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## ROUND 1 FUNDING FOR FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT IN LWI WATERSHED REGION 4

As part of the [Louisiana Watershed Initiative's](#) first round of funding for local and regional projects, the state is awarding \$749,000 to fund a floodwall for the Coshatta Casino Resort wastewater treatment plant in Watershed Region 4, which includes southwest Louisiana. This project will construct a floodwall to help reduce flood risk in the area.

"We are delighted to hear the Coshatta Casino Resort was approved for an LWI grant for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This area floods so easily, and when it does, the plant has to be shut down," said Gardner Rose, Director of Natural Resources for the Coshatta Tribe. "The construction of the floodwall will help mitigate flooding so we can keep this plant in operation."

In total, the state announced approximately \$60 million in statewide projects today through the [Watershed Projects Grant Program: Local and Regional – Round 1](#), which is part of the state's [Action Plan](#) to spend \$1.2 billion in federal mitigation funds. The goal is to fund low-risk, high-impact projects that can immediately reduce regional flood risk and improve the natural functions of floodplains without adversely impacting surrounding communities.

Participating state agencies of the LWI Council on Watershed Management scored and awarded projects through a competitive process based on publicly shared and reviewed [evaluation and scoring criteria](#) and [program policies and procedures](#).

Round 1 projects that were not awarded funding this week will move on to the regional selection process. As part of this process, each region could have selected up to \$5 million in eligible projects to recommend for funding this summer.

### [About Louisiana Watershed Initiative](#)

LWI's goal is to reduce statewide flood risk through a coordinated, regional, watershed-based approach. The state has designated eight provisional [watershed regions](#) to facilitate collaboration, coordinate watershed management among parishes and align project funding with regional flood risk priorities.

For more details on Round 1 projects, click [here](#). To learn more about LWI, visit [watershed.la.gov](http://watershed.la.gov).