

# WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

### Water Infrastructure Investments



### Water Infrastructure Investment Program

### **Proposed Disbursement Strategies - \$1.35 billion total**

- Non-Competitive Formula-Based Grants (\$1 billion)
- State Strategic Projects (\$269 million)
- Competitive Grants with Leftover Dollars (TBD)

Asset Management Planning

Enhancing Service to Underserved Communities Regionalization Managing Risk and Building Resilience

Fiscal Sustainability Infiltration and Inflow Green Infrastructure
Stormwater Collaboration

Water Loss

Partnership



## Non-Competitive Formula-Based Grants (\$1 billion)

- Eligible subrecipients may apply to TDEC for designated grant dollars (Appendix B of the investment plan)
- Funding allocations are intended to support water infrastructure projects for community citizens
- A city or county proposal should account for all systems that provide water, wastewater, or stormwater services to community residents



### Response to Comments

### October 11

- Draft Plan Released
- Begin Public Comment Period

#### October 29

Close Public Comment Period

- Approximately 300 unique comments from 148 individuals/entities
- Condensed to approximately 85 pages of raw comments
- TDEC issued a summary response to comments document and attached the raw comments as an Appendix



### Response to Comments

Subrecipient Model

**Funding Allocation Model** 

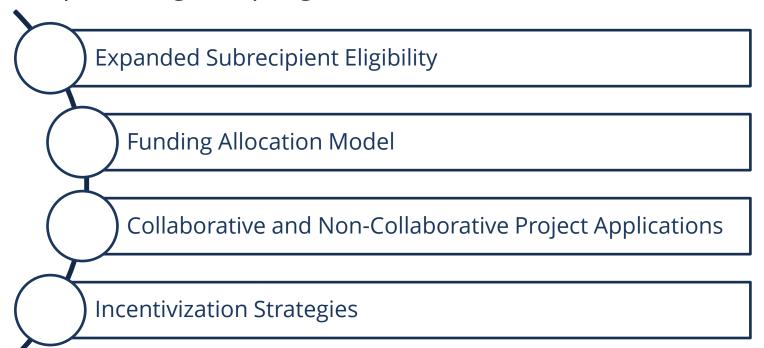
Co-Funding Requirements

Prioritized Project Types Timeframe and Potential Labor/Supply Shortages Education and Outreach Strategies

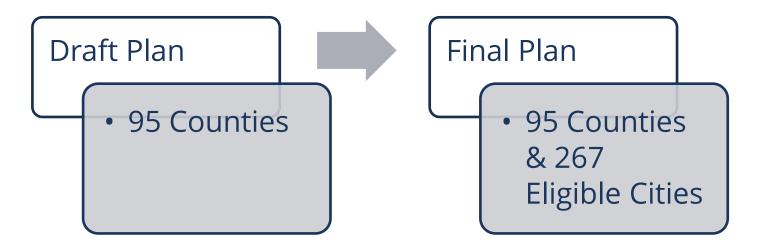


### Final Water Infrastructure Investment Plan

 All the major updates to discuss today focus on the noncompetitive grant program



# **Expanded Subrecipient Eligibility**



- Eligible cities are those that are incorporated and operate water or wastewater systems or a permitted stormwater program
- Systems not owned by cities or counties should collaborate with the communities they serve



### **Funding Allocation Model**

- Base Allocation: Provides all cities and counties with sufficient funding to execute at least one project. Accounts for differences in costs to install and maintain infrastructure in urban and rural communities
  - 20% (\$200M) to Counties: \$2,105,263 per county
  - 15% (\$150M) to Cities: \$561,798 per city
- Population Allocation: Proxy for customers served
  - 25% (\$250M) distributed to counties and cities by raw population
  - County populations have subtracted city populations within that county
- ATPI-Population Allocation: Weights to consider how "disadvantaged" a community is, utilizing the Ability To Pay Index
  - 40% (\$400M) distributed to counties and cities by weighted population



# Application Phases

#### Collaborative Phase

- Incentivizes Partnership and Collaboration
- Must involve multiple entities working together with a shared purpose
- Required co-funding based on the *lowest* cofunding of collaborative entities
- TDEC will enter a grant contract with one entity (lead applicant)

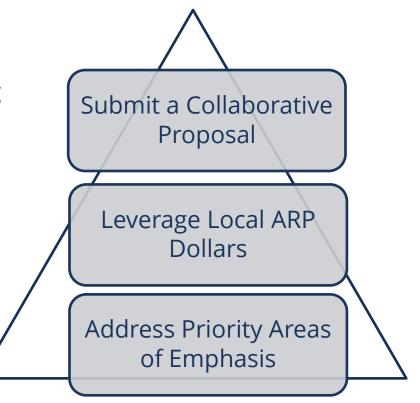
#### Non-Collaborative Phase

- Late submissions of collaborative proposals will be permitted
- Non-collaborative proposals (single entities for projects) may submit at this phase



## Incentivization Strategies

 Counties and cities may use a combination of the co-funding reduction strategies for a maximum co-funding reduction of 10%







# **QUESTIONS?**