

Appendix 9A

Sponsor Funding Survey Questions

Upper Rio Grande Flood Planning Group (URGFPG) - facilitated by Rio Grande COG for El Paso

The URGFPG is asking for your help. Through the work of our technical consultant, AECOM, we have estimated scope and costs for flood-related studies, infrastructure projects, and strategies affecting your entity. We would greatly appreciate your feedback and confirmation on whether we can include your entity as a sponsor for the proposed flood improvement actions that we are planning to include in the Draft Upper Rio Grande Regional Flood Plan (Flood Plan), due to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on August 1, 2022. The purpose of our work is to submit a list of Flood Mitigation Projects (FMPs), Flood Management Evaluations (FMEs), and Flood Management Strategies (FMSs) as part of our Flood Plan. If future funding opportunities are available through the state of Texas, as a prerequisite to apply for the funding, your project or study must be included in the Regional Flood Plan.

Projects recommended in the Flood Plan as FMPs or FMSs will be eligible to apply for grant funding related to final design and construction. Studies included in the Flood Plan as FMEs or FMSs will be eligible to apply for grant funding related to the development of H&H modeling/mapping, alternative feasibility studies, or other studies defined in the specified FMEs or FMSs.

While the survey is very short (only 9 questions), the background and importance of these questions are critical, as they will allow us to provide the most comprehensive Flood Plan for our region and your entity: TWDB requires that each FME/ FMS/ FMP included in the Flood Plan be labeled with the information requested in Question 4 (the sponsor name) and Question 9 (estimated percent match by the sponsor). Your entity's answers to these questions incur no financial obligation on the part of your community, as these answers simply enable a future state funding opportunity for the FME/ FMS/ FMP in question. A potential scenario is described below, explaining how your answers to these questions could benefit your entity in the event that a future grant or funding opportunity becomes available through the State of Texas:

- The state requests applications for grant funding under a new program, which may be structured similar to the Flood Infrastructure Fund. If the FME/ FMS/ FMP is included in the Regional Flood Plan, the study / strategy/ project will meet the minimum requirements to apply for state funding through this future program.
- Your community decides whether to submit an application for state funding.

•If your entity decides to submit an application, your entity then commits to a percent match which will depend on the specific category or type of funding requested for that future grant program. Note, since the terms of this future grant program have not been set, the percent match (cash or in-kind) does not have to agree with your original estimate provided as an answer to Question No. 9 in this survey.

General guidance on available percent matches for state funding from the recent TWDB Flood Infrastructure Fund program is provided by clicking on the link below, and the then clicking the drop-down menu which states, "3. What type of assistance is available?".

Link to details on the Flood Infrastructure Fund example funding program:

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/FIF/index.asp>

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1. What is the name of your entity?

Enter your answer

2. Have you applied for any grant funding related to flood related projects, studies, or equipment purchased in the last five years? If yes, can you tell us the project, its cost, and indicate how you covered the expenses (ie-grant, loan, general funds, bonds)?

Enter your answer

3. Are there additional flood-related issues your community might consider applying for future grants to study or address towards flood mitigation?

Enter your answer

4. The URGFPG has identified potential evaluations/strategies/projects in your community. As a requirement of the Regional Flood Plan, we must list a sponsor. May we list you as a sponsor for the specified FME/FMS/FMP in the link below?

Please click on the link below

https://riocogorg-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/annetteg_riocog_org/Ea1ruzKB49tGgV8c_sbyPX4BuNg25LBAgnEFQ7hyHYA9Mw?e=RSmAqx

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. If you answered no to being a sponsor, would you like to provide a reason?

Enter your answer

6. Do you have any edits/revisions or any additional information you would like considered in the documentation of the specified FME/FMS/FMP from the link provided in Question No. 4? If yes, please click on the link, download the file and provide your edits. You may send the file to chris.wright@aecom.com.

☐ Yes

☐ No

7. Does the estimated cost for the specified FME/FMS/FMP from the link provided in Question No. 4 seem accurate? If not, please provide revised costs or additional information you would like to be considered in the cost estimate. Our Technical Consultant, AECOM, developed the cost estimates with the available information, and they can set up a phone call to explain the details of the scope and cost estimate if you request it in your response.

Enter your answer

8. Does the target year for the completion of the specified FME/FMS/FMP from the link provided in Question No. 4 seem accurate? If not, please provide a revised target year or additional information you would like to be considered in the proposed timeline.

Enter your answer

9. In the event that your entity chooses to apply for a future funding opportunity through the state of Texas, what is likely to be the percent match of the total cost that your entity would be willing to provide for the specified FME/FMS/FMP from the link provided in Question No. 4? Also, please specify which percentages of the match may be cash or in-kind.

Enter your answer

10. What is the source of funding your entity would typically utilize to pay for a flood-related project, study, or strategy (e.g., taxes; general revenue; dedicated revenue such as fees; etc.)

Enter your answer

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