



Creating the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) for a statewide, cooperative effort for regional flood planning, mitigation, and infrastructure projects to make Texas "future-proof."

## PREPARING ALL OF TEXAS FOR THE NEXT FLOOD

"Post-Harvey reports conclude that future flood mitigation projects must be designed and coordinated on a regional basis. Flood waters don't stop at political boundaries. Prop 8 gives local communities the tools to plan for flood mitigation at a regional level, without raising taxes"

"The clearest and most important message we took from the commission's work is that Hurricane Harvey was a warning we should heed. The enormous toll on individuals, businesses and public infrastructure should provide a wakeup call underlining the urgent need to "future-proof" the Gulf Coast – and indeed all of Texas – against future disasters."

**JOHN SHARP**  
COMMISSIONER | COMMISSION TO REBUILD TEXAS

"This is shaping up to be a potentially unprecedented flood season, with more than 200 million people at risk for flooding in their communities."

**ED CLARK**  
DIRECTOR | NOAA'S NATIONAL WATER CENTER, 3/21/19

## A FRAMEWORK FOR REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING

The lack of regional planning and coordination on flood mitigation projects leaves vital infrastructure needs unfilled. A significant funding source and a rigorous process to oversee disbursements is necessary to ensure cooperation among the regions and stakeholders – ensuring a more resilient, prepared Texas.

## HOW FIF WORKS

- Administered by the Texas Water Development Board
- Allows loans at or below market rate to assist in:
  1. Basic flood project planning;
  2. Extensive grant and application process at all levels of government;
  3. Engineering of structural and nonstructural flood mitigation projects
- Offers grants to provide the necessary matching funds for local subdivisions to participate in various federal funding programs

## COST AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PROCESS

- State funds FIF with \$793 Million from Rainy Day Fund - representing 10% of the identified projects from TWDB, plus an additional \$110 million for the soft costs for start up
- Projects eligible for funding depend on TWDB determining all local entities in the region:
  1. Fully cooperated and substantially participated in the process of developing the projects;
  2. Held public meetings to accept comments from interested parties; and,
  3. Projects have been completely engineered and scored against one another.

# VOTE YES FOR PROPOSITION 8!

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