



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Lily Sellers, Dripping Springs Ranch Park Manager

**Council Meeting Date:** May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Discussion and possible action regarding a Texas Water Development Board Water Supply Infrastructure Grant application.**

**Sponsor:** Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

**Summary/Background:** Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Parks & Community Services staff were approached by Dripping Rainwater regarding the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant from the Texas Water Development Board.

Dripping Rainwater has proposed a roof-based rainwater collection system that could be funded by the TWDB grant opportunity. The project would not be eligible if it were limited to harvesting rainwater for non-potable uses because the grant excludes reuse for such purposes. However, the vendor has agreed to add the necessary filtration to allow for potable water use. Dripping Rainwater has created a preliminary design package for the DSRP outdoor arena rainwater collection system.

A preliminary design includes the system layout, water offset projections, and a 20-year return analysis.

If selected by City Council and awarded by TWDB, **the grant could obviate the need for the City to self-fund roof construction at a cost exceeding \$1 million.**

Applications for this TWDB Grant are due Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The City of Dripping Springs can only submit one application for the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant.

**Commission Recommendations:** The Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board of Directors, have both indicated support for the project and its selection for the City's application under the grant program.

**Recommended Council Actions:** Selecting the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Rainwater Collection System for consideration under the Texas Water Development Board Water Supply Infrastructure Grant program.