

June 15, 2022

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**Re: Flood Infrastructure Fund Application Invitation
Flow Path Number 42 (CAN1)
Abridged Application Number: 13790
Submit Application for FIF Category 2**

Dear Mr. Landeros:

Congratulations! We are pleased to notify you that El Paso County is hereby invited to submit a complete application for funding through the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) for Flow Path Number 42 (CAN1), Abridged Application Number 13790.

Your project is included in the [list of projects](#) prioritized according to criteria outlined in the [2020 Flood Intended Use Plan](#). The attached Intent to Apply Form includes a Statement of Funding section that will be used to confirm the amount of FIF funds requested.

To be considered for funding please follow these steps, paying special attention to the two required documents and their deadlines:

- (1) You must submit your Intent to Apply Form to FIF@twdb.texas.gov by Friday, July 1st, 2022.** If you fail to fully complete and submit the Intent to Apply Form by the deadline, your project will not be considered for funding. Application invitations are sent based on the program's available capacity to fund the project at the amount shown on the prioritized list, and substantial increases above these amounts will not be considered. Requests for non-substantial increases may be considered on a case-by-case basis, such as in situations where the original budget did not include funds for Bond Counsel or other professional services required as part of the funding process or funds for bank escrow accounts. Please also indicate the amount awarded if the proposed project has already received some funding from another source.

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- (2) If you do indicate by July 1, 2022, your intent to apply, **your complete application will be due to the TWDB by 5:00 P.M., CDT, on Monday, August 15th, 2022, to FIF@twdb.texas.gov**. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. We encourage you to submit your application before the deadline, which will allow us to begin a review of your application earlier.
- (3) An **application webinar recording** is uploaded for each FIF category at [this link](#). For the Category 2 applications, please refer to the June 25th recording. The webinar will provide information on how to complete the Flood Financial Assistance Application and answer general programmatic questions. Applicants are highly encouraged to view the recording.
- (4) **A pre-application meeting is required** for all FIF projects to ensure that the applicant and the corresponding TWDB staff discuss the project and ask initial questions prior to the application being submitted. If you submit an Intent to Apply Form by the deadline, **we will work with you to schedule a pre-application meeting by Friday, August 5th, 2022**. Pre-application meetings may be scheduled after this date only for extenuating circumstances.

To assist you in being successful, please take note of the following tips and reminders which are based on TWDB's experience reviewing prior FIF applications:

- Applicants that will be requesting a FIF loan will be selling bonds to the TWDB. As such, a financial advisor and bond counsel will be required. We highly encourage you to engage these consultants prior to submitting the application.
- Be sure any changes to the project amount are reflected in both the Intent to Apply Form and the application budget.
- For bond purposes, TWDB FIF loan amounts must be rounded up to the nearest \$1,000. Please round up any loan numbers in the application budget and confirm the dollar amounts with your TWDB project team before passing resolutions to minimize adjustment during the review period.
- If you need additional time beyond August 15, 2022, to submit any required Memorandum of Understanding or resolution from the governing body requesting financial assistance portions for the complete application, please contact the TWDB at FIF@twdb.texas.gov with further details about your anticipated timeline.
- The FIF application document used for the previous rounds of invited FIF applications is no longer in use. The form has been updated based on feedback from staff and FIF customers, so please be sure to download and use the latest version located [here](#).

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We look forward to working with El Paso County on its FIF project and are committed to providing excellent customer service and prompt responses to any questions as you complete your application. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jesse Milonovich by telephone at 512-463-8657 or by email at FIF@twdb.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Wyatt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Wyatt" clearly legible.

Mark Wyatt
Director, Program Administration and Reporting
Water Supply and Infrastructure

Attachment: Intent to Apply Form

cc: Jesse Milonovich, Team 1 Team Manager – jesse.milonovich@twdb.texas.gov