

State Water Infrastructure Authority
Meeting Date: April 15-16, 2026
Agenda Item R– Final Intended Use Plan and PRS
Informational Item

Division of Water Infrastructure Staff Report

Background

The Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) develops Intended Use Plans (IUPs) for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) programs to describe how the program funds will be administered. The IUPs are required as part of the Division’s application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) capitalization grants. The IUPs are incorporated into the capitalization grant agreements and become the grant work plan. Combined, the operating agreement, grant agreement, IUP, Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act, and state statutes set the program requirements for the SRF programs. The IUPs identify anticipated projects scheduled for funding commitments from the DWSRF and CWSRF funds. They also explain how the DWSRF and CWSRF will utilize Priority Rating Systems (PRSs) to identify those projects that will address the greatest need and/or provide the greatest positive public health and environmental impact on the water resources in North Carolina. Any changes to the PRS must be approved by the Authority.

The Division developed draft IUPs for the SRF programs to apply for the FY 2026 capitalization grants from multiple SRF programs as well as update the originally submitted FY 2024 DWSRF Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) IUP to account for some recent changes EPA has introduced to the program. **There were no changes to the Priority Rating System proposed for FY 2026 funds.**

The Draft CWSRF and DWSRF IUPs were published for a public review for a 30-day period starting March 13, 2026, and closing on April 13, 2026. At the time the preparation of this staff report (April 8, 2026), no public comments had been received. However, staff will re-review this staff report at the closing of public comment period and will update the Authority accordingly at the April 15-16, 2026 meeting.

The Division closed a 15-day public review period for the updated DWSRF-LSLR IUP for the FY 2024 on April 1, 2026. This resulted in no significant comments or suggestions. The FY 2024 LSLR IUP will be finalized (with no PRS change) with the changes presented to the Authority during the April 15-16, 2026 meeting.