

# Application for Rehabilitation Matching Funds

## *Instructions*

Form Number TSSWCB-FC-2

***This application is for requesting state grant funds to provide not more than 95% of the non-federal matching funds required for a federal rehabilitation project performed by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service through the Federal Dam Rehabilitation Program.***

The application consists of a simple one-page form, as the majority of the technical information required for the TSSWCB to consider the application is already present on the application for federal assistance, which must be submitted with this application.

To qualify for state grant funds, at a minimum, a federal application must have already been submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Considering the variations between the Texas biennial appropriations process and the federal government appropriations process, differences in the starting and ending dates of the federal and state fiscal years, as well as the uncertainty of when during the federal fiscal year Congress may ultimately appropriate funds for rehabilitation projects, matching these projects will require significant coordination between the TSSWCB, applicants, and the NRCS. Applications for state grant funds to match federal rehabilitation funds will be closely scrutinized to avoid lapses of state grant funds back to the State Treasury. If Texas NRCS has not already submitted a request for the construction dollars for a rehabilitation project at the time this application is submitted to the TSSWCB, it is highly unlikely that state funding will be awarded. Applicants should consult closely with both the TSSWCB and NRCS to determine the appropriate timing for an application to be submitted to the TSSWCB.

As most of the information needed for evaluating the technical aspects of a rehabilitation match project is already present on the federal application, the state application for this program requires very little information.

You must provide the contact information for the individual that is identified on the federal application. This individual will be considered the “authorized representative” for the purposes of the state application, and will serve as the point of contact between the TSSWCB and all other sponsors. Additionally, you must provide a copy of the federal application.

The final portion of this application pertains to certification signatures of all applicable dam sponsors, which is a requirement of the program rules. The first signature block is reserved for the authorized representative, and the remaining three blocks are for up to three other sponsors. If more than three other sponsors exist, simply make a copy of the application and submit it with the additional signature behind the main state application.