

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD SUPPORTS EAA GRANT FOR IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY

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A sprinkler from a pivot system efficiently delivering water to crops on a farm.

July 2025 – The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) announced the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) was one of nine recipients awarded funding to promote water conservation practices through their Agricultural Water Conservation Grants Program. The TWDB provided a \$300,000 grant for the EAA's Irrigation Efficiency Improvement Program. This supplemental funding coupled with the EAA's reserved grant funding, totals \$600,000 in grant projects designed to help EAA agricultural permit holders increase their water savings.

For over the past decade the EAA has successfully carried out its Groundwater Conservation Grant Program, which assists permit holders through the Irrigation Efficiency Improvement Program. Over time various organizations have partnered with the EAA, and over the past several years the TWDB has supported the agency's grant initiative to help irrigators purchase new water saving irrigation equipment. The EAA grant projects this year will total an estimated 600 acre-feet of water savings, and to put that into perspective, 1 acre-foot of water is approximately 325, 851 gallons of water.

The EAA is a groundwater conservation district that manages, enhances and protects the Edwards Aquifer, a major groundwater system serving approximately two-and-one-half million South Central Texans. The EAA jurisdiction spans across 8 counties including Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, and parts of Atascosa, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Comal and Hays counties.