

Priority Rating System Scoresheet for Drinking Water Projects

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Line Item #	EC Line Item	Category 1 – Project Purpose <i>(Points will be awarded for only one Project Purpose)</i>	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
1.D.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		8
1.E		Project will provide service to disadvantaged areas		20

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1.F – 1.I		Reserved for other programs		
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		12
1.J.2	EC	At least 75% of the project costs are to address Emerging Contaminants (construction projects) OR		5
1.J.3		Reserved for EC-Study Program. Please use the appropriate guidance and the rolling application.		
Maximum points for Category 1 – Project Purpose				25
Subtotal claimed for Category 1 – Project Purpose				
Line Item #	EC Line Item	Category 2 – Project Benefits	Claimed Yes/No	Points
2.A		Reserved for other programs		
2.B		Project provides a specific public health benefit		
2.B.1		Project addresses dry wells or contamination of a drinking water source; or resolves managerial, technical & financial issues		20
2.B.2		Projects that eliminate lead service lines		10
2.C		Reserved for other programs		
2.D		Project addresses promulgated but not yet effective regulations		10
2.E		Project directly addresses enforcement documents		
2.E.1		Project directly addresses an EPA Administrative Order for a local government Applicant located in a Tier 1 county, or addresses an existing or pending SOC, or a DEQ Administrative Order, OR		5

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2.E.2		Project directly resolves a Notice of Violation or Notice of Deficiency		3
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.G		Project addresses documented low pressure		10
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		5
2.H.3	EC	Project addresses any PFAS compounds exceeding 10 ppt or State-established regulatory standards or limits OR		2
2.H.4	EC	Project addresses PFAS exceeding proposed or promulgated MCL or Hazard Index		5
2.I		Project improves treated water quality by adding or upgrading a unit process		3
2.J		Water loss in system to be rehabilitated or replaced is 30% or greater		3
2.K		Project provides a public water system interconnection		
2.K.1		Project creates a new interconnection between systems not previously interconnected OR		10
2.K.2		Project creates an additional or larger interconnection between two systems already interconnected which allows one system's public health water needs to be met during an emergency OR		10
2.K.3		Project creates any other type of interconnection between systems		5

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2.L – 2.M		Reserved for other programs		
2.N		Project moves existing infrastructure from the floodplain or fortifies infrastructure within the floodplain		
2.N.1		Project relocates and/or improves infrastructure to assure continued operation during a 500-year flood event OR		8
2.N.2		Project relocates and/or improves infrastructure to assure continued operation during a 100-year flood event		5
2.O – 2.S		Reserved for other programs		
2.T		Project provides redundancy/resiliency for critical treatment and/or transmission/distribution system functions including cybersecurity and/or backup electrical power source		3
Maximum points for Category 2 – Project Benefits				35
Subtotal claimed for Category 2 – Project Benefits				
Line Item #	EC Line Item	Category 3 – System Management	Claimed Yes/No	Points
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
3.C		Applicant has an approved Source Water Protection Plan and/or a Wellhead Protection Plan		5

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3.D		Applicant has implemented a water loss reduction program		5
3.E		Applicant has implemented a water conservation incentive rate structure		3
3.F		Applicant has completed a local flood resiliency action plan with the proposed project included in the plan		5
Maximum points for Category 3 – System Management				15
Subtotal claimed for Category 3 – System Management				
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 the 50 th Percentile OR		4
4.B.2	EC	Greater than the 70 th Percentile OR		6
4.B.3	EC	Greater than the 85 th Percentile OR		8
4.B.4	EC	Greater than the 95 th Percentile		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		

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Maximum points for Category 4 – Affordability	25
Subtotal claimed for Category 4 – Affordability[†]	
Total of Points for All Categories	
Total Points for EC funding (if applicable)	

Priority Rating Scoresheet for Wastewater Projects

2025 PRIORITY RATING SYSTEM for Wastewater Projects				
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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.A		Project will consolidate a nonviable drinking water or wastewater utility		25
1.B		Project will resolve failed or failing infrastructure issues		20
1.C		Project will rehabilitate or replace infrastructure, including replacement by a 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, or tanks to be rehabilitated or replaced are greater than 40 years old		8
1.D		Project will expand infrastructure		2
1.D.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		8
1.E		Project will provide service to disadvantaged areas		20
1.F		Reserved for other programs		
1.G		Project will provide stream/wetland/buffer restoration		10
1.G.1		Restoration project that includes restoration of a first order stream and includes stormwater infiltration SCMs		5
1.G.2		Restoration project that includes restoration and/or protection of riparian buffers to at least 30 feet on both sides of the stream		5

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1.H		Project will provide SCMs to treat existing sources of pollution		10
1.H.1		Project that includes SCMs in series that achieve at least 35% nutrient reduction (both TN and TP) and 85% TSS reduction		10
1.I		Project will provide reclaimed water/usage or rainwater harvesting/usage		10
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		12
1.J.2	EC	At least 75% of the project costs are to address Emerging Contaminants (construction projects) OR		5
1.J.3	EC	Reserved for EC-Study Program. Please use the appropriate guidance and the rolling application.		5
Maximum points for Category 1 – Project Purpose				25
Subtotal claimed for Category 1 – Project Purpose				
Line Item #	EC Line Item	Category 2 – Project Benefits	Claimed Yes/No	Points
2.A – 2.B		Reserved for other programs		
2.C		Project provides a specific environmental benefit		
2.C.1		Project replaces or repairs certain sewer lines, eliminates failed onsite wastewater system or non-discharge system, or resolves managerial, technical & financial issues		15
2.C.2		Project eliminates malfunctioning onsite wastewater systems		10
2.D		Project addresses promulgated but not yet effective regulations		10
2.E		Project directly addresses enforcement documents		

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2.E.1		Project directly addresses an EPA Administrative Order for a local government Applicant located in a Tier 1 county, or addresses an existing or pending SOC, or a DEQ Administrative Order, OR		5
2.E.2		Project directly resolves a Notice of Violation or Notice of Deficiency		3
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.G – 2.H.2		Reserved for other programs		
2.H.3	EC	Project addresses any PFAS compounds exceeding 10 ppt or State-established regulatory standards or limits OR		2
2.H.4	EC	Project addresses PFAS exceeding proposed or promulgated MCL or Hazard Index		5
2.I		Project improves treated water quality by adding or upgrading a unit process		3
2.J – 2.M		Reserved for other programs		
2.N		Project moves existing infrastructure from the floodplain or fortifies infrastructure within the floodplain		
2.N.1		Project relocates and/or improves infrastructure to assure continued operation during a 500-year flood event OR		8
2.N.2		Project relocates and/or improves infrastructure to assure continued operation during a 100-year flood event		5
2.O		Project <u>directly benefits</u> subwatersheds that are impaired as noted on the most recent version of the Integrated Report		20
2.P		Project <u>directly benefits</u> specific classified waters		10
2.Q		Project will result in elimination of an NPDES discharge		3

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2.R		Primary purpose of the project is to achieve at least 20% reduction in energy use		5
2.S		Reserved for other programs		
2.T		Project provides redundancy/resiliency for critical treatment and/or transmission/distribution system functions including cybersecurity and/or backup electrical power source		3
Maximum points for Category 2 – Project Benefits				35
Subtotal claimed for Category 2 – Project Benefits				
Line Item #	EC Line Item	Category 3 – System Management	Claimed Yes/No	Points
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
3.C – 3.E		Reserved for other programs		
3.F		Applicant has completed a local flood resiliency action plan with the proposed project included in the plan		5
Maximum points for Category 3 – System Management				15
Subtotal claimed for Category 3 – System Management				
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

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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 the 50 th Percentile OR		4
4.B.2	EC	Greater than the 70 th Percentile OR		6
4.B.3	EC	Greater than the 85 th Percentile OR		8
4.B.4	EC	Greater than the 95 th Percentile		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
Subtotal claimed for Category 4 – Affordability[†]				
Total of Points for All Categories				
Total Points for EC funding (if applicable)				

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2025 PRIORITY RATING SYSTEM FOR ALL CDBG-I PROJECTS (updated April 16-17, 2025)

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Line Item #	Category 1 – Project Purpose (Points will be awarded for only one Project Purpose)	Claimed Yes/No	Points
1.A	Project will consolidate a nonviable drinking water or wastewater utility		15
1.B	Project will resolve failed or failing infrastructure issues		15
1.C	Project will rehabilitate or replace infrastructure, including by a regionalization project		10
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		5
1.D-1.E	Reserved for other programs		
1.F	Project will extend service for the following specific reasons:		
1.F.1	Extend water and/or sewer service to new low-income housing, or to an area where existing LMI homes are being rehabilitated, OR		15
1.F.2	Connect existing LMI homes to water and/or sewer service		10
1.G- 1. I	Reserved for other programs		
Maximum points for Category 1 – Project Purpose			15
Subtotal claimed points for Category 1 – Project Purpose			
Line Item #	Category 2 – Project Benefits	Claimed Yes/No	Points

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2.A	Project provides a specific environmental or public health benefit		15
2.A.1	Project eliminates 20% or more failing septic systems, malfunctioning onsite wastewater systems, or private wells that are dry or contaminated.		5
2.B-2.C	Reserved for other programs		
2.D	Project addresses promulgated but not yet effective regulations		3
2.E	Project directly addresses enforcement documents		
2.E.1	Project directly addresses an EPA Administrative Order for a local government applicant located in a Tier 1 county, or addresses an existing or pending SOC, or a DEQ Administrative Order, OR		5
2.E.2	Project directly resolves a Notice of Violation or Notice of Deficiency		3
2.F	Project includes System Merger or Regionalization		
2.F.1	Project includes a system merger, OR		10
2.F.2	Project results in a system regionalization and/or partnerships		5
2.G	Project addresses low pressure in a public water supply system		5
2.H	Project addresses contamination of a water supply source:		
2.H.1	Project addresses acute contamination of a water supply source, OR		15
2.H.2	Project addresses contamination of a water source other than acute, OR		5
2.H.3	Project addresses any PFAS compounds exceeding 10 ppt or State-established regulatory standards or limits, OR		2
2.H.4	Project addresses PFAS exceeding proposed or promulgated MCL or Hazard Index.		5

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2.I	Reserved for other programs		
2.J	Water loss in system to be rehabilitated or replaced is 30% or greater		10
2.K	Project provides a public water system interconnection		
2.K.1	Project creates a new interconnection between systems not previously interconnected OR		5
2.K.2	Project creates an additional or larger interconnection between two systems already interconnected which allows one system's public health water needs to be met during an emergency		3
2.K.3	Reserved for other programs		
2.L	Water and sewer project is located within the same footprint		5
2.M	Project directly addresses a moratorium on a local government unit system		7
2.N	Project moves infrastructure from the floodplain or fortifies infrastructure within the floodplain		
2.N.1	Project relocates and/or improves infrastructure to assure continued operation during a 500-year flood event. OR		8
2.N.2	Project relocates and/or improves infrastructure to assure continued operation during a 100-year flood event.		5
2.N.3	Project relocates infrastructure from inside the 100-year floodplain to outside the 100-year floodplain		5
2.N.4	Project fortifies or elevates infrastructure within floodplain, OR		4
2.N.5	Project improves ability to assure continued operation during flood events, OR		4
2.N.6	Project downsizes infrastructure related to buyouts, OR		4
2.N.7	Project provides redundancy/resiliency for critical treatment and/or transmission/distribution system functions including cybersecurity and/or backup electrical power source		3

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2.O - 2.R	Reserved for other programs		
2.S	Project provides site work and new water/wastewater infrastructure, including house or apartment connections, to new low-to-moderate income housing		5
2.T	Project provides redundancy/resiliency for critical treatment and/or transmission/distribution system functions including cybersecurity and/or backup electrical power source		3
Maximum points for Category 2 – Project Benefits			20
Subtotal claimed points for Category 2 – Project Benefits			
Line Item #	Category 3 – System Management	Claimed Yes/No	Points
3.A	Capital Planning Activities		
3.A.1	Applicant has implemented an Asset Management Plan as of the date of application, OR		10
3.A.2	Applicant has a current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that spans at least 10 years and proposed project is included in the plan		3
3.B	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
3.C	Applicant has an approved Source Water Protection Plan and/or a Wellhead Protection Plan		5
3.D	Applicant has implemented a water loss reduction program		5
3.E	Reserved for other programs		
3.F	Applicant has completed a local floodplain resiliency action plan with the proposed project included in the plan		5
Maximum points for Category 3 – System Management			15

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Subtotal claimed points for Category 3 – System Management			
Line Item #	Category 4 – Financial Situation	Claimed Yes/No	Points
4.A	Reserved for other programs		
4.B	Current Monthly Combined Utility Rates at 5,000 Usage		
4.B.1	Greater than the 50 th Percentile OR		4
4.B.2	Greater than the 70 th Percentile OR		6
4.B.3	Greater than the 85 th Percentile OR		8
4.B.4	Greater than the 95 th Percentile		10
4.C - 4.D	Reserved for other programs		
4.E	Poverty Rate		Calculation; Max 15 pts
4.F	Low-to-Moderate Income		Calculation; Max 25 pts
Maximum points for Category 4 – Financial Situation			50
Subtotal claimed points for Category 4 – Financial Situation			
Total Points Claimed for All Categories			

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2025 PRIORITY RATING SYSTEM for DWSRF-EC Projects

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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.A – 1.E		Reserved for other drinking water projects (not to be used for DWSRF-EC funds)		
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		12
1.J.2	EC	At least 75% of the project costs are to address Emerging Contaminants (construction projects) OR		5
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				12
Subtotal claimed for Category 1 – Project Purpose				
Line Item #	EC Line Item [†]	Category 2 – Project Benefits	Claimed Yes/No	Points
2.A – 2.F.1		Reserved for other programs		
2.F.2	EC	Project includes system regionalization and/or system partnerships		5
2.G		Reserved for other drinking water projects		

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2.H		Project addresses contamination		
2.H.1 – 2.H.2		Reserved for other drinking water projects (not to be used for DWSRF-EC funds)		
2.H.3	EC	Project addresses any PFAS compounds exceeding 10 ppt or State-established regulatory standards or limits OR		2
2.H.4	EC	Project addresses PFAS exceeding proposed or promulgated MCL or Hazard Index		5
2.I – 2.S		Reserved for other programs		
Maximum points for Category 2 – Project Benefits				10
Subtotal claimed for Category 2 – Project Benefits				
Line Item #	EC Line Item†	Category 3 – System Management	Clai med Yes/No	Point s
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
3.C – 3.E		Reserved for other programs		
Maximum points for Category 3 – System Management				15
Subtotal claimed for Category 3 – System Management				
Line Item #	EC Line Item†	Category 4 – Affordability	Clai med Yes/No	Point s
4.A		Residential Connections		
4.A.1	EC	Less than 10,000 residential connections OR		2

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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 the 50 th percentile OR		4
4.B.2	EC	Greater than the 70 th percentile OR		6
4.B.3	EC	Greater than the 85 th percentile OR		8
4.B.4	EC	Greater than the 95 th percentile		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
Subtotal claimed for Category 4 – Affordability[‡]				
Total of Points for All Categories				

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2025 PRIORITY RATING SYSTEM for CWSRF-EC Projects

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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.A – 1.E		Reserved for other drinking water projects (not to be used for DWSRF-EC funds)		
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		12
1.J.2	EC	At least 75% of the project costs are to address Emerging Contaminants (construction projects) OR		5
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				12
Subtotal claimed for Category 1 – Project Purpose				
Line Item #	EC Line Item [†]	Category 2 – Project Benefits	Claimed Yes/No	Points
2.A – 2.F.1		Reserved for other programs		
2.F.2	EC	Project includes system regionalization and/or system partnerships		5
2.G		Reserved for other drinking water projects		

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2.H		Project addresses contamination		
2.H.1 – 2.H.2		Reserved for other drinking water projects (not to be used for DWSRF-EC funds)		
2.H.3	EC	Project addresses any PFAS compounds exceeding 10 ppt or State-established regulatory standards or limits OR		2
2.H.4	EC	Project addresses PFAS exceeding proposed or promulgated MCL or Hazard Index		5
2.I – 2.S		Reserved for other programs		
Maximum points for Category 2 – Project Benefits				10
Subtotal claimed for Category 2 – Project Benefits				
Line Item #	EC Line Item†	Category 3 – System Management	Clai med Yes/No	Point s
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
3.C – 3.E		Reserved for other programs		
Maximum points for Category 3 – System Management				15
Subtotal claimed for Category 3 – System Management				
Line Item #	EC Line Item†	Category 4 – Affordability	Clai med Yes/No	Point s
4.A		Residential Connections		
4.A.1	EC	Less than 10,000 residential connections OR		2

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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 the 50 th percentile OR		4
4.B.2	EC	Greater than the 70 th percentile OR		6
4.B.3	EC	Greater than the 85 th percentile OR		8
4.B.4	EC	Greater than the 95 th percentile		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
Subtotal claimed for Category 4 – Affordability[‡]				
Total of Points for All Categories				

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SRP and VUR Asset Inventory and Assessment Priority Rating System		
Line Item #	Category	Points
1.	Project Benefits	0 - 8
1.A	The LGU has been identified as "distressed" by the Authority and Commission per NCGS 159G-45(b).	2
2.	System Management	
2.A	Knowledge base of utility's internal asset management team	0 - 4
2.B	Current and past rate setting practices, CIPs, etc.	0, 1, or 2
2.C	Management of asset inventory data	0 - 4
2.D	Operating Ratios (OR)	0, 1, or 2
3.	Affordability	
3.A	Current Monthly Utility Rate at 5,000 gallons usage	0, 1, or 2
3.B	Local Government Unit (LGU) Indicators	
3.B.1	3 out of 5 LGU indicators are worse than the state benchmark OR	0
3.B.2	4 out of 5 LGU indicators are worse than the state benchmark OR	1
3.B.3	5 out of 5 LGU indicators are worse than the state benchmark	2
Total Points		24 Max

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SRP and VUR Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study Priority Rating System		
Line Item #	Category	Points
1.	Project Benefits	
1.A	Top 3 Challenges and Compliance History	0, 1, 2, or 3
1.B	Past Collaboration and/or Proximity	0, 1, 2, or 3
2.	System Management	
2.A	Size and Capabilities	0, 1, or 2
2.B	The LGU has been designated as "distressed" by the Authority and Commission per NCGS 159G-45(b).	3
2.C	Operating Ratio < 1.00	1
3.	Affordability	
3.A	Current Monthly Utility Rate at 5,000 gallons usage	0, 2, or 4
3.B	Local Government Unit (LGU) Indicators	
3.B.1	3 out of 5 LGU indicators are worse than the state benchmark OR	0
3.B.2	4 out of 5 LGU indicators are worse than the state benchmark OR	2
3.B.3	5 out of 5 LGU indicators are worse than the state benchmark	4
	Total Points	20 Max

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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 in the subtotal line 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 number of points allowed that may be less than the total sum of individual line items.

Line Item #	Category 1 – Project Purpose (Points will be awarded for <u>only one</u> Project Purpose)	Claimed Yes/No	Points
1.A	Project eliminates lead service lines (100% of project is to replace known lead service lines) OR		20
1.B	Project establishes and implements a program to find and replace lead service lines in areas suspected to have lead service lines OR		15
1.C	Project inventories lead service lines (no replacement)		10
Maximum points for Category 1 – Project Purpose			20
Subtotal claimed for Category 1 – Project Purpose			
Line Item #	Category 2 – Project Benefits	Claimed Yes/No	Points
2.A	Project addresses/resolves documented Lead Action Level Exceedance OR		5
2.B	Project area has documented Lead Action Level Exceedance		2
Maximum points for Category 2 – Project Benefits			5
Subtotal claimed for Category 2 – Project Benefits			
Line Item #	Category 3 – System Management	Claimed Yes/No	Points
	(Reserved for future consideration)		
Maximum points for Category 3 – System Management			0
Subtotal claimed for Category 3 – System Management			N/A

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Line Item #	Category 4 – Affordability	Claimed Yes/No	Points
4.A	Residential Connections		
4.A.1	Less than 10,000 residential connections OR		2
4.A.2	Less than 5,000 residential connections OR		4
4.A.3	Less than 1,000 residential connections		8
4.B	Current Monthly Combined Utility Rates at 5,000-gallon Usage		
4.B.1	Greater than \$89 OR		4
4.B.2	Greater than \$107 OR		6
4.B.3	Greater than \$126 OR		8
4.B.4	Greater than \$145		10
4.C	Local Government Unit (LGU) Indicators		
4.C.1	3 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark OR		3
4.C.2	4 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark OR		5
4.C.3	5 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark OR		7
4.C.4	Project benefits disadvantaged areas		5
Maximum points for Category 4 – Affordability			25
Subtotal claimed for Category 4 – Affordability			
Total of Points for All Categories			