



AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION

American Flood Coalition

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
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AFC at a glance

Over 350 members nationwide



Federal champions



Cities, towns, & counties



Elected officials



Businesses



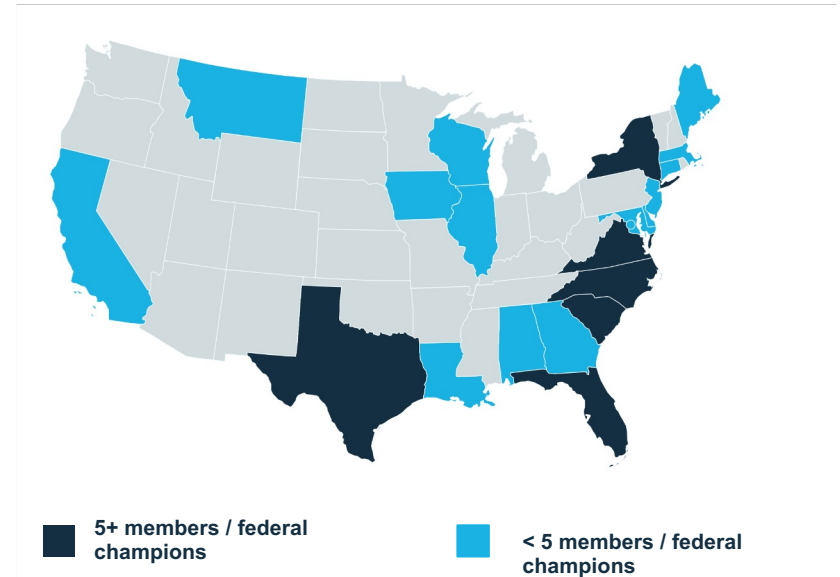
Military groups



Civic & academic

A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and
nonpartisan coalition advancing solutions
to flooding and sea level rise

Active in 21 states





Texas members and federal champions snapshot

Elected Officials and Local Jurisdictions



Sen. Judith Zaffirini



Waller County Judge Trey Duhon



Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole



Galveston Mayor Craig Brown



Austin CM Paige Ellis



Waller County



Nueces County



Houston CM Sallie Alcorn

Civic Groups and Nonprofits



TEXAS WATER
FOUNDATION



KATY AREA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
ENERGY GROWS HERE



GREATER HOUSTON
PARTNERSHIP
Making Houston Greater.



BAYOU CITY INITIATIVE
Designing a flood-resilient Houston

Texas Federal Champions



Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-7)



Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-2)

Academic Institutions



HARTE
RESEARCH INSTITUTE
FOR GULF OF MEXICO STUDIES



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Center for Housing
& Urban Development



THE MEADOWS CENTER
FOR WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Hazard Reduction &
Recovery Center

Businesses



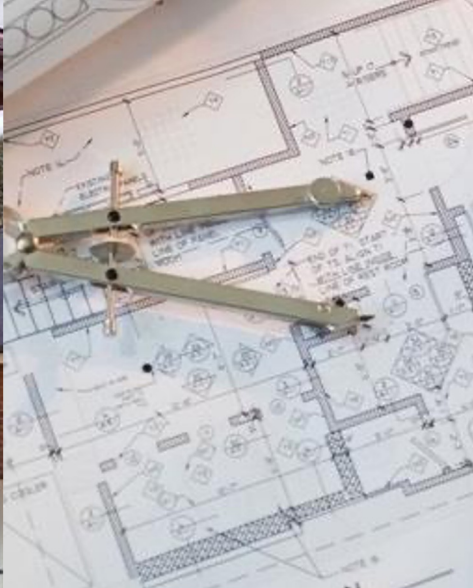


Our mission in Texas

Protecting communities that are vulnerable to flooding and sea level rise is a statewide issue that must be met with **statewide solutions**—it is vitally important to our well-being, economic strength, and security.

With effective flooding and sea level rise planning our communities can adapt and thrive.
But we must act now.





Our 4 pillars for coastal and inland solutions

Economy

Invest in infrastructure that boosts the economy and protects property values

Communities

Use smart planning to keep communities safe and save taxpayer dollars

Rebuilding

Build back stronger to protect communities from future flooding

Military

Ensure our military installations are ready to deploy 365 days a year



What we offer



Best-in-class educational guides

Scalable educational resources to meet our members' needs



Tools for effective communication

Opportunities and tools for communicating about flooding with stakeholders at all levels



Networks of leaders on flooding

Forum to connect virtually and in-person with other leaders and share learnings



Competitive local resilience pilots

Competitive local pilots that promote deeper engagement on flooding and sea level rise



Platform for advocacy and education

Strong platform that makes local voices and needs heard at the state and federal level





Adaptation for All guide

AFC's Adaptation for All guide provides several examples of how to build flood resilience for communities of every size.

- Purpose is **to help local leaders determine approaches to flooding or sea level rise** that can work best for them
- **Highlights 26 approaches** broken down by cost, benefits, and implementation considerations
- Most of the case studies found in the guide are from **communities with populations less than 50,000**
- Developed in collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Arcadis





Flood Funding Finder

This tool breaks down federal grant and technical assistance programs best suited for flooding and sea level rise initiatives.

Identifies programs by characteristics including:



Requires Presidential Disaster Declaration



No local cost share requirements



Special considerations for small municipalities



Supports project planning



Administered by state





Federal Policy Guides:

How can your community prepare for infrastructure programs and funding?

Stay informed

- ☐ **Reach out to state contacts:** States will play a key role in administering programs and distributing funds.
- ☐ **Monitor updates from the Administration:** Visit [build.gov](https://www.build.gov) and sign up for email updates.
- ☐ **Follow AFC:** Our blog, newsletter, and social media will have all the latest information on IIJA and IRA implementation.

Start planning

- ☐ **Review and evaluate local planning:** Consider projects that might be a good fit for federal funding.
- ☐ **Ensure that your community's Hazard Mitigation Plan is up to date:** This is a requirement for several programs.
- ☐ **Seek local input on potential projects:** Getting buy-in from community members early on will streamline the process and lead to a stronger project plan.

Turn to AFC resources

[**AFC Blog Post on Infrastructure Bill**](#) | [**Flood Funding Finder**](#) | [**Adaptation For All Guide**](#)



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