

Video transcript of a discussion of funding options for water systems with representatives of the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

*A slide fills the screen with the question:  
What state or federal funding is available to Texas water systems?*

Darrell Nichols from the Texas Water Development Board is speaking, "We offer loans and grants both through state loan programs and federal loan programs. So, depending on what type the project is, depending on the socio-economic status of the community would determine whether or not they may be eligible for possibly some grant funding. But we do have loans on the state level which they could apply for at any time. We have federal loans which function on cycle where you'd submit your projects to get ranked by March first of each year. The Water Development Board and TCEQ would rank those projects and then based on that ranking we would invite entities to submit applications for funding. So those federal programs function more on a cycle."

*The screen fades to black and comes up on Tom Entsminger with the Texas Department of Agriculture speaking.*

"The lion's share of CDBC funding goes to infrastructure for water and sewer lines. As it pertains to disaster relief for the drought though, we're looking at funding systems who are experiencing about a 180 days or less of water supply due to the drought. We're funding projects like intake extensions, interconnects with neighboring systems, new wells, things of that nature, anything that will permanently resolve the problem."

*The screen fades quickly to black and back up to Darrell Nichols speaking.*

"They're for all kinds of system improvements. So, it could include drought, it could include rehabilitation, it could be developing new sources of supply, it could be for wastewater treatment. So, some of the programs are tied for specific type of projects. On our federal side we have Drinking Water State Revolving Fund which is geared for water projects. Clean Water State Revolving Fund which is for wastewater projects. On the state loan side we have the Texas Water Development Fund and those entities could use those funds for any type of drainage, water or wastewater type of projects.

*A slide comes up with the logos of both the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Department of Agriculture along with the following contact information:*

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