



2023 Community Infrastructure Fund: Notice of Funding Availability for Project Grants Executive Summary

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The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) is publishing this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit applications for grants under the 2023 Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF).

The CIF aims to target federal resources toward communities in the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt regions. CIF provides direct investment into community-based and regional projects that address the DRA's congressionally mandated infrastructure funding categories (Basic Public Infrastructure and Transportation Infrastructure) and flood control projects.

Under Federal law, at least 75 percent of DRA funds must be invested in [economically distressed counties and parishes](#) and isolated areas of distress in the region.

This NOFA is organized to provide a general overview of the grant program and the specific requirements needed to complete an application. Additional background information on CIF is available here: [Critical Infrastructure - Delta Regional Authority \(dra.gov\)](#).

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City of West Monroe DRA 2023 Community Infrastructure Fund Application
Black Bayou Canal Improvements
(Thomas Road Area)

Project Summary: Infrastructure improvements and repairs of the Black Bayou Canal.

Project Description: Most of the stormwater from surface area within the City limits is drained directly or indirectly into the Black Bayou Canal and out to the Ouachita River. The main canal consists of approximately 2 miles of concrete-lined channel inside of the City limits that were constructed in the 1970's which, through the effects of time and large storms, have deteriorated to an unsustainable level.

This project consists of the demolition, removal, grading, compaction, and installation of new structurally-reinforced concrete along approximately 1,660 feet of the most deteriorated and damaged portions concrete canal. These repairs to the concrete canal will take place in two locations in the City's main business district within the Thomas Road area. Area one will be approximately 800 feet of repairs between The Assembly West Monroe and West Monroe Plaza. Area two will be approximately 860 feet adjacent to Walmart on Glenwood Drive.

Project Cost: The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,447,317. **The City of West Monroe is requesting DRA funding in the amount of \$1,957,317, to be matched with \$490,000 in local funding.** DRA project administration, engineering, and testing fees are included in the requested total.

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