

**Attachment 8 - Ranking Criteria for DWSRF Projects  
Georgia Environmental Finance Authority  
2022 DWSRF Call for Projects  
Project Ranking Criteria**

Projects will be rated in three categories to determine eligibility and selection for funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program.

**Drinking Water SRF**

**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Scoring System (maximum 100 points)**

1. A/E procurement (10 points)
2. Readiness to proceed (30 points)
3. Compliance benefit (30 points)
4. Project benefits (30 points)

**DWSRF Scoring System – Detailed Breakdown**

1. **A/E Procurement (only one option can be selected)**
  - a. Developed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services and/or posted an RFQ for engineering services. 5 pts
  - b. Contracted with an engineering consulting firm in accordance with the qualifications - based selection (QBS) policy discussed on page 5. 10 pts
  - c. Contracted with an engineering firm for projects with construction costs less than \$1,000,000 and engineering costs less than \$100,000. 10 pts
  
2. **Readiness to Proceed (only one option can be selected)**
  - a. Project description submitted to GEFA to request a loan number. 10 pts
  - b. State Environmental Review Process (SERP) package submitted to EPD. 15 pts
  - c. SERP issued (Categorical Exclusion or Notice of No Significant Impact determination published in a letter from EPD). 20 pts
  - d. SERP approved (EPD published a final approval letter). 30 pts
  
3. **Compliance Benefits (only one option can be selected)**
  - a. Project will bring public water system into immediate compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act (if selected, explain) 20 pts
  - b. Project is needed to **fully address** deficiencies documented in an enforcement action, e.g., Notice of Violation, Consent Order, Administrative Order (provide the order number and a brief narrative on how deficiencies are fully addressed). 30 pts

**4. Project Benefits (select all that apply)**

- a. Project will provide a redundant power supply (e.g., generators with an automatic transfer switch or alternative energy sources) to prevent interruption of operations during an emergency. 5 pts
- b. Project will reduce water loss (e.g., water meters, water line replacements, valves). 5 pts
- c. New water main extensions to serve existing residents not served by a safe supply of potable water. 10 pts
- d. Project creates redundancy and system reliability (if selected, explain). 10 pts

\* GEFA reserves the right to verify any information submitted within the pre-application.