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| **LGU Name:** |       |
| **Project Name:** |       |
| **Check Project Type:** | [ ]  Drinking Water [ ]  Wastewater |

This form is for local government units (LGUs) that are designated as distressed by the State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA) and the Local Government Commission (LGC) under G.S. 159G-45(a) and wish to be considered for Viable Utility Reserve (VUR) construction grant funding. Any distressed LGU must complete the statutory requirements found in G.S. 159G-45(b), including viable utilities initial education. Additionally, G.S. 159G-32(d) limits the types of eligible projects for VUR funding. **Please read the information in Section 1 below and complete the information in Sections 2 and 3.**

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| 1. **Viable Utilities Initial Education**
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| *Each LGU designated as distressed must be compliant with their viable utilities initial education (Best Utility Management Practices) requirements. As of July 1, 2024, compliance means that at least two of the four required people (i.e., two elected officials, utilities manager, financial manager) must have completed the training within the past two years. LGUs that have completed this initial education should have received a certificate from Division of Water Infrastructure staff. If you have questions related to the status of your LGU’s initial education requirements, please contact Tony Dongarra at* *DEQ.DWI.VUtraining@deq.nc.gov* *or 919.707.3632.* |

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| 1. **Verify Project Type is Eligible for VUR Funding**
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| *Check the box for your project’s VUR eligibility type.* |
| [ ]  Project provides interconnection/extension of public water or wastewater infrastructure to provide regional service. [G.S. 159G-32(d)(1)][ ]  Project rehabilitates existing public water or wastewater infrastructure. [G.S. 159G-32(d)(2)][ ]  Project decentralizes an existing public water system or wastewater system into smaller viable parts. [G.S. 159G-32(d)(3)][ ]  Other options deemed feasible which result in local government units generating sufficient revenues to adequately fund management and operations, personnel, appropriate levels of maintenance, and reinvestment that facilitate the provision of reliable water or wastewater services. [G.S. 159G-32(d)(5)] |

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| 1. **Summary of How the Project Promotes Viability**
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| Attach a copy of your utility’s current and adopted Capital Improvement Plan to this form, and use the space below to briefly summarize how this project promotes the distressed LGU’s viability. Specifically describe how the project addresses the issues that led to the LGU’s distressed designation as identified by the most recent Assessment Scorecard. *If you have questions about your LGU’s Assessment Scorecard or need a new copy, please contact Susan Kubacki at* *susan.kubacki@deq.nc.gov* *or 919.707.9181.* |
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