



Creating Strategies for Flood Preparedness Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund

This program is one of 12 featured in our Creating Strategies for Flood Preparedness profile series. The flood assistance/preparedness programs highlighted in this series represent state and local efforts across the country to make homes and communities flood resilient and to aid in recovery efforts after flooding events. When possible, each program's background information, funding, impact, eligibility, services, and challenges/lessons learned are summarized in the series. These examples can be used as models for other states and local agencies as they consider local possibilities to develop, fund, and implement their own programs.



Program Background. The **Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund (TIRF)** was established in 2019 by the State of Texas to finance flood mitigation, protection projects, and efforts related to flood preparedness planning. TIRF has four separate accounts with different purposes that provide loans, grants, and matching funds for flood projects: the Federal Matching Account, the Floodplain Management Account, the Flood Plan Implementation Account, and the Hurricane Harvey Account.



Funding. Senate Bill 500 was the TIRF initial funding source, allocating \$685 million in 2019. In 2021, \$47 million was given to the Floodplain Management Account, and \$638 million was given to the Hurricane Harvey Account. When the Hurricane Harvey Account expires on September 1, 2031, remaining funds will transfer to the Flood Plan Implementation Account. Funding for each account currently comes through various resources. For example, the \$3-plus million in the Floodplain Management Account is collected from insurance maintenance tax, money and/or grants from the federal government, and other sources.

For more information about how each account is funded, visit [Flood Planning and Infrastructure Funding](#).



Impact. TIRF's implementation is ongoing, and impacts are difficult to evaluate comprehensively across the different accounts. One specific impact of note will be the creation of a statewide floodplan by September 1, 2024; an activity funded through the Floodplain Management Account.



Program Eligibility. Each account provides funding for different priority populations in eligible political subdivisions. The Federal Matching Account provides funding for local frontline communities that are eligible for partial federal funding; the Floodplain Management Account provides funding for projects related to flood planning, protection, mitigation, or adaptation; the Flood Plan Implementation Account provides funding for projects that are included in the state flood plan; and the Hurricane Harvey Account funds projects related to Hurricane Harvey recovery.



Program Services. Each of the four accounts provides funding for various projects and activities. The Federal Matching Account helps local frontline communities with matching funds that are needed to implement projects already partially funded by federal money. In addition to flood planning, protection, mitigation, and adaptation projects, funds from the Floodplain Management Account are used for flood-related education outreach programs. The Flood Plan Implementation Account assists with additional financing for projects that are already included in the state flood plan. The Hurricane Harvey Account assists with hazard mitigation, public assistance, and construction projects, as well as with streamlining the design and permitting process.

For additional information about the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund, visit the [Texas Legislative Budget Board](#) website.

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