



TCEQ REGULATORY GUIDANCE

Water Supply Division
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Funding Sources for Utilities

This Program or Agency ...	Offers These Services ...	And Works With...
Co-Bank www.cobank.com 800/542-8072 ext. 4310	Provides financing for water and waste disposal systems serving predominantly unincorporated areas or communities with populations of 20,000 or less, including IOUs and WSCs. Co-Bank is a cash-flow lender and will work with the borrower to complete an application. Loan amounts begin at \$1,000,000.	Investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and water supply corporations (WSCs)
Community Resource Group, Inc. www.crg.org 512/454-1033	Provides loans for small water and sewer projects. Also provides publications, on-site management, and technical assistance. Loan amounts are from \$2,000 to \$150,000.	Political subdivisions ¹ and WSCs in rural areas or communities under 25,000
Financial Assistance Programs Texas Water Development Board www.twdb.state.tx.us 512/463-7847	Provides financing for water supply projects and water quality projects including wastewater treatment, nonpoint source pollution control, and flood control. Financing is provided through state-backed bonds or a combination of state bond proceeds and federal grant funds. Also administers Economically Distressed Area Program (EDAP) for financial assistance to economically distressed areas in the TWDB-designated counties.	IOUs, political subdivisions ¹ , and WSCs
Government Capital Corporation www.governmentcapital.com 800/883-1199	Arranges financing for political subdivisions ¹ . Will also work with IOUs and WSCs in specific cases. Minimum loan amount is \$10,000.	IOUs, political subdivisions ¹ , and WSCs
Melbye & Associates 972/985-8560	Provides financing to IOUs, WSCs, and political subdivisions ¹ in the form of lease/purchase, straight leasing, and loans. Loan amounts begin at \$20,000.	IOUs, political subdivisions ¹ , and WSCs
North American Development Bank www.nadbank.org 210/231-8000	Provides loans for the implementation of infrastructure projects related to water, wastewater, and solid waste that must first be certified by the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission (BECC). Offers grant funds specifically for municipal solid waste projects. Assists communities with studies necessary for proper management and development of utility systems.	Communities located within 100 km of the US-Mexico border
Office of Rural Community Affairs www.orca.state.tx.us 512/936-6701	Provides funding to eligible cities and counties through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. A county may apply for assistance for an unincorporated area in that county. Projects are funded through a regional competition, with a deadline for applications. Limited disaster relief and urgent-need funds are also available. The availability of funds is based on state and federal appropriations.	Cities and counties
Rural Utilities Service (RUS) USDA, Rural Development www.rurdev.usda.gov/rus 254/742-9789	RUS water and waste disposal loan funds are used to develop water and waste disposal systems (including solid waste disposal and storm drainage) in rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less. In some cases, grants may be given for up to 75% of eligible project costs.	Political subdivisions ¹ , WSCs, and Native American tribes
Texas Small Towns Environment Program (Texas STEP) Texas Department of Health www.tdh.state.tx.us 956/753-3952	Uses community self-help resources (people power and affordable budgets) to cut costs on water and wastewater projects. Works with local "sparkplugs" or community leaders to accomplish TexasSTEP projects. Grants or loan funds may be available for projects that have a significant component of self-help.	Political subdivisions ¹ and communities in unincorporated areas
United Financial of Illinois, Inc. www.unitedfinancial.com 630/955-0188	Finances capital equipment and projects for counties, cities, IOUs, WSCs, and local governments. Loans, sales and leaseback, and master lease is offered. Loan amounts are from \$50,000 to \$10,000,000. Offers 100% financing, including engineering and construction costs.	Cities, counties, IOUs, WSCs, and local governments

¹ In this context, the term "political subdivision" usually includes water districts, counties, and incorporated cities.