
Appendix B.
State Administered Assistance Program
Descriptions with Eligible Actions

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STATE ADMINISTERED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS
WITH ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC)
(Program number 582.000¹ - Formerly Texas Water Commission Programs).

NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

582.001

(Federal Program²: EPA NONPOINT SOURCE IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS (§319), p. 139)

The objective of this program is to prevent nonpoint source pollution on a statewide basis and remediate nonpoint source pollution problems in targeted watersheds. Financial, technical, educational, and coordination assistance is provided to units of regional and local government and cooperating state agencies. Funds awarded under this program may be used for projects that conform with section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act, as implemented by the Water Quality Act of 1987. Political subdivisions of the state with appropriate jurisdiction may apply for assistance. Successful applicants are required to provide 40 percent of project costs.

Range and average of financial assistance: The range of total project costs is \$30,000 to \$900,000. The average project cost is \$250,000.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding
Section IV Water/ Sediment Quality Improvement
NPS-1 Develop Stormwater Management Plans

¹Program numbers correspond to listings in the Texas State Comptroller's Data Base, which can be accessed with a computer modem through a free computerized on-line bulletin board system entitled *Window on State Government*. The information on the grant and loan programs listed in this appendix was taken directly from the Texas State Comptroller's Data Base, and updated by Resource Analytics Inc.

²In cases where the state administered program is derived directly from a federal assistance program, the federal program's name and the page number of this report where its description can be found are listed.

- NPS-2 Perform Pilot Projects to Prove NPS BMP's
- NPS-9 Implement Groundwater Plume Control
- NPS-10 Develop Inventory of Agricultural NPS
- NPS-11 Coordinate and Implement Existing Agricultural NPS Control
- NPS-12 Adopt Regional Construction Standards
- NPS-13 Implement Toxics and Nutrient Control Practices

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING

582.004

(Federal Program: EPA WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING, p. 138)

The objective of this program is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the state's water. The Commission awards assistance to designated units of regional government (usually Councils of Government) for updating water quality management plans for designated metropolitan areas (Houston-Galveston, Dallas-Fort Worth, Texarkana, Killeen-Temple, Corpus Christi, lower Rio Grande Valley, and southeast Texas).

Assistance may be used for updating water quality management plans and assisting the Commission with other water quality management programs, e.g., wellhead protection, citizen monitoring, stormwater. Projects must be consistent with sections 208, 205(j)(2), and 604(b) of the Federal Clean Water Act. Designated regional planning agencies are eligible to apply. Commission staff contact regional planning agencies and ask them to submit proposed work plans that meet goals and objectives of the Clean Water Act. Successful applicants are required to provide 20 percent of the total project costs.

Range and average of financial assistance: Assistance ranges from approximately \$10,000 to nearly \$200,000. Average assistance is approximately \$75,000 per project.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section III Balanced Human Uses

SD-4 Facilitate Spill Cleanup by Advance Shoreline Characterization

Section IV Water/ Sediment Quality Improvement

WSQ-4 Perform TMDL Loading Studies for Toxics

NPS-1 Develop Stormwater Management Plans

NPS-3 Identify Priority Watershed Pollutant Reduction Opportunities

NPS-7 Establish Roadway Planning to minimize NPS Effect

NPS-8 Implement NPDES Stormwater Program

NPS-9 Implement Groundwater Plume Control

PS-6 Issue NPDES Permit or Ban Brine Discharge

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
Program number 501.000 - Formerly Texas Health Department Programs

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION/AWARENESS GRANTS
501.027

The objective of this program is to provide financial assistance for the creation, dissemination, and implementation of programs designed to increase public awareness and knowledge of municipal solid waste management issues. This program encourages organizations to develop creative, innovative, multifaceted, public education and awareness projects. Programs and materials developed with this grant money must be made available to the public free of charge or for a nominal fee designed to offset organizational handling expenses. Local governments, public agencies, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. RFPs for this program are published in Texas Register periodically. Deadlines are stated in the RFP, usually 30-90 days after RFP. There are no matching requirements for these grants.

RANGE AND AVERAGE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: As set forth in RFP. Will be determined as funds become available.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding
Section III Balanced Human Uses
SD-5 Improve Trash Management Near the Shoreline

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ENFORCEMENT AND LITTER
501.028

This program provides enforcement grants to financially encourage and assist local governments in the development of programs designed to specifically target illegal dumping and littering activities. These solid waste and litter enforcement grants provide supplementary funding for the enforcement and/or policing of the solid waste disposal act and the Litter Abatement Act. Funds are limited to start-up costs of enforcement programs. Local governments are eligible to apply. RFPs for the grants are published in Texas Register periodically. Deadlines are stated in RFPs, and are usually 30-90 days after RFP. There are no matching requirements for these grants.

Range and average of financial assistance: Varies as set forth in RFP, and will be determined as funds become available.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section III Balanced Human Uses

SD-7 Publicize Environmental Harm Caused by Illegal Dumping

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

501.029

This program provides supplementary funding in the form of grants for planning or implementation, to aid recipients in achieving self-identified solid waste goals to benefit the public. Solid waste management goals must benefit public health, safeguard the environment, save or recover resources, minimize solid waste generation, improve facility operating efficiency, or reduce nuisances. Assistance may be for, but not limited to, engineering, scientific, financial, and/or mechanical evaluations. Local governments, public agencies, and educational institutions are eligible to apply for grants from this program. RFPs for the program are published in Texas Register periodically. Deadlines are stated in the RFPs, usually 30-90 days after RFP. There are no matching requirements.

Range and average of financial assistance: Varies as set forth in RFP, and will be determined as funds become available.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section III Balanced Human Uses

SD-5 Improve Trash Management Near the Shoreline

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEMONSTRATION GRANTS

501.031

This program provides demonstration or pilot project grants to illustrate, by example, the economic and operational merits or value of a particular solid waste operation or system. Selected topics of solid waste management to are specifically listed in the Request for Proposals (RFPS). Research institutions; schools and universities; scientists, professors, and researchers associated with accredited universities/research institutions; environmental protection or service organizations with experience in solid waste management; and, in certain instances, businesses and/or corporations are eligible. RFPs for the program are published in Texas Register periodically. Applications will be reviewed to assure they meet all requirements of the department's regulations and the intent of the published RFP. Deadlines are set forth in the RFPs, usually 30-90 days after the RFP. There are no matching requirements.

Range and average of financial assistance: No established restrictions. Budgeted amount for each grant to be stated in RFP. Awards range from \$20,000 to \$100,000 for 3 year projects.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section III Balanced Human Uses

SD-5 Improve Trash Management Near the Shoreline

Section V Support

PPE-3 Develop and Implement a Long-Range Adult Education and Outreach Program

PPE-7 Develop and Implement a Strategy for Informing, Educating, and Providing Support for Local Government Involvement

**ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL GRANT PROGRAM
501.033**

This program supports applied research at colleges and universities in Texas regarding on-site wastewater treatment technology and systems which will improve the quality of wastewater treatment and reduce the cost of providing wastewater treatment to consumers in Texas. The program also seeks to enhance technology transfer regarding on-site wastewater treatment by using educational courses, seminars, symposia, publications, and other forms of information dissemination. Competitive grants support applied research at accredited colleges and universities in Texas. Grants can be used to determine the regional suitability and effectiveness of on-site wastewater treatment alternatives, and to demonstrate and evaluate appropriate on-site wastewater treatment technology in the various geographic and climatic areas of Texas.

The applicant must be affiliated with an accredited college or university in Texas; and must show that the specific application of the proposed research is for the improvement of the quality of wastewater treatment and/or reducing the cost of providing wastewater treatment to consumers. The research project must be conducted in Texas.

An applicant must submit 20 original copies of the proposal. Applicant must include in the proposal a description of the project objective; a deadline and address for a contract award; a commitment date for a contract award, an outline of the proposal contents; and the designation of a contact person for additional information. There are no matching requirements for these grants.

Range and average of financial assistance: Recent grants range from \$53,000 to \$85,000. Average \$69,000.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section V Support

RSC-4 Increase Funding for Galveston Bay Research

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANTS

501.041

This program awards feasibility study grants for studies that critically evaluate the feasibility of implementing various municipal solid waste management technologies and/or systems. Use is based on regional and local plans and tied to plan recommendations. Examples may include: recycling and reuse, waste minimization, composting, landfill gas collection, etc. Types of projects sought or allowed under each specific grant will be specified in the published RFPs. Local governments and public solid waste planning agencies are eligible for these grants. Deadlines are usually 30-90 days after the RFP is published. No match is required.

Range and average of financial assistance: The budgeted amount for each grant will be stated in RFP. Funding is subsequent to the development of regional and local plans.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section III Balanced Human Uses

SD-5 Improve Trash Management Near the Shoreline

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT APPLIED RESEARCH GRANTS

501.042

This program provides grants to encourage and stimulate research and study in field of municipal solid waste management. Research topics should be tailored for the solid waste issues and concerns of the State of Texas such as improvements and applications of new solid waste management technologies. Currently, specific restrictions have not be established. Research institutions; schools and universities; scientists, professors, and researchers associated with accredited universities/research institutions; environmental protection or service organizations with experience in solid waste management; and, in certain instances, businesses and/or corporations are eligible. The type of research sought and the deadline for proposals will be specified in the published RFP. There are no matching requirements for these grants.

Range and average of financial assistance: No established restrictions. Budgeted amount for each grant will be stated in RFP.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section V Support

RSC-4 Increase Funding for Galveston Bay Research

CHEMICAL AWARENESS

501.053

The objective of this program is to provide project grants to develop and provide public training workshops on hazard communication and chemical awareness. Grants are intended to provide "train-the-trainer" instruction in chemical safety for public agencies and small businesses. The workshops will focus on chemicals in the workplace and on hazardous materials emergencies. The workshops will briefly cover the requirements of the Texas Agricultural Hazard Communication Act and Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act regarding agricultural chemicals. Section 502.009 Of the Texas Hazard Communication Act (b) states that "a commissioner may contract with a public institution of higher education or other public or private organization to develop and implement the outreach program." Applicants must submit a proposal to the Texas Department of Health, Division of Occupational Health, Hazard Communication Branch. There is no statutory deadline for this program.

Range and average of financial assistance: Texas A&M was awarded \$60,000 in FY 1991.

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Texas Department of Health
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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section III Balanced Human Uses

SD-7 Publicize Environmental Harm Caused by Illegal Dumping

CLEAN TEXAS 2000 GRANTS

The following eight grants are offered by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission as part of the Clean Texas 2000 Program to assist local governments, non-profit organizations, and public institutions in recycling and waste minimization. RFPs for these grants are published periodically in the Texas Register. Deadlines are usually six weeks after the RFPs are published. The range of assistance is specified in the RFPs. These grants have no matching requirements. For more information on these grants:

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Recycling & Waste Minimization Section

Austin, Texas

1. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE GRANTS

These grants are awarded to develop and implement collection programs for household hazardous waste. Last RFP: November, 1993

2. PUBLIC SECTOR WORKPLACE RECYCLING GRANTS

These grants are awarded to for waste reduction activities in governmental facilities. Last RFP: November, 1993

3. COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY WASTE REDUCTION GRANTS

These grants are awarded to supplement community sponsored recycling and waste reduction activities. Last RFP: December, 1993.

4. COMMUNITY RECYCLING GRANTS

These grants are awarded for residential source reduction and recycling activities. Last RFP: January, 1994.

5. COMPOSTING AND YARD TRIMMINGS MANAGEMENT GRANTS

These grants are awarded for implementation of programs to reduce disposal of yard trimmings. Last RFP: January, 1994.

6. USED OIL RECYCLING GRANTS

These grants are awarded for programs to recover used motor oil from "do-it yourselves." Last RFP: January, 1994.

7. RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

These grants are awarded for marketing programs to promote recycling and for programs to develop markets for recycled materials. Last RFP: January, 1994.

8. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ENFORCEMENT AND LITTER

This program provides enforcement grants to financially encourage and assist local governments in the development of programs designed to specifically target illegal dumping and littering activities. (See 501.028)

Other TNRCC Solid Waste Management Programs

MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

501.026

This program provides financial assistance to regional planning agencies and local governments for the purpose of developing regional and local plans for proper management of municipal solid waste in Texas. Grants are awarded for specific planning projects, after submission of a grant application and a proposed work program. Grant funds may be used for salaries, professional services (consultants) and other expenses necessary for preparation of regional or local solid waste management plans.

Planning funds may not be used for construction or to prepare final design or working drawings, acquire land or an interest in land, or pay for recovered resources.

Recipients of the grant funds must be local governments or regional planning agencies. Regional plans developed must be in accord with applicable laws and regulations and must not conflict with the adopted state plan; local plans must not conflict with the adopted regional plan.

Grant proposals are published about May 1 of each year; applications are expected to be complete by June 15; and grant contracts should be completed by September 1. Contract periods do not exceed one state fiscal year. An annual announcement is made which specifies an amount of grant money available for the planning grant program. (In FY 1991 and FY 1992, funds were only allocated for regional planning; after the regional plans were developed, then grants were to be made for local planning projects.) Eligible applicants receive an application packet which contains an application form and guidance concerning the procedure and conditions for applications. The application cycle begins about May 1 of each year; with contracts completed between TNRCC and grant recipients by about September 1 of each year.

Funding formula specifications are described in the Texas Department of Health Regulations (TAC .325.567(C)and(d).) The minimum annual state funding share for regional planning grants is \$30,000 per applicant; for local planning grants, the minimum state funding share per application is \$2,500 annually. Additional funding may be made depending upon the number of cities, counties and people in the planning area. The maximum annual funding per regional planning applicant is \$250,000; the maximum annual funding for each local planning grant is \$100,000.

Range and average of financial assistance: The largest award to date, for regional planning, has been \$320,000; the smallest award has been \$31,356; the average award has been \$75,502. No awards have been made for local planning.

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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION EXCHANGE GRANTS

501.051

This program provides financial assistance in the form of information exchange grants for the purpose of assisting persons, having responsibilities for solid waste management decisions, to obtain first hand information from others who have had success in dealing with the same type of problem. Grants may be used to pay for travel, lodging, and food costs for either the person receiving training or brought in to provide training. Local governments, public agencies, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. There are no matching requirements.

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Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) (580.000)

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION GRANTS TO DISTRICTS

580.003

In accordance with the Texas Water Code, section 15.471, grants from this program may be made to districts for purchasing equipment required to:

- (1) measure and evaluate irrigation systems and agricultural water conservation practices on irrigated land, dryland, and rangeland;
- (2) demonstrate efficient irrigation systems and agricultural water conservation practices on irrigated land, dryland, and rangeland;
- (3) measure, sample, test, and evaluate water quality and the suitability of water from groundwater or surface water resources for irrigation, rural domestic, livestock, or agricultural industry use; or
- (4) demonstrate efficient or sound chemical application and evaluate or demonstrate systems which will prevent contamination of groundwater and surface water from chemicals and other substances used in agriculture.

Grants may be made to districts created under Texas Agriculture Code, chapter 201 or under article iii, section 52(b)(1),(2) and article xvi, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution. The program provides seventy-five percent matching (state share) grants. The TWDB provides up to 75 percent of the cost of the equipment. The local district is responsible for the remaining 25 percent and may use funds from other (outside) sources. Equipment purchased with grant funds must be used for activities described in the program objectives listed above, and services must be free of charge to individuals receiving benefits of the activities. The District is required to provide reports on equipment utilization for three years after receipt of grant.

Districts must submit an application describing the district, agricultural activities, conservation activities, list and cost of equipment to be purchased, uses for requested equipment, and the amount of the grant award requested. The TWDB staff reviews the application, and the grant is approved (or rejected) by the executive administrator if it is less than \$25,000 or by the Board if it is over \$25,000. The grant contract is signed by both parties, and TWDB provides funds to the district. There are no deadlines for this program. Applications are accepted as they are submitted.

Range and average of financial assistance: From \$583 to \$49,800 per grant. Average is \$6,477.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding
Section IV Water/ Sediment Quality Improvement
NPS-10 Develop Inventory of Agricultural NPS

WATER RESEARCH

580.005

This program provides planning grants to encourage water research into the solutions of problems which would significantly enhance the proper planning, management, conservation, and development of the state's water resources. Grants may be used for water research into the solutions of problems which would significantly enhance the proper planning, management, conservation, and development of the state's water resources.

The applicant must meet eligibility requirements in 31 TAC sections 355.55. Applicant may be any person or political subdivision such as a city, county, district, or authority created under the Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 52, or Article XIV, Section 59; any other political subdivision of the state; any interstate compact commission to which the state is a party; and any non-profit water supply corporation created and operating under Texas Civil Statutes Article 1434a.

To apply, proposers must obtain water research planning rules from the regional planning section, and the applicant must submit a written proposal. Applicants must follow submission requirements in 31 TAC 355.56. Applications are reviewed to assure that they meet all requirements of the regulations. The application is then rated and ranked under the selection criteria and applicants are funded to the extent funds permit. Deadlines for proposals are specified in the RFPs published in the Texas Register. There are no matching requirements.

Range and average of financial assistance: Grants have ranged from \$10,736.57 To \$796,800.66. Since the beginning of the program, the average grant amount has been approximately \$167,100.00. The average grant amount for current projects is approximately \$74,400.00.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding
Section III Balanced Human Uses
FW-6 Reduce Water Consumption
Section IV Water/ Sediment Quality Improvement
WSQ-1 Reduce Contaminant Concentrations to Meet Standards
WSQ-2 Determine Sources of Ambient Toxicity

WSQ-4 Perform TMDL Loading Studies for Toxics
WSQ-6 Reduce Nutrient and BOD Loadings to Problem Areas
WSQ-7 Perform TMDL Loading Studies
NPS-9 Implement Groundwater Plume Control
NPS-10 Develop Inventory of Agricultural. NPS
NPS-11 Coordinate and Implement Existing Agricultural. NPS Control
PS-4 Improve Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement
PS-5 Implement a Dry-Weather Illegal Connection Program

Section V Support

RSC-4 Increase Funding for Galveston Bay Research

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER PLANNING

580.006

The objective of the Regional Water Supply and Wastewater Planning Program is to provide matching grants to local governments, including cities, counties, special districts, and non-profit water supply corporations for preparation of feasibility-level plans to regionalize water supply and wastewater facilities. Grants may be used: (a) to develop plans for regional water supply and/or wastewater collection and treatment facilities, (b) activities comparable to comprehensive basin studies, reconnaissance and feasibility grade studies, and other phases of pre-construction planning of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, but not including advanced engineering and design, which involves the preparation of final project plans and specifications for construction bids, (c) the equivalent to Stage I Planning of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, but not including most activities associated with Stage II activities, which involve the preparation of final engineering plans and specifications for construction of the selected project or projects, and (d) for the development of publicly-owned wastewater treatment works, generally equivalent to Step I facility planning as defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, but not including the preparation of final construction design drawings, specifications, and bidding documents.

Grants may not be used for the purchase of capital equipment, or for activities directly related to the preparation of applications for state or federal permits or other approvals, nor does it include activities associated with administrative or legal proceedings by regulatory agencies.

The applicant must meet eligibility requirements in 31 TAC Sections 355.14. The applicant must be a political subdivision such as a city, county, district, or authority created under the Texas Constitution, article III, section 52, or article XIV, section 59; any other political subdivision of the state; any interstate compact commission to which the state is a party; and any non-profit water supply corporation created and operating under Texas Civil Statutes article 1434a.

The applicant must obtain regional water supply and wastewater planning rules, application outline and fact sheet from the regional planning section. Applicant must follow submission requirements in 31 TAC sections 355.14, 355.15 and 355.16. A completed fact sheet required

for evaluation in 31 TAC 355.17 must be submitted with the application. Applications are reviewed to assure that they meet all requirements of the regulations. The application is then rated and ranked under the selection criteria and applicants are funded to the extent funds permit. Deadlines for proposals are specified in the RFPs published in the Texas Register.

There are matching requirements for these grants. The applicant is usually required to provide 50% of the planning cost, however, the Board may approve funding up to 75% of the total planning cost if the study area has unemployment figures greater than 50% over state average unemployment rate, per capita income less than 65% of the state average, and can demonstrate that regional planning would be unlikely to occur without state assistance greater than 50%. The board may approve substitution of in-kind services for any part of the required local share of the planning cost.

Range and average of financial assistance: Grants have ranged from \$8,984.98 To \$352,150.00. Since the beginning of the program, the average grant has been approximately \$85,900.00. The average grant amount for current projects is approximately \$89,600.00.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section IV Water/ Sediment Quality Improvement

NPS-1 Implement Stormwater Programs with Local Municipalities

PS-3 Regionalize Small Wastewater Treatment Systems

STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND (SRF)

580.007

(Federal Program: CAPITALIZATION GRANTS FOR STATE REVOLVING FUNDS (SRF), p. 139)

This program provides low interest loans to political subdivisions for the construction of wastewater treatment works, nonpoint source pollution control projects and estuary pollution control projects. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will make grants (from 1987 through 1994) to states to capitalize Texas' SRF. The Board in turn will make direct loans to political subdivisions.

SRF funds may be used to plan, design and construct:

1) wastewater treatment works; 2) nonpoint source pollution control projects (pursuant to section 319 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act); and 3) estuary pollution control projects (pursuant to section 320 *ibid*).

SRF funds cannot be used for:

1) purchase of land which is not integral to the treatment process; 2) to make grants; or 3) for construction of privately owned treatment works.

Applicants must be political subdivisions. If the project is for a wastewater treatment works, the applicant must be designated as a wastewater collection and/or treatment agency by EPA. Projects for treatment works, nonpoint source projects or estuary projects must be consistent with EPA approved water quality management, nonpoint source control, or estuary management plans, respectively.

All eligible political subdivisions in the State will be invited to apply on or before April 1 of each year. Applicants are urged to submit information to be included on the Board's annual intended use plan. Application information is available upon request. Political subdivisions must submit information by July 1 to have a project included on the Board's annual intended use plan; however, applicants can be added to the intended use plan at any time and there is no application deadline.

The representative of the entity and its consultants must meet with Board staff at a preapplication meeting; then the entity should submit an application for financial assistance, to include a preliminary engineering report and general, legal and fiscal information; following the Board commitment,

Plans and specifications should be submitted and subsequently approved by Board staff; based on construction bid amounts, bond documents are then submitted and approved by Board staff and the attorney general and registered with the comptroller; at this point, the loan will close and construction shall begin.

The Board must provide a match of at least 20% of each capitalization grant. There are no match requirements for SRF loan applicants.

Range and average of financial assistance:

Range - \$335,000 to \$93,725,000.

Average to date - \$14,809,926.

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CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section IV Water/ Sediment Quality Improvement

WSQ-4 Perform TMDL Loading Studies for Toxics (NPS related)*

WSQ-6 Reduce Nutrient and BOD Loadings to Problem Areas (NPS related)*

NPS-1 Implement Stormwater Programs with Local Municipalities

NPS-3 Identify Priority Watershed Pollutant Reduction Opportunities

NPS-6 Implement CZM NPS Reduction Programs

NPS-13 Implement Toxics and Nutrient Control Practices

PS-1 Determine Location and Extent of Bypass/ Overflow Problems

PS-2 Eliminate or Reduce Bypass/Overflow Problems

PS-3 Regionalize Small Wastewater Treatment System

PS-5 Implement a Dry-Weather Illegal Connection Program

*Note: SRF funds can be used to fund NPS related actions if they address NPS problems targeted in the State's Section 319 Plan.

**WATER QUALITY ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT, TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT
580.011**

This program provides direct loans through the purchase of a political subdivision's bonds. To assist in and encourage the maintenance and enhancement of the quality of water resources in the state; to make financing available at a reasonable rate to political subdivisions that are not able to obtain a reasonable rate of interest in the public market; and to finance projects that will provide a degree of water quality and reasonable treatment and collection capacity to encourage and accommodate economic development for entities receiving assistance.

Loan funds can be used for the construction or purchase of such wastewater related facilities such as sewage treatment plants and collection systems. Loan funds can also be used to finance municipal solid waste projects.

Applicants must be political subdivisions or nonprofit water supply corporations empowered to transport and/or treat wastewater, and must qualify for the program based on one of two criteria: as either a hardship issuer that cannot obtain a reasonable interest rate in the open market or the project is regional in nature. The representative of the entity and its consultants must (1) meet with board staff at a preapplication meeting; (2) submit an application for financial assistance,

which includes a preliminary engineering report, and general, legal and fiscal information; (3) following board commitment, submit plans and specifications to be approved by board staff; (4) submit construction bid amounts; and (5) submit bond documents to be approved by board staff and the attorney general and registered with the comptroller.

The board meets the third Thursday of every month. The applicant should submit its application on the third Thursday of the month prior to the month in which the applicant desires for the board to consider its application. There are no matching requirements.

Range and average of financial assistance: \$5,000 to \$10,080,000; \$610,000

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NPS-1 Implement Stormwater Programs with Local Municipalities

PS-1 Determine Location and Extent of Bypass/ Overflow Problems

PS-2 Eliminate or Reduce Bypass/ Overflow Problems

PS-3 Regionalize Small Wastewater Treatment Systems

Texas Department of Agriculture (551.000)

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

551.001

The objective of this program is to fund research to develop or demonstrate integrated pest management (IPM) strategies. IPM promotes pest control methods that are effective and environmentally sound. Project grants are funded through legislative appropriation.

Funds are used for research or demonstration projects in IPM. The majority of funding is used to pay salaries to researchers, including graduate students, or purchase equipment necessary for the specific project. Funds cannot be used to buy pesticides. Research may benefit agricultural producers or the general public in Texas. Anyone is eligible to apply for the funds. Most applicants are associated with universities in Texas or private research groups.

Applicants must submit a proposal describing the project. Proposals must contain a one-page summary, a detailed project description showing the general work plan, anticipated impact of the project, project duration and budget. All awards are subject to an audit by TDA.

TDA publishes a request for proposals in the Texas Register, listing the requirements mentioned above, and the date proposals are due. The due date is generally in early fall.

TDA favors projects that use IPM to benefit the greatest number of people for the longest time. Projects that will require continuous public funding are not likely to be funded.

RANGE AND AVERAGE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Smallest award:\$ 2,000; Largest award: \$40,000; Average award: \$10,000.

Contact:

TDA district offices and
Pest Management Program
Texas Department of Agriculture
PO Box 12847
Austin, Texas 78711
(512) 463-7443

The Texas A&M system informs their researchers of the availability of the funds. Many commodity groups know about the awards and request information each year.

CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section III Habitat/Living Resource Conservation

SP-10 Identify and Implement Techniques to Control Problem Exotic Species

Section V Support

RSC-4 Increase Funding for Galveston Bay Research

TEXAS AGRICULTURAL DIVERSIFICATION MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM

551.005

This program awards project grants to help diversify the Texas agricultural industry by providing grants to assist in the transfer of newly developed agricultural crops and technologies to the marketplace. Grants are awarded for demonstration of new farming practices, including soil, water and energy conservation and sustainable agriculture techniques. The program also provides grants for the development of innovative educational and technical training programs that assist newly established rural business incubators. Non-profit organizations such as universities, community colleges or councils of government are eligible to apply.

Uses and use restrictions are as follows:

- (1) the research and innovation grants are to support research leading to organizational or marketing improvements in business based on agriculture or to the commercialization of new crops, agricultural products or production processes.
- (2) The business assistance grants are to increase the capabilities of community and regional organizations to provide training and assistance to new and expanding businesses based on agriculture.
- (3) The small business incubator grants are to provide seed money for self-financing small business incubators, which provide services to small enterprises that process or market agricultural crops or that produce alternative agricultural crops.

RFPs are posted in the Texas Register. For research and innovation grants and business assistance grants, recipients must match the state grant with an equal amount. For small business incubator grants, recipients must match the state grant with assets valued at \$3 for every \$1 of the state grant. Local match may be in the form of land, buildings, business assistance and dedicated loan pools as well as cash contributions.

RANGE AND AVERAGE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

For research and innovation grants and business assistance grants, the maximum is \$30,000. For small business incubator grants, the maximum is \$100,000.

Contact:

Texas Department of Agriculture
PO Box 12847
Austin, TX 78711
(512) 475-1614

CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section IV Water/ Sediment Quality Improvement

NPS-10 Develop Inventory of Agricultural NPS

NPS-11 Coordinate and Implement Existing Agricultural NPS Control

Section V Support

RSC-4 Increase Funding for Galveston Bay Research

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (592.000)

MATCHING FUNDS FOR DISTRICTS

592.001

The objective of this program is to provide sufficient matching funds to districts for adequate administrative capabilities at the local level. Direct payments are provided for specific use.

Funds can be used for allowable state expenditures such as: (1) purchase equipment and supplies for district use; (2) employ district personnel; (3) purchase and disseminate information and education material; (4) provide office space for districts; (5) district employee travel expense.

Any legally organized Soil and Water Conservation District that has an approved allocation and has raised the required local matching dollars is eligible to apply. In order to apply, the district must have a sufficient remaining allocation, the matching dollars must have been raised and deposited to the district account, and the district must submit a claim form to the state Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Applications, or claims, are accepted September 1 through August 1 of each state fiscal year. Only one claim per district per month is allowed. The District must match its award with an equal amount of locally raised dollars.

Range and average of financial assistance:

Total payments per district range from \$1,000 to \$3,372. Average payment was \$2,974.

Contact:

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
PO Box 658
Temple, TX 76503
(817) 773-2250

CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section IV Water/ Sediment Quality Improvement

NPS-10 Develop Inventory of Agricultural NPS

NPS-11 Coordinate and Implement Existing Agricultural NPS Control

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

592.002

The objective of this program is to provide funds in the form of reimbursement payments to local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to be used for salaries for full-time and part-time field technicians. Reimbursement is made only for salary expense incurred in performance of the duties in the job description approved by the state board for the position of district technician. Any legally organized Soil and Water Conservation District participating in the technical assistance program is eligible to apply.

Districts submit a claim for reimbursement for salary expense, previously incurred, to the state soil and water conservation board. The claim is reviewed for compliance with rules established by the state board. Claims may be filed any time during the state fiscal year (September 1 through August 31) and for a 60-day period ending October 30th for eligible salary expense incurred during the fiscal year. Only one (1) claim per district per month is allowed. There are no matching requirements.

Range and average of financial assistance:

Total payments per district range from a low of \$1,000 to a high of \$14,804. Average payment is \$4,906.

Contact:

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
PO Box 658
Temple, TX 76503
(817) 773-2250

CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section IV Water/ Sediment Quality Improvement

NPS-10 Develop Inventory of Agricultural NPS

NPS-11 Coordinate and Implement Existing Agricultural NPS Control

Texas Forest Service (576.000)

FEDERAL URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM

576.001

The objective of this challenge grant cost-share program is to improve the health of urban trees as well as the quality of life for residents, enhance economic value of property, reduce buildup of urban carbon dioxide and provide energy savings for urban residents. Grant funds can be used to develop programs to improve understanding of the benefits of preserving existing tree cover; encourage property owners to maintain trees and expand forest cover; provide educational and technical assistance to local organizations in maintaining and expanding forest cover; implement tree planting programs; establish demonstration projects; and develop skills of individuals involved in urban forests.

Units of local government, municipalities, county, or other legal entities of local government, and non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to apply. Written grants must be provided to the Texas Forest Service in a format prescribed and available through the Forest Resource Development Department listed below. All applications must be submitted by the first day of each quarter of the calendar year. Awards will be made within 60 days from that time. The Texas Forest Service will match projects on a one-to-one cost share basis.

Range and average of financial assistance: \$10,000 maximum per grant, although larger projects may be divided into phases and be eligible for \$10,000 for each phase.

Contact:

Head, or Director, Forest Resource Development Department
Texas Forest Service
College Station, TX 77843-2136
(409) 845-2641

CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section III Balanced Human Uses

Program PE-3 Develop and Implement a Long-Range Adult Education and Outreach

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (802.000)

STATE BOAT RAMP ASSISTANCE

802.003

(Federal Program: USFWS SPORT FISH RESTORATION (SRF), p. 127)

The State Boat Ramp Assistance Program provides assistance to local governments to construct and maintain boat launching facilities on public waters of Texas. The TPWD awards matching grants (75% state - 25% local funds) for new access construction. Direct assistance (100% state funding) is provided for major rehabilitation and repair of boat ramps on state inventory.

A new program authorized by the Clean Vessel Act will be administered through this program, with matching federal funds from the Sport Fish Restoration Fund. Clean Vessel Act Grants will provide up to 75% of the cost of new pumpout facilities at marinas in the state. Other matching grants from the State Boat Ramp Assistance Program may be used to construct boat launching facilities and related support items such as parking lots, loading docks and platforms, access roads, area lighting, erosion controls/bulkheading, landscaping and design fees.

Direct assistance is given to perform major rehabilitation on ramps which were constructed with matching grant assistance. Minor maintenance and operations of grant assisted facilities are the responsibility of the project sponsor. Any city, county, river authority, and some special districts are eligible to apply. In the case of Clean Vessel Act grants, marinas will be eligible to apply.

For matching grants, the applicant must obtain a boat ramp application packet from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The applicant then submits the completed application describing the project to TPWD, which will determine if the project complies with program guidelines, and if sufficient funds are available, the proposal is submitted to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission for approval. Those projects approved will then receive authorization to proceed. Deadlines are January 31st and July 31st

For matching grants, the applicant must provide, in advance of approval, evidence of the 25% local match in the form of cash appropriations, or commitments of in-kind contributions of labor, equipment or materials.

Range and average of financial assistance: Applicants are limited in applying for no more than \$200,000 in state match share per project. Applications are currently averaging around \$100,000. The TPWD should be contacted for more information regarding the Clean Vessel Act Grants.

Contact: Tim Hogsett, Chief, Grants-in-Aid Branch, (512) 389-4948
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744

CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding

Section III Balanced Human Uses

SM-5 Improve Shoreline Access

Section IV Water/ Sediment Quality Improvement

NPS-14 Require Sewage Pumpout, Storage, and Provisions.

LOCAL PARK GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

802.005

The objective of this program is to provide matching reimbursement grants (50% state - 50% local) for local outdoor recreation lands and facilities for the enjoyment of the citizens of Texas.

Grants may be used to:

1. Purchase land for the expansion of existing outdoor recreation facilities or development of new ones, waterfront property, open spaces, wetlands or outstanding natural areas.
2. Develop outdoor recreation facilities such as picnic tables, shelters, playground equipment, swimming pools, bathhouses, restrooms, ball fields, sport/game courts, campgrounds, trails, bikeways, exercise stations, roads, parking utilities, and architectural fees.

Grants may not be used for the acquisition of historic structures, museums, properties for other than outdoor recreational use, facilities for use by professional profit-making purposes, lodges, cabins, employee residences, or facilities for the exclusive use of school athletics or curricula.

Any city, county, river authority, and some special districts are eligible. An applicant must obtain an application packet from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The applicant then submits a proposal describing the project to TPWD which will be prioritized and presented to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission for review and determination of available funding. Those projects approved will receive authorization from TPWD to proceed.

Deadlines for applications are January 31st and July 31st. A brochure with a summary of program information along with deadline information is available from the Department.

The applicant must provide 50% of the cost of the project in either cash or in-kind contributions of land, labor, equipment, or materials, or private donations of cash, land, labor, equipment and materials.

Range and average of financial assistance: Applicants are limited to the submission of applications for no more than \$500,000 assistance. The average amount requested in the past two years has been \$250,000.

Contact: Tim Hogsett, Chief, Grants-in-Aid Branch, (512) 389-4948
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744

CCMP Management Actions Eligible for Funding
Section II Habitat/Living Resource Conservation
HP-1 Acquire Quality Wetlands