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Emerging Contaminants (PFAS) Funding Program

Department of Environmental Quality

Division of Water Infrastructure



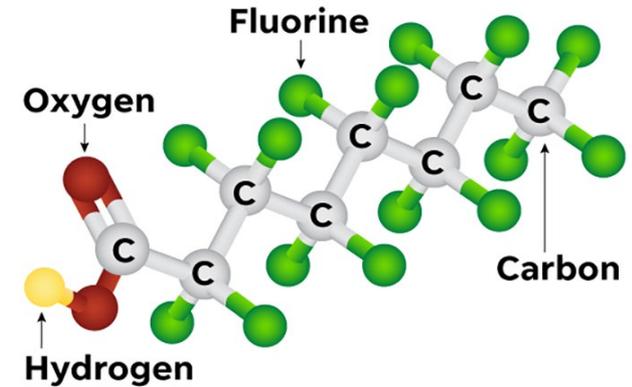
BIL Emerging Contaminants Funding

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) / Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) in Nov 2021

\$5 billion nationally in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs (FY22-26)

\$5 billion nationally for Small or Disadvantaged Communities (FY22-26)

Additional funds to the SRFs and other funding programs (FY22-26)



Funding *exclusively* to reduce exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other emerging contaminants.

Other funds (including SRFs) *can also* be used to reduce exposure to PFAS and other emerging contaminants.

States manage these funds.

BIL Emerging Contaminants Funding for NC

Federal Fiscal Year of Approp.	BIL Drinking Water State Revolving Fund-Emerging Contaminants (BIL DWSRF-EC)	BIL Clean Water State Revolving Fund-Emerging Contaminants (BIL CWSRF-EC)	BIL Emerging Contaminants for Small or Disadvantaged Communities (BIL EC-SDC)
2022	\$23,201,000	\$1,688,000	\$61,715,000
2023	\$21,054,000	\$3,838,000	
Total	\$44,255,000	\$5,526,000	\$61,715,000

In addition, Base SRF and BIL General Supplemental SRF funding and other state-funded programs are available to address emerging contaminants (EC). These have already been funding EC projects lately.

DEQ Resources on Emerging Compounds, PFAS

Understanding PFAS

What are PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances?

PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, refers to a group of man-made chemicals. They are widely used in commercial and consumer products such as food packaging, water- and stain-repellent fabrics, nonstick products and firefighting foams. They are also commonly used in industrial processes and manufacturing. Because of their widespread use, these compounds are present in household and industrial waste, air emissions and discharges.

PFAS are often called “forever chemicals” because they don’t break down in the environment and can build up, or bioaccumulate, in humans and animals.

[Learn more about PFAS & How to reduce your exposure](#)

North Carolina DEQ Action Strategy for PFAS

June 7, 2022



DEQ Action Strategy for PFAS

DEQ’s three priorities in addressing PFAS are protecting communities, protecting drinking water and cleaning up existing contamination. Learn more about DEQ’s whole-of-department approach to addressing PFAS.

2022 - 2023

DEQ sampling and working with communities

DEQ Action Strategy for PFAS established

DEQ and State Water Infrastructure Authority increases prioritization of funding to address various emerging contaminants

Water systems, landfill applied for loan and grant funding; several funding awards from SRF and ARPA

EPA establishes proposed MCL for PFOA and PFOS, and a Hazard Index for four other PFAS compounds

SWIA incorporates the proposed MCL and Hazard Index for the 6 PFAS compounds into funding prioritization

Developed plans for the BIL SRF-EC and BIL EC-SDC funding

Activities in Developing Plans for BIL SRF-EC



Applications will now be considered for BIL SRF-EC funds (Fall 2023)

Division of Water Infrastructure Webpage on EC Funding

<https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/emerging-contaminants-pfas-funding>



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Emerging Contaminants / PFAS Funding

Emerging Contaminants /PFAS Funding Application Information

- Please note that the application used for Emerging Contaminants / PFAS funding is the same application used for all Division of Water Infrastructure funding programs offered during the Fall 2023 funding round.
- Applications are submitted online.
- The Fall 2023 application and related forms are available at: [Application Forms and Additional Resources](#)

[Online Application submittal](#)

Division of Water Infrastructure Fall 2023 Emerging Contaminants / PFAS Funding

During its Fall 2023 funding round, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Water Infrastructure is offering Emerging Contaminants funding, available to local government units, non-profit water corporations and investor-owned drinking water companies for planning or construction projects addressing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in water or wastewater systems. DEQ is utilizing federal funding to help public water systems address PFAS in advance of the EPA's proposed National Drinking Water Regulation.

One-Page Summaries of Funding Programs

	Division of Water Infrastructure Funding Program Highlights <small>Last updated: July 28, 2023</small>	Fall 2023
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Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2023. Applications may be submitted at:
<https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/Fall2023DWIFunding>

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Emerging Contaminants Funds (BIL CWSRF-EC and BIL DWSRF EC)

What types of projects can this program fund?

This program can fund construction projects or planning projects addressing any Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Water or Wastewater systems.

Who can apply for this funding?

Any local government unit (LGU) may apply for this funding. LGUs include counties, cities, towns, sanitary districts, water and sewer authorities, etc. Non-profit Water Corporations and Investor-Owned Drinking Water Corporations may also apply for Drinking Water Funds.

How much funding is available this round?

- Approximately \$5.3 million in CWSRF-EC for Construction/Study Projects
- Approximately \$10 million for DWSRF-EC Construction Projects
- Approximately \$10 million for DWSRF-EC Study Projects

What types of targeted funding are available?

All BIL SRF-EC funds will be 100% PF.

What are the interest rates related to the CWSRF?

All SRF-EC funds will be 100% PF and will not have a repayable loan portion of the funds.

What are the funding limits for my LGU?

- \$5 million for DWSRF- EC construction projects per applicant per round
- No limits for CWSRF-EC construction projects
- \$500,000 for SRF-EC planning projects per applicant per round

What other information should I know about the EC funds?

- Projects seeking BIL EC funds must use the same common application and applicable priority rating systems (DW/CW PRS).
- Claim applicable Bil SRF EC eligible priority rating line items and all other eligible line items.
- EC eligible projects will be considered for base SRF funds.
- EC applications will have two prioritization scores. One score for EC funds only and another score for base funds.

BIL DWSRF-EC Eligibility

Limited to projects addressing **PFAS** exceeding the proposed MCL, Hazard Index, or above 10 ppt or State-established regulatory standards.

Higher prioritization

At least 75% of construction project costs must be to address PFAS to qualify (100% if study), and only the PFAS-related costs will be reimbursed.

In public water systems.

Must have documented PFAS exceedances and the proposed project must meet all proposed PFAS standards.

- Eligible Applicants:
 - Units of local government
 - Non-profit water companies
 - Investor-owned water utilities

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In publicly owned treatment works or publicly owned landfills.

Must have documented PFAS exceedances and the proposed project must meet all proposed PFAS standards.

- Eligible Applicants:
 - Units of local government
 - Non-profit wastewater companies

Eligible Drinking Water and Wastewater Projects

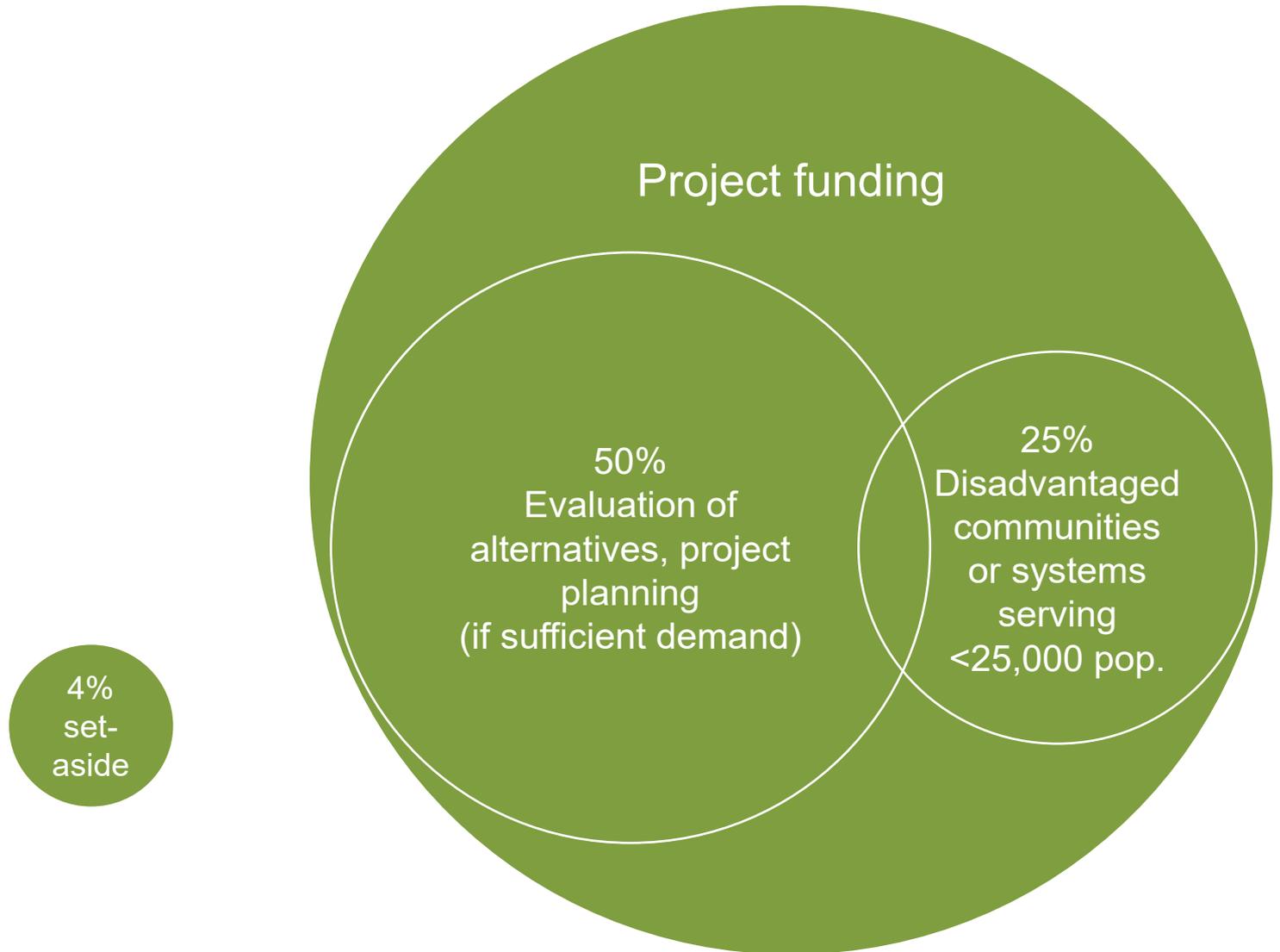
- Study projects: Evaluation of alternatives and Pilot scale treatment testing and design for a future construction project. Follows Public Water Supply Section guidance.
- Construction projects: Addition of new treatment facilities, New water supply source, Regional approaches, Creation of new water system, extension of water lines to eliminate contaminated wells, Treatment in POTWs or landfills.

BIL SRF-EC Funding Overview

- BIL SRF-EC funds are 100% Principal Forgiveness loans (like a grant)
- DW study projects: \$500,000 per applicant
- DW construction projects: \$5 million per applicant per funding round
- CW projects: no cap (\$5.3 M total available statewide)
- Cap can be exceeded if funds are available in a funding round

Note: these caps do NOT apply to base SRF and state-funded grant programs. Additional funding for PFAS/EC is available from other funding sources.

Set-Asides and Reserves for BIL DWSRF-EC



BIL EC-SDC Workplan

Workplan for EC-SDC funding is under further development with EPA.

- Limited to PFAS projects
- A portion of these funds are for the Department to diagnose PFAS contamination in small or disadvantaged communities
- A portion of these funds are for evaluation/assessment projects in SDC communities identified by DEQ from sampling results
- Rest of the funds will supplement BIL DWSRF-EC funds for construction projects to be awarded to applicants

EC-SDC Eligible Applicants

- “Small” public water systems are those serving a population of less than 10,000 individuals and that the Administrator determines does not have the capacity to incur debt sufficient to finance the project or activity.
- “Disadvantaged communities” as defined by the state under SDWA 1452(d) and described in the Intended Use Plan for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Project Budget : EC projects

8a. Project Budget for All Construction Projects and for Emerging Contaminants Evaluation/Assessment Studies <small>Do not use for other planning studies.</small>			
1. Drinking Water/Wastewater: Costs for portions of the project that will fulfill the requirements related to rehabilitating or replacing waterlines, old infrastructure, lead service lines, or emerging contaminants (DW/WW Priority Rating System Line Items 1.C.1, 1.D.1, 1.J.1, 1.J.2, 1.J.3, or 2.B.2) <u>must be labeled and shown separately to successfully claim points.</u>			
2. All: Costs for portions of the project that will directly benefit disadvantaged areas (DW/WW Priority Rating Systems Line Items 1.E or 4.C.4) <u>must be labeled and shown separately to successfully claim points.</u>			
Indicate construction costs by line item (e.g., linear feet of different-sized lines, each type of stormwater control measure, each stream restoration reach). Include a more detailed construction cost budget if needed.	Division Funding Requested	Other Secured Funding Source(s)	Total Cost Amount
Construction Costs			
<i>Contingency (10% of construction costs):</i>			
Construction Subtotal:			
Engineering Costs			
Engineering Design			
Permitting			
Land Surveying Costs			
Other:			
Engineering Subtotal:			
Administration Costs			
Planning (pre-construction costs)			
Easement/Land Acquisition Costs			
Engineering Report Preparation			
Environmental Documentation Preparation (if applicable)			
Legal Costs			
Project Funding Administration (if applicable)			
Other:			
Administration Subtotal:			
TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED AND PROJECT COST:			
A Professional Engineer <u>seal, signature, and date</u> for the estimate <u>must be provided</u> in the space to the right for the application to be considered complete. (Note: If not using DocuSign to seal and sign the budget, put the seal/signature on the Word document or use a wet seal/signature with a scan of the wet seal/signature.)			

Use 8a. Project Budget for EC projects including PFAS Study projects.

Indicate % of project costs associated with addressing PFAS

Minimum of 75% project costs must be to address PFAS to be eligible for DW-EC funds.

Must be signed and sealed by a PE.

Requirements for Complete Application

1. Signed Common Application
2. Signed and Sealed Project Budget
3. Project Narrative
4. Project Priority Rating System (Score card)
5. Fund Transfer Certification
6. Project Resolution by Governing Body
7. Water and Sewer Financial Information form*
8. Water/Sewer Rate form*

*These are needed to get corresponding priority points

How to Apply

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Tab 1 – General Information



Division of Water Infrastructure

Application for Funding

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Application Cycle

Part A.

[General Information](#)

This form is where you **submit a Fall 2023 Application** for Funding to the Division of Water Infrastructure. (Do **not** submit a "Lead Service Line Replacement Project Application" here, but [use this form instead](#)).

Low-interest loans and grants are available for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater construction projects, and for water, sewer, and stormwater planning projects. Complete your application form and required documentation using the [Division's forms application page](#) and then use this online submission page to upload your application and all documents. This portal does not substitute for filling out the Application for Funding form, which you are required to do and upload on the next tab. **Applications are due October 2, 2023 by 5:00pm.**

Pending state appropriations, grants from the Viable Utility Reserve (VUR) and Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments (LASII) may become available. VUR grants are for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure planning and construction projects for local governments designated as distressed. LASII grants are for stormwater planning, stormwater construction, and development and implementation of a new stormwater utility projects.

Applicant Name *

(Please choose Other if name is not in list.)

County

[Add another county](#)

Project Name *

Please be advised DWI has a 40 character limit for project names.

Tab 1 – General Information

Funding Type*

Points claimed in Priority Rating System*

Funding Amount Requested* \$

Minimal \$ for grant or principal forgiveness* \$

Total Project Cost* \$

Is there “Additional Information for Consideration” in Section 7 of the Application for Funding form?
 Yes No

Name of Authorized Representative*

Title of Authorized Representative*

Email of Authorized Representative*

Mailing Address of Authorized Representative*

Mailing Address 1

Mailing Address 2

City State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Organization of Application Preparer*

Tab 2 – Application File Uploads



Division of Water Infrastructure

Application for Funding

1. General Information **2. Application File Uploads** Help Info and Submit

This page will show the required uploads based on the Funding Type you selected on the previous page selected under general information.

The application forms, instructions, guidance documents, and supporting documents are all on the Division of Water Infrastructure's [applications webpage](#). You must download and complete all of the relevant forms following the instructions. Once complete, save each file as a PDF and upload each of the forms in the appropriate section below, **including the Application for Funding form**. If an upload is required below but does not apply to your application, upload a single page PDF with a statement that the form is not applicable.

Note: Each upload section below with an asterisk (*) must contain an individual file (e.g. for Completed Application for Funding form). Upload one file per section.

Do not submit the same file in all of the sections below; separate your files as organized by their sections. Make sure your documents are final before uploading. You may delete a file after it is uploaded by clicking on the X next to the filename. **Once you submit an application on the next tab, you cannot edit your application or files. If you need to make a correction after you submit an application, submit a new application and contact the Division.**

Uploading files may take a few minutes. Files must be smaller than 250 MB in size.

Project Resolution by Governing Body*

PDF only

Completed Application for Funding form*

PDF only

Comprehensive Narratives to claim points in the Priority Rating System (all in one file only)*

PDF only

Documentation to support the Comprehensive Narratives*

PDF only

Tab 3 – Help Info and Submit



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2. Application File Uploads

Help Info and Submit

Need to call someone? Contact the Division of Water Infrastructure at 919-707-9160.

[Application Forms and Additional Resources](#)

Also includes the guidance for providing an application narrative, the Affordability Calculator and other forms.

[Unique Entity ID \(UEI\) number look](#)

[DEQ's Community Mapping System](#)

Click **Submit below when ready**, or click **Save as Draft** if you want to return and complete the application later (it will not be considered complete until you click on Submit). Once you submit an application, you cannot edit your application or files. If you need to make a correction after you submit an application, submit a new application and contact the Division.

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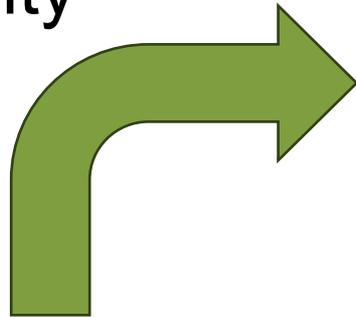


Priority Rating System

Priority Rating System

Categories:

- Project Purpose
- Project Benefits
- System Management
- Affordability



Application Forms

Priority Rating Systems, Guidance Documents

CDBG-I Additional Forms

Additional Resources

Priority Rating Systems (PRS) Forms and Guidance Documents

[Fall 2023 Construction Project Guidance](#) July 2023 (For Construction & Pre-Construction Projects) (NOT for Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) projects)

See Guidance for detailed documentation requirements for successfully claiming Priority Points.

EC Funding Applications: Scoring

2023 PRIORITY RATING SYSTEM for Drinking Water Projects				
<p>Instructions: For each line item, mark "X" to claim the points for that line item. Be sure that your narrative includes justification for every line item claimed. At the end of each Category, provide the total points claimed for each program in the subtotal row for that category. Then add the subtotals from each category and enter the Total of Points for All Categories in the last line. Note that some categories have a maximum allowed points that may be less than the total of individual line items.</p>				
Line Item #	EC Line Item †	Category 1 – Project Purpose (Points will be awarded for <u>only one</u> Project Purpose)	Claimed Yes/No	Points
1.A		Project will consolidate a nonviable drinking water or wastewater utility		25
1.B		Project will resolve failed or failing infrastructure issues		22
1.C		Project will rehabilitate or replace infrastructure, including replacement by regionalization projects		12
1.C.1		Treatment units, pumps and/or pump stations to be rehabilitated or replaced are greater than 20 years old, OR lines, storage tanks, drinking water wells or intake structures to be rehabilitated or replaced are greater than 40 years old OR lead service lines		8
1.D		Project will expand infrastructure		2

Complete and submit appropriate Priority Rating System Sheet provided with “Priority Rating System Guidance and form for construction (Fall 2023)”

Claim all relevant line items for the project and provide supporting documentation as listed in the Guidance.

Only line items relevant to PFAS projects will be used to score and rank eligible projects for EC funds.

Total score will be used to rank for other DWI funds.

BIL- EC Priority Rating System : Category 1

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Line Item #	EC Line Item†	Category 1 – Project Purpose (Points will be awarded for <u>only one</u> Project Purpose)	Claimed Yes/No	Points
1.J		Project addresses PFAS emerging contaminants		
1.J.1	EC	Sole purpose of the project is to address Emerging Contaminants (construction projects) where 100% of the costs are associated with this purpose OR		20
1.J.2	EC	At least 75% of the project costs are to address Emerging Contaminants (construction projects) OR		15
1.J.3	EC	Sole purpose of the project is to evaluate alternatives to address Emerging Contaminants (may include pilot scale treatment study)		5
Maximum points for Category 1 – Project Purpose				25

Must score 1.J.1, 1.J.2 or 1.J.3 to be eligible for DW-EC Funds

1.J.1 and 1.J.2 are for construction projects

1.J.3 is for study projects. Once funded, scope must be refined and approved by DWI and PWS.

Must score 2.H.3 or 2.H.4 to be considered for 1.J.

Must Score 2.H.3 or 2.H.4 to be eligible for CW-EC funds

BIL-EC Priority Rating System: Category 2

2.F		Project includes system merger or regionalization		
2.F.1		Project includes system merger OR		10
2.F.2	EC	Project includes system regionalization and/or system partnerships		5
2.H		Project addresses contamination		
2.H.1		Project addresses acute contamination of a water supply source OR		15
2.H.2		Project addresses contamination of a water supply source other than acute OR		10
2.H.3	EC	Project addresses any PFAS compounds exceeding 10 ppt or State-established regulatory standards or limits OR		5
2.H.4	EC	Project addresses PFAS exceeding proposed MCL or Hazard Index		10

2.F.2: Partnership must help address PFAS contamination for one or more partners (must receive 2.H.3 or 2.H.4 points)

2.H.4: PFOA, PFOS exceeding proposed MCL of 4ppt;

2.H.4: GenX, PFBs, PFNA, PFHxS exceeding HI of 1.0

2.H.3: Any unregulated PFAS compounds with levels exceeding 10 ppt

How do I calculate the Hazard Index?

Hazard Index (HI) is made up of a sum of fractions.

Equation

$$\text{Hazard Index} = \left(\frac{[\text{GenX}_{\text{water}}]}{[10 \text{ ppt}]} \right) + \left(\frac{[\text{PFBS}_{\text{water}}]}{[2000 \text{ ppt}]} \right) + \left(\frac{[\text{PFNA}_{\text{water}}]}{[10 \text{ ppt}]} \right) + \left(\frac{[\text{PFHxS}_{\text{water}}]}{[9.0 \text{ ppt}]} \right)$$

To Determine HI compliance, calculate average HI for all samples taken in the past year

If running annual average HI greater than 1.0, it is violation of the proposed HI MCL

BIL-EC Priority Rating System: Category 3

3.A		Capital Planning Activities		
3.A.1	EC	Applicant has implemented an Asset Management Plan as of the date of application OR		10
3.A.2	EC	Applicant has a current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that spans at least 10 years and proposed project is included in the plan		2
3.B	EC	System Operating Ratio is greater than or equal to 1.00 based on a current audit, or is less than 1.00 and unit cost is greater than 2.5% of MHI		5

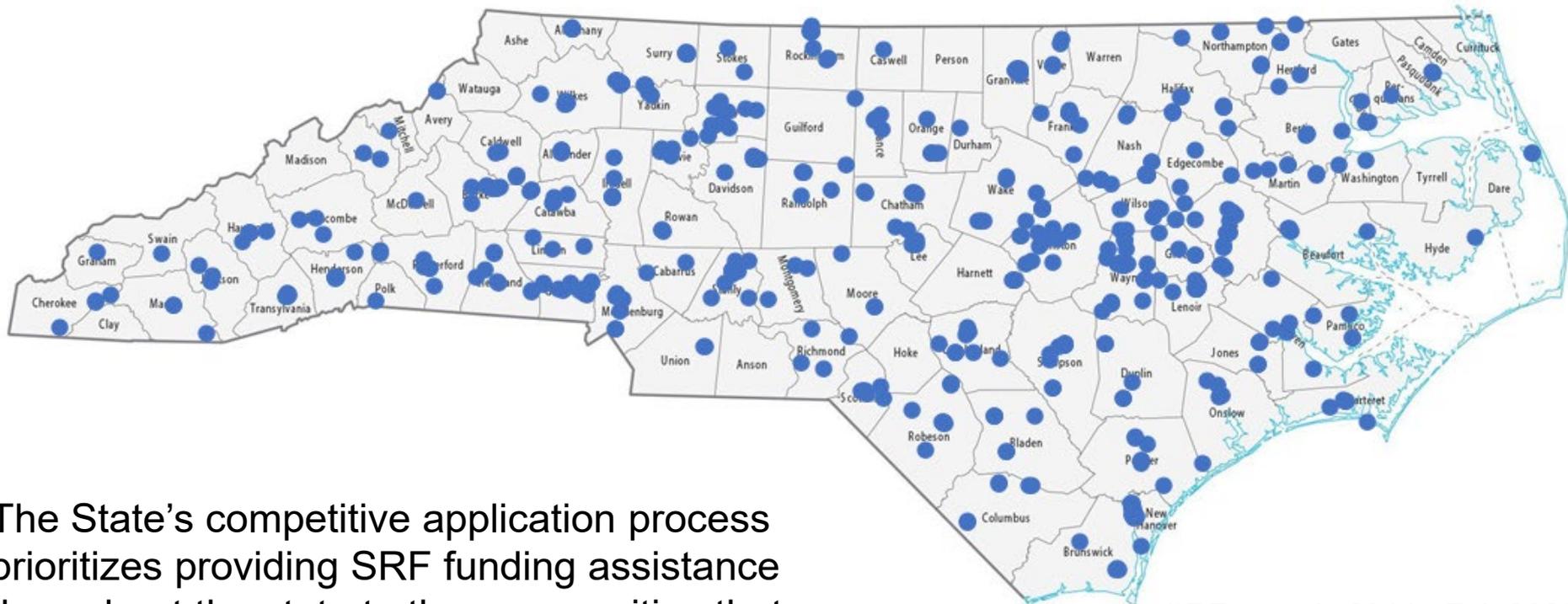
BIL-EC Priority Rating System: Category 4

Line Item #	EC Line Item [†]	Category 4 – Affordability	Claimed Yes/No	Points
4.A		Residential Connections		
4.A.1	EC	Less than 10,000 residential connections OR		2
4.A.2	EC	Less than 5,000 residential connections OR		4
4.A.3	EC	Less than 1,000 residential connections		8
4.B		Current Monthly Combined Utility Rates at 5,000 Usage		
4.B.1	EC	Greater than \$79 OR		4
4.B.2	EC	Greater than \$90 OR		6
4.B.3	EC	Greater than \$107 OR		8
4.B.4	EC	Greater than \$129		10
4.C		Local Government Unit (LGU) Indicators		
4.C.1	EC	3 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark OR		3
4.C.2	EC	4 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark OR		5
4.C.3	EC	5 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark OR		7
4.C.4	EC	Project benefits disadvantaged areas		5
4.D – 4.G		Reserved for other programs		
Maximum points for Category 4 – Affordability				25

Prioritization for Affordability (Category 4)

Points are earned for projects:

- 1) Small systems serving <10,000 residential conn. (2 – 8 points) 4A
- 2) High rates (4 – 10 points) 4B
- 3) Local Government Unit economic indicators (3 – 7 points) or project primarily benefits a disadvantaged area (5 points) 4C



The State's competitive application process prioritizes providing SRF funding assistance throughout the state to the communities that need the assistance the most.

SRF awards 2014 - Feb 2023.
Locations are approximations.

What Happens After Application is Submitted

- Applications scored based on Priority Rating System for base funds and EC funds
- Based on the total score of the project, best funding option will be recommended
- EC projects, will also be considered for EC-SDC funds and Supplemental SRF funds, if scored above funding range
- Staff presents application information to SWIA to select projects for funding based on priority order
- Recipient receives Letter of Intent to Fund after SWIA approves award
 - Establish project milestones
- A Funding Offer must be executed for acceptance of funding terms and conditions
- LGC must approve loan portion of award, if supplemental SRF loan is offered

PFAS Planning/Study projects to Evaluate Treatment Technology

Must generate a report describing the proposed treatment with the following information:

- Data to justify the use of the PFAS treatment technology
- Data demonstrating design and operation
- Protocol for conducting the study
- Time frame of study
- Goal of proposed treatment technology
- Waste management considerations

Timeline for Awards

- Deadline to apply: October 2, 2023 by 5.00 pm
- Staff Review and score applications for EC funds and Base funds (November-December, 2023)
- Proposed Funding Scenario is determined based on available funds (January,2024)
- Funding Scenario is presented to State Water Infrastructure Authority (February,2024)
- SWIA awards Funding (awards are contingent on drawing down funds from EPA) February, 2024
- “Letter of Intent to Fund” is sent out with proposed Milestones for project completion: March,2024

BIL-State Revolving Fund (SRF) Conditions

BIL SRF conditions apply for all EC projects

- Environmental Review required as part of Engineering Report approval
- Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Rates
- Build America, Buy America (BABA)
 - All iron and steel are produced in the United States.
 - All manufactured products are produced in the United States.
 - All construction materials are manufactured in the United States.
- EPA website: [Build America, Buy America \(BABA\)/
US EPA](#)

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applications will be due
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Introduction

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