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Water Supply Enhancement Program
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Guidelines for FY2017 Proposal for Water Supply Enhancement Project

Project Eligibility Requirements

- Published Feasibility Study that includes a watershed-specific computer model (per §203.053 Agriculture Code) (see map below and/or TSSWCB website)
- A water conservation need documented in the *2017 State Water Plan* (see TWDB website)
- Meet the following WSEP Goal for FY2017:
    - Primary Goal – Enhance domestic and municipal uses, including water for sustaining human life and the life of domestic animals, agricultural and industrial uses, which means processes designed to convert materials of a lower order of value into forms having greater usability, commercial value, and environmental flows.

Additional Information

- Grant funds are competitive and will be prioritized based on water need and water yield (see the TSSWCB *State Water Supply Enhancement Plan* adopted July 28, 2014, posted on the agency website)
- **July 18, 2016** is the deadline for submitting all FY2017 WSEP Project Applications
- A maximum of $300,000 per year may be requested for an individual project. A one-year project period should be planned.
- Allocation amounts will be awarded based on the amount of cost-share funds that can be obligated to landowners over the project period
- Any letters of support for the proposed project from collaborating entities must be received by the proposal submission deadline
- A maximum of only one (1) subbasin from the Feasibility Study may be listed on each application.

Major Changes from Previous RFP

The State Board recently approved two changes intended to strengthen the WSEP by increasing the acreage of brush treated in a particular subbasin, which should increase the hydrologic response due to vegetation changes.

- Each SWCD involved in the WSEP is limited to two (2) subbasins as active projects (approved and prioritized). This will focus the brush control being conducted in any particular SWCD. Three examples:
    - If a SWCD has no active projects from the FY2016 RFP, then they may submit two new proposals through this FY2017 RFP.
    - If a SWCD has two active projects from the FY2016 RFP, then they may not submit any new proposals through this FY2017 RFP.
    - If a SWCD has one active project from the FY2016 RFP, then they may only submit one new proposal through this FY2017 RFP.
- In order to balance the two active projects limitation, extended time is needed to complete an approved, prioritized project. Therefore, an active project will remain on the approved, prioritized project list, eligible for cost-share allocation, until the

SWCD certifies that brush control is complete in that subbasin, or no more than 10 years after being approved. Essentially, this means that work should continue in a particular subbasin until brush treatment goals identified in the Feasibility Study are achieved, or until programmatic landowner "saturation" is reached with no reasonable expectation to treat additional brush.

Contact Information

For further information or assistance with completing a FY2017 WSEP Project Application, please contact any of the following:

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How to Submit Proposals

Proposals may be submitted either electronically (preferred) or as hard copies. Regardless of delivery method, proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. CDT on the deadline to be considered for funding.

- Submit proposals electronically to Johnny Oswald at joswald@tsswcb.texas.gov.
- Hard copy submissions should be mailed to the TSSWCB WSEP Office located at 622 South Oakes Street, Suite H-2, San Angelo, TX 76903.

Map of Watersheds with Published Feasibility Studies