

# REGION 2 LOWER RED-SULPHUR-CYPRESS

## Regional Flood Plan - Minor Amendment

### Pathway to State Funding for Your Community's Flood Mitigation Needs

#### Regional Flood Planning Background

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) recently adopted the inaugural 2024 State Flood Plan. This plan includes a list of flood mitigation needs which is used by the TWDB and the state legislature to make state funding decisions that address flood risk across the state. The State Flood Plan is a consolidation of 15 separate Regional Flood Plans, and your community is identified as being located within Region 2.

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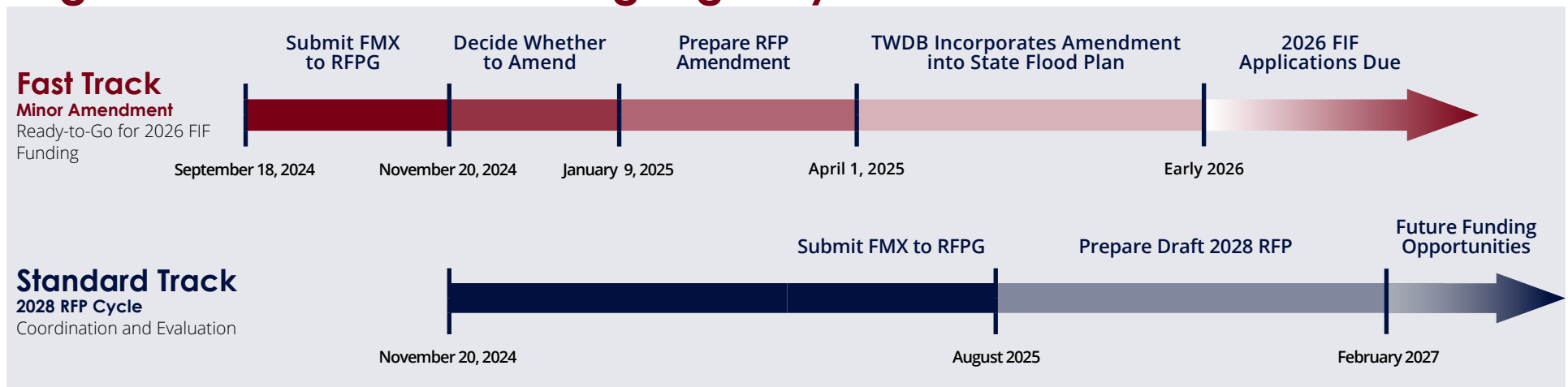
The Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Regional Flood Planning Group (RFPG) is providing a unique opportunity for Region 2 communities to incorporate their flood mitigation needs into the 2024 State Flood Plan, via a minor amendment.

If your flood mitigation need is not currently listed in the 2024 State Flood Plan, it is not eligible for state funding opportunities. A major state funding vehicle for flood mitigation needs is the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) which


is managed by the TWDB. FIF funding runs on a two-year cycle with the next available application window initiating in 2026. If your community would like the opportunity to apply for 2026 FIF funding for a flood mitigation need, then it is critical for it to be listed in the 2024 State Flood Plan. This amendment provides an opportunity for your need to be included in the plan.

This amendment process must be completed by Spring of 2025. Due to the abbreviated timeline, flood mitigation needs must meet specific criteria to be included in the amendment (see next page) and information on flood mitigation needs must be provided to the RFPG no later than November 20, 2024 (see "Fast Tract" schedule in the timeline below). Please note, the RFPG is simultaneously commencing work on the next regional flood plan, the 2028 Regional Flood Plan (see "Standard Tract" schedule in timeline below). The RFPG requests that only needs that will be submitted to the TWDB for 2026 FIF funding be submitted for inclusion in this minor amendment. All other submittals can wait for inclusion in the 2028 RFP.

### Region 2 Path to State Funding Eligibility



Due to the expedited nature of this amendment, the RFPG is encouraging sponsors to only submit flood mitigation needs that are classified as either a Flood Management Evaluation (FME) or Flood Mitigation Strategy (FMS). Flood Mitigation Projects (FMP) that are already included in the 2024 Plan as non-recommended may be classified as recommended if the community now offers to sponsor this need. FMPs will be accepted only if they have all of the required information, including a TWDB accepted Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA). The figure below provides information on how a flood mitigation need is classified as either an FME, FMS, or FMP.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">FME</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Flood Management Evaluation</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">FMS</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Flood Mitigation Strategy</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">FMP</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Flood Mitigation Project</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>FMEs are flood studies and evaluations performed to characterize flood risk, identify potential risk solutions and develop projects into FMPs.</p> <p><b>Potential FMEs Include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Design (up to 30%)</li> <li>• Project Feasibility Study</li> <li>• Watershed Planning Study</li> <li>• Flood Risk Analysis</li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>FMSs are big-picture strategies. This category can serve as a “catch-all” for flood management and mitigation efforts that do not align with either FMPs or FMEs.</p> <p><b>Potential FMSs Include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property Acquisition or Elevation</li> <li>• Drainage Criteria Development</li> <li>• Flood Warning Systems</li> <li>• Outreach and Educational Programs</li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>FMPs are fully developed, constructable, flood mitigation projects.</p> <p><b>Potential FMPs Include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Channel Improvements</li> <li>• Road Crossing Improvements</li> <li>• Detention Projects</li> <li>• Gauge Installation Projects</li> </ul>

## Should I Submit for an Amendment?

To qualify, a flood mitigation or management need **must meet the following criteria:**

- ✓ Well formed FME, FMS, or FMP
- ✓ Will be submitted to the TWDB for 2026 FIF funding
- ✓ Has the following supporting information immediately available:
  - Detailed Description
  - Service Area
  - Estimated cost to perform the FME or implement the FMS
  - Calculated benefits and costs and TWDB BCA for FMPs

## How to Submit for Amendment

To submit FME, FMS, or FMP information for consideration under the 2024 Regional Flood Plan amendment, please reach out to the Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress RFPG Technical Consultant at [RFPG2@halff.com](mailto:RFPG2@halff.com) or **214.937.3953**. To find out more about the Regional Flood Planning effort visit [www.texasfloodregion2.org](http://www.texasfloodregion2.org).

### To get involved in the 2028 Regional Flood Planning Cycle:

- Visit [www.texasfloodregion2.org/contact-us](http://www.texasfloodregion2.org/contact-us) to sign up for email updates.
- Attend RFPG meetings in person or online as advertised at [www.texasfloodregion2.org](http://www.texasfloodregion2.org).
- Be on the look out for upcoming data collection efforts and requests.