

What Does It Cost to Conduct Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) Activities?

The Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB's) Research and Planning Fund offers grants to eligible applicants for the development or revision of regional water plans. These eligible applicants are the political subdivisions authorized by the planning groups to apply on their behalf. Activities eligible for funding are those related to the development, revision, or improvement of regional water plans including public meetings, hearings, and special studies as per the Texas Water Code and Texas Administrative Code. Activities ineligible for funding include those for which the TWDB determines that existing information or data is sufficient, activities directly related to the preparation of applications for state or federal permits or other approvals, activities associated with administrative or legal proceedings by regulatory agencies, preparation of engineering plans and specifications, or activities relating to individual system facility needs.

Funding for the 2015 regional water planning cycle was approximately \$13.6 million. Administrative funds including public participation activities accounted for \$1.7 million or approximately 12 percent of the total funds appropriated and allocated to each region.

References:

- Texas Water Code, Chapter 16, Section 053, <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/WA/htm/WA.16.htm#16.053>
- Texas Administrative Code, Title 31, Part 10, Chapter 355, Subchapter C, [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=31&pt=10&ch=355&sch=C&rl=Y](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=31&pt=10&ch=355&sch=C&rl=Y)
- Texas Administrative Code, Title 31, Part 10, Chapter 357, [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=31&pt=10&ch=357](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=31&pt=10&ch=357)
- *2017 State Water Plan*, <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/swp/2017/index.asp>
- 2016 Regional Water Plans, <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/plans/2016/index.asp>
- Regional Water Planning, <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/index.asp>

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