

# City of Copperas Cove Information Item

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## Update on Title XVI Grant Program

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**SUBJECT: Update on the Bureau of Reclamation feasibility study under the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program.**

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### BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse program (Title XVI) is an important part of WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow). For purposes of the Title XVI program, a water reuse project is a project that reclaims and reuses municipal, industrial, domestic, or agricultural wastewater and naturally impaired groundwater and/or surface waters. Reclaimed water can be used for a variety of purposes, such as environmental restoration, fish and wildlife, groundwater recharge, municipal, domestic, industrial, agricultural, power generation, or recreation. Water reuse is an essential tool in stretching the limited water supplies in the Western United States.

Title XVI projects develop and supplement urban and irrigation water supplies through water reuse, thereby improving efficiency, providing flexibility during water shortages, and diversifying the water supply. Title XVI projects provide growing communities with new sources of clean water while promoting water and energy efficiency and environmental stewardship.

The City Manager was notified of the application period for the grant funds by RPS Espey in December 2011. Thus, the matter was discussed with the governing body during a regular meeting on January 3, 2012. The Council consensus was to complete an application requesting grant funds under Title XVI to complete a feasibility study for utilization of the effluent water from the City's Northwest Wastewater Treatment facility to irrigate City Park to include the ball fields and soccer fields located at City Park.

### FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY

The Bureau of Reclamation conducted a review of applications based on the criteria provided in the Funding Opportunity Announcement. Twenty-five applications were received for funding consideration, however, due to funding limitations, only 8

applications were identified to receive Federal funding. The City of Copperas Cove was not among those receiving the highest ranking and will not be funded.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**ACTION OPTIONS/RECOMMENDATION**

**ATTACHMENTS**

United States Department of the Interior letter.



## United States Department of the Interior

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City of Copperas Cove, Texas  
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Subject: Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) No. R12SF80082 – WaterSMART:  
Development of Feasibility Studies under the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse  
Program – Application Review Status

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for submitting an application for development of a feasibility study under the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program. Reclamation conducted a review of applications for funding based on the evaluation criteria included in the FOA announced on December 8, 2011, and posted at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Reclamation received 25 applications; however, due to funding limitations, only the 8 highest-rated applications have been identified to receive Federal funding. Reclamation regrets to inform you that your application was not among those receiving the highest ratings and, therefore, will not be awarded Federal funds under this FOA.

For additional information, including a list of the feasibility studies identified for funding, please see the announcement of selected studies which is available at [www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART](http://www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART). To receive information and announcements regarding upcoming activities under this program, please sign up for our email list by sending a blank email to [join-titlexvi@listserver.usbr.gov](mailto:join-titlexvi@listserver.usbr.gov).

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Mr. Dean Marrone, Title XVI Coordinator, at 303-445-3577 or [dmarrone@usbr.gov](mailto:dmarrone@usbr.gov). If you have any other questions or would like to request a debriefing to discuss your application relative to the evaluation criteria in the FOA, please contact me at [mmaher@usbr.gov](mailto:mmaher@usbr.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

Michelle Maher  
Grants Officer