

Regional Flood Plan Minor Amendment Opportunity

Regional Flood Planning

Background

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) recently adopted the inaugural 2024 State Flood Plan. This plan includes a list of flood mitigation needs that is used by the TWDB and the state legislature to make state funding decisions that address flood risk across the state. The State Flood Plan is a consolidation of 15 separate Regional Flood Plans, and your community is identified as being located within Region 10.

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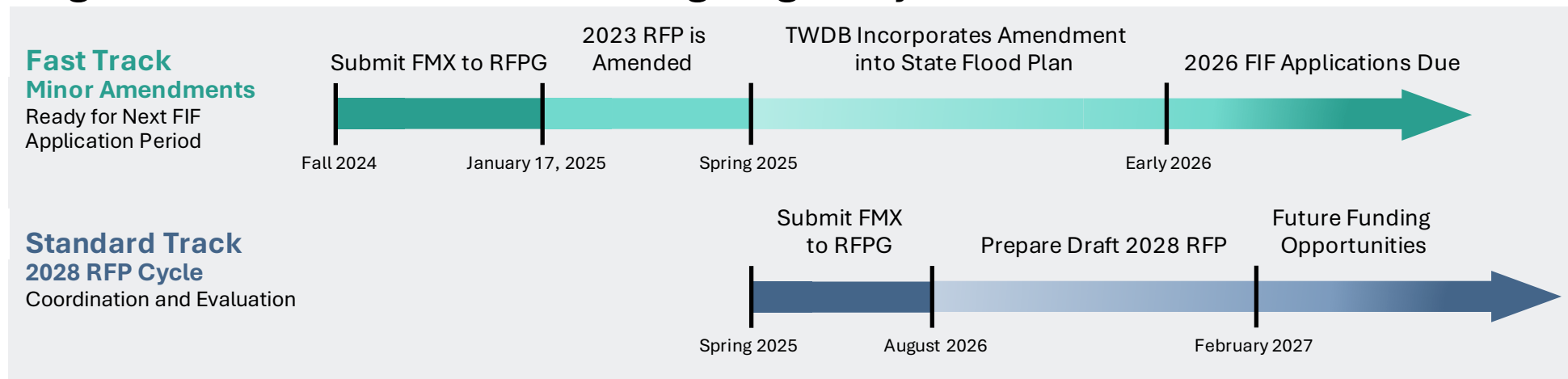
The Region 10 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) is providing a unique opportunity for Region 10 communities to incorporate their needed flood activities into the 2024 State Flood Plan, via a minor amendment.

If your needed flood activity is not currently listed in the 2024 State Flood Plan, it is not eligible for state funding opportunities. A major state funding vehicle for flood-related activities is the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF), which is managed by the TWDB. FIF funding runs on a two-year cycle with the next available application window initiating in 2026.

If your community intends to apply for 2026-2027 FIF funding for a flood activity, it is necessary for your project to be included in the State Flood Plan through this amendment opportunity. This amendment allows your need to be added to the plan.

This amendment process must be completed by the spring of 2025. Due to the abbreviated timeline, flood activities must meet specific criteria to be considered for inclusion in the amendment (refer to the next page), and **information concerning needed flood activities must be submitted to the RFPG by January 17, 2025** (see the ‘Fast Track’ schedule in the timeline below). It is important to note that the RFPG is concurrently initiating work on the 2028 Regional Flood Plan (refer to the ‘Standard Track’ schedule in the timeline below). The RFPG requests that only needs intended for submission to the TWDB for the 2026-2027 FIF funding be provided for consideration in this minor amendment. All other submissions should be reserved for the 2028 RFP.

Region 10 Path to State Funding Eligibility



This amendment only accepts flood mitigation needs classified as either Flood Management Evaluation (FME) or Flood Mitigation Strategy (FMS). Existing Flood Mitigation Projects (FMP) in the 2023 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Regional Flood Plan will remain unchanged. The figure below shows how flood mitigation needs are classified as FME, FMS, or FMP.

FME	FMS	FMP
Flood Management Evaluation	Flood Mitigation Strategy	Flood Mitigation Project
FMEs are flood studies and evaluations performed to characterize flood risk, identify potential risk solutions and develop projects into FMPs.	FMSs are big-picture strategies. This category can serve as a “catch-all” for flood management and mitigation efforts that do not align with either FMPs or FMEs.	FMPs are vetted projects to reduce risk. They may include structural or non-structural flood mitigation projects.
Potential FMEs Include:	Potential FMSs Include:	Potential FMPs Include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flood Risk Analysis• Watershed Planning Study• Project Feasibility Study• Project Design (up to 30%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property Acquisition or Elevation• Drainage Criteria Development• Flood Warning Systems• Outreach and Educational Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Channel Modifications• Road Crossing Improvements• Storm Drain Projects• Diversion and Detention Projects• Gauge Installation Projects

Not included in this Amendment Opportunity.

Amendment Criteria

To qualify, a flood mitigation or management need **must meet the following criteria:**

- ✓ Classified as either an FME or FMS
- ✓ Will be submitted to the TWDB for 2026-2027 FIF funding
- ✓ Has the following supporting information immediately available:
 - Detailed Description
 - Study Area or Service Area
 - Estimated cost to perform the FME or implement the FMS

How to Submit for Amendment

To submit FME or FMS information for consideration under the 2023 Regional Flood Plan amendment, please reach out to the Lower Colorado-Lavaca RFPG at RFPG10@halff.com or 512-468-9243. To find out more about the Regional Flood Planning effort, visit www.lowercoloradolavacaflood.org.

Get involved in the 2028 Regional Flood Planning Cycle

- Visit www.lowercoloradolavacaflood.org/contactus to subscribe to email updates.
- Attend RFPG meetings in person or online as advertised on the website.
- Be on the look out for upcoming data collection efforts and requests.