

# WATERSHED PROJECTS GRANT PROGRAM



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## Local and Regional - Round 1

**\$100 M**  
for local and  
regional projects



**\$60 M + \$40 M**  
in projects  
selected by  
the state

in projects  
selected by  
regions  
(\$5 million per  
watershed region)

### WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM DO?

The goal of the Round 1 program is to fund low-risk, high-impact projects that will significantly reduce regional flood risk and improve the natural functions of floodplains, without adversely impacting surrounding communities. The program is designed to leverage local and regional input in project selection, thus encouraging regional collaboration for the prioritization of projects.

Eligible projects include:

- Floodplain restoration and preservation
- Flood storage and stormwater management
- Flood protection and mitigation for critical facilities and infrastructure
- Non-structural flood mitigation, including elevation and relocation
- Innovative or replicable flood risk reduction activities



# A Competitive Funding Opportunity

The highest-scoring projects, consistent with LWI's long-term resilience objectives, will be funded.

# The First of Multiple Rounds of Funding

Subsequent rounds will make more than \$470 million in total project funding available.

## FUTURE ROUNDS OF FUNDING WILL BE BASED ON

LWI investments in data and watershed models to guide decision-making

Statewide and regional watershed management plans

Efforts to incentivize higher development standards

Best practices in regional watershed management



*Bluebonnet storm water detention, Baton Rouge*

This program is part of the state's Action Plan to spend \$1.2 billion in federal Community Development Block Grant Mitigation funds. For more information, visit the Round 1 webpage at [watershed.la.gov](https://watershed.la.gov) or email [watershed@la.gov](mailto:watershed@la.gov).

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