

Disadvantaged Community Definition, Alabama – from FY2022 DWSRF

From II. Program Goals, C. Program Changes:

The Department has revised the DWSRF disadvantaged community definition to include the utilization of the Justice40 Mapping Tool, (click link for additional information: <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov>) to verify disadvantaged communities within large service areas.

From IV. Project Selection, B. Additional Subsidization:

The 2022 EPA Capitalization Grant includes a requirement for a minimum \$3,021,200 be provided as assistance with additional subsidy. In addition, America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (AWIA) requires a minimum of \$906,360 be provided to disadvantaged communities in the form of additional subsidy. The Department will meet these requirements by offering selected borrowers additional subsidization in the form of principal forgiveness. The Department expects to allocate principal forgiveness to projects in communities determined to be disadvantaged based on the following criteria: small (less than 10,000) communities, assessment of financial records, ratio of annual average water bill to median household income (MHHI) and utilization of the Justice40 Mapping Tool.

The Department will utilize Table 1 to evaluate and score communities to determine principal forgiveness ranking. The highest ranked communities will receive principal forgiveness until it is exhausted (see Attachment 1). Any subsequent revision to this project list will likewise demonstrate principal forgiveness will be provided to meet the required percentage of the Capitalization Grant.

Criteria	Points
<10,000 population	1
<1.1x coverage ratio	1
Project location considered disadvantaged on Justice40 Map	1
Ratio of Water Bill/MHHI	Actual Number

Table 1.

The Department has authority to provide additional subsidization to meet the requirements by the Code of Alabama Section 22-23B-3.

Attachment 1 - Project Priority List

County Served	Applicant Name	Population Served	Priority Point Rank	Assistance Amount	Additional Subsidization (Principal Forgiveness)	Unfunded/Match Portion	Estimated Construction Start Date	*GPR Component Cost	*GPR Type	GPR Project	Disadvantaged Criteria	PWSID Number	Appropriation fund being used
Lauderdale	Florence, City of (Supplemental)	77,754	SUPP	\$13,500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	Y	AL0000783	DWSRF/ARPA
Madison	Huntsville Utilities (Supplemental)	196,219	SUPP	\$5,620,000.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	N	AL0000882	DWSRF
Mobile	*Mobile, AL (MAWSS), Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of (Supplemental)	259,224	SUPP	\$6,513,925.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	Y	AL0001005	DWSRF
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa, City of (Supplemental)	120,000	SUPP	\$12,000,000.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	N	AL0001313	DWSRF
Lowndes	Hayneville, Town of	1,185	325	\$2,899,288.00	\$2,899,288.00	\$0	1/1/2023	\$2,038,500.00	WE, GI	Y	Y	AL0000847	DWSRF
Mobile	Mobile, AL (MAWSS), Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of	259,224	135	\$2,200,000.00	\$0	\$0	10/1/2022	N/A	N/A	N	N	AL0001005	DWSRF
Houston	*Dothan, City of	97,200	130	\$10,528,272.00	\$528,272.00	\$2,000,000.00	3/1/2023	N/A	N/A	N	Y	AL0000681	DWSRF/ARPA

*denotes equivalency projects

Totals: \$53,261,485.00 \$3,927,560.00 \$3,500,000.00 \$2,038,500.00

GI= Green Infrastructure
WE= Water Efficiency

26% min PF of Total \$3,927,560
49% max PF of Total \$7,401,940
Total Cap \$15,106,000