

Attachment I: Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Priority Scoring Model

Water Quality Improvement Criteria	Points (190 possible)
Project addresses a water quality impairment identified in the 303(d) list or a groundwater standard that has been exceeded.	40
Project will implement an approved TMDL (total maximum daily load):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 TMDL. 50 ● 2 TMDLs. 75 ● 3 or more TMDLs. 80 	
Project applies BMPs to mitigate against erosion, sedimentation, pollution runoff including:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Creation of riparian buffers, floodplains, vegetated buffers, slope stabilization and additional stream restoration methods. 10 ● Supports wetland protection, restoration or creation by means of constructed wetlands. 10 	
Project corrects individual sewage disposal systems or exfiltration for sewers shown to be polluting either surface or groundwater and mitigates a public health emergency and/or a confirmed repeated contamination of a supply source by E. coli, fecal coliform or nitrate above established standards.	50
Financial/Affordability Criteria	Points (175 possible)
Median Household Income (MHI) of service area:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <50% of state MHI 35 ● Between 51% and 80% of state MHI. 20 ● Between 81% and 100% of state MHI. 5 ● >100% of state MHI. 0 	
User Fees (projected sewer rate at 110%/tap/MHI):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rates are >1.07%. 35 ● Rates are between 0.75% and 1.07%. 20 ● Rates are between 0.53% and 0.75%. 10 ● Rates are between 0.09% and 0.53%. 5 ● Rates are <0.09%. 0 	
OR	
User Fees for a combined water & sewer fund (projected combined rates at 110%/tap/MHI)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rates are >2.70% 35 ● Rates are between 2.04% and 2.70%. 20 ● Rates are between 1.60% and 2.04% 10 ● Rates are between 0.11% and 1.60%. 5 ● Rates are <0.11% 0 	

Financial/Affordability Criteria Continued	Points
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Projected sewer debt per tap compared to MHV:

- Debt is >0.96%. 35
- Debt is between 0.16% and 0.96%. 20
- Debt is >0.00% and less than 0.16%. 5

OR

Projected water & sewer debt (for combined systems) per tap compared to MHV:

- Debt is >2.42%. 35
- Debt is between 1.24% and 2.42%. 20
- Debt is >0.29% and less than 1.24%. 5

Population served criteria:

- <500. 35
- Between 500 and 1,000. 25
- Between 1,000 and 2,000. 20
- Between 2,000 and 5,000. 15
- Between 5,000 and 10,000. 5
- >10,000. 0

Assessed Value/Household

- Assessed Value per household is <\$9,560. 35
- Assessed Value per household is between \$9,561 and \$18,500. 20
- Assessed Value per household is between \$18,501 and \$35,745. 10
- Assessed Value per household is greater than \$35,746. 0

Permit Compliance	Points (40 possible)
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Project is designed to maintain permit compliance or meet new permit effluent limits. 40

Project addresses a facility’s voluntary efforts to resolve a possible violation and will mitigate the issuance of a consent order or other enforcement action. 25

Project addresses an enforcement action by a regulatory agency and the facility is currently in significant non-compliance. 15

Sustainability/Green Project Reserve (GPR)	Points (40 possible)
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Project incorporates one or several of the following planning methodologies:

- Regionalization and consolidation.
- Promoting sustainable utilities and/or communities through:
 - Fix it first.
 - Asset management planning. 5 -
 - Full cost pricing. for one or more
 - Life cycle cost analysis.
 - Evaluation of innovative alternatives to traditional solutions.
- Conservation easements and/or land use restrictions.

Sustainability / Green Project Reserve Continued	Points
Project incorporates Green Project Reserve Components at minimum of 20 percent of total project costs:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green infrastructure. 	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Water efficiency. 	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Environmentally innovative. 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Energy efficiency. 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Project is categorically eligible for the GPR and does NOT require a business case (bonus points). 	5
Readiness to Proceed	Points (20 possible)
Project has secured the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plans and specifications approved. 	5 -
Project implements one or more of the following planning instruments:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Watershed management plan. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Source water protection plan. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nonpoint source management plan. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approved 305(b) Report Category 4b designation. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nutrient management plan. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comprehensive land use planning. 	5 - for one or more
Project has funding secured by multiple financial assistance provider(s)	10