatment works. To keep projects from being a burden to local rate payers, the State bears the cost of reserved capacity until local residents are able to pay back the loan with revenues generated from an expanded customer base. As growth occurs and more of the capacity is needed, the TWDB sells its share of the capacity to the project's owner. TWDB uses money from the sale to retire the State's debt or finance other projects. Eligible entities include political subdivisions and nonprofit water supply corporations. Funds must be expended on optimum regional projects that could not be financed without State participation. Applicants are considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Funds:** \$32 million for FY 2001.

## Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Grant Programs

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Telecommunications  
Infrastructure Fund  
1000 Red River, Room E208  
Austin, Texas 78701  
1 (888) 533-8432  
www.tifb.state.tx.us

**Program Description:** The Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund was created serve rural and remote populations, as well as economically disadvantaged and at-risk students. Accordingly, TIF offers competitive and non-competitive grants for advanced technology infrastructure to public schools, libraries, institutions of higher education, and public, not-for-profit healthcare facilities.

- **Non-Competitive Grants.** The Technology Advancement and Distance Learning grants provide funding for networking and telecommunications equipment such as routers and hubs, workstations, laptops, laser printers, videoconferencing equipment, and equipment training and installation costs. Funds: \$189 million for FY 2001.

- **Competitive Grants.** The Discovery and Community Networking grants provide funding for innovative projects demonstrating significant collaboration and/or creative uses of technology, especially when used to meet the needs of a community. The purpose of these grant programs is to encourage high-level technology solutions to everyday problems, as well as to support and extend existing telecommunications infrastructure. Successful grant projects demonstrate collaboration among multiple TIF-eligible constituencies and serve as model projects that may be replicated across the State. Funds: \$49 million for FY 2001.

## Texas Recreation and Parks Account

### Contact:

Texas Parks and Wildlife  
Recreation Grants Branch  
4200 Smith School Rd-  
Austin, TX 78744  
1 (800) 792-1112  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

**Program Description:** The Texas Recreation and Parks Account provides 50% matching grants to local governments for acquisition and or development of public indoor and outdoor park and recreation facilities. Lands assisted must be permanently dedicated to public park and recreation purposes. TRPA also provides grant assistance to local governments and nonprofits for programming aimed at introducing traditionally underserved populations to outdoor recreation experiences. These grants are called as Community Outdoor Outreach Program (COOP) grants. Maximum grant amounts are: \$750,000 for indoor recreation, \$500,000 for outdoor recreation, and \$30,000 for community outdoor outreach for each year of the biennium.

House Bill 2108 by Representatives Cook and Dutton and Senator Royce West, passed during the 76th Legislative Session, authorizes money granted to political subdivisions from the Texas Recreation and Parks Account Program to be used for the operation and maintenance of parks, recreational areas, cultural resource sites or areas, and open space areas. It also requires the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to provide grants out of the account to a political subdivision or nonprofit corporation for recreation, conservation, or education programs for underserved populations to encourage and implement increased access to and use of parks, recreational areas, cultural resource sites or areas, and open space areas by underserved populations.

**Funds:** \$17.8 million for FY 2001.