

Attachment 7—Ranking Criteria for CWSRF Projects

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority 2019 CWSRF Project Solicitation Project Ranking Criteria

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

CLEAN WATER SRF

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Scoring System

1. Readiness to proceed (maximum of 40 points)
2. Compliance benefit (maximum of 45 points)
3. Project benefits (select all benefits that apply from each category)
 - a. Stormwater management, nonpoint source, and sourcewater protection benefits (maximum of five points)
 - b. Energy conservation, efficiency, and production benefits (maximum of five points)
 - c. Wastewater collection, conveyance, and treatment benefits (maximum of five points)

CWSRF Scoring System – Detailed Breakdown

1. **Readiness to Proceed**
(maximum of 40 points)
 - a. State Environmental Review Process (SERP) complete 40 pts
 - b. SERP in progress 30 pts
 - c. Compliance with State Nonpoint Source Management Plan verified 40 pts
2. **Compliance Benefits**
CHECK HIGHEST LEVEL THAT APPLIES (maximum of 45 points)
 - a. Project is needed to fully address deficiencies documented in Emergency or Administrative Order from EPA or EPD (Order #: _____) 45 pts
 - b. Project will support implementation of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plan (applicable TMDL, water body name, and water body ID) 45 pts
 - c. Project is needed to achieve/maintain compliance with applicable permit (NPDES, LAS, MS4) (Permit #: _____) 20 pts
3. **Project Benefits**
(maximum of 25 points for project benefits category)

Stormwater Management, Nonpoint Source, and Sourcewater Protection Benefits

(maximum of 10 points)

- a. Project involves the permanent protection of a wellhead protection or groundwater recharge area or land within a designated Source Water Protection Area. 5 pts
- b. Project will reduce nonpoint source pollution and provide passive recreation facilities open for public access. 10 pts
- c. Project will allow a stream segment currently listed as “non-attaining of designated use” on either the 303(d) list or the 305(b) list to meet its designated use. 5 pts
- d. Project includes permanent protection of stream buffer zones and/or wetlands.

Energy Conservation, Efficiency, and Production Benefits

(maximum of five points)

- a. Project will reduce energy consumption at a wastewater treatment facility and/or collection system by 20 percent or more. 5 pts
- b. Project designed to reduce energy consumption by the utility through the replacement of pumps and/or motors, blowers, SCADA equipment, inflow and infiltration correction, lighting upgrades, or other energy savings products or processes. 5 pts
- c. Energy management planning projects, including energy assessments, energy audits, optimization studies, and other projects designed to determine high energy use areas. 5 pts

Wastewater Collection, Conveyance, and Treatment Benefits

(maximum of 10 points)

- a. Project will allow a stream segment currently listed as “non-attaining of designated use” on either the 303(d) list or the 305(b) list to meet its designated use. 10 pts
- b. Project will allow a facility to attain a level of treatment that is more stringent than secondary treatment or produces a significant reduction in non-conventional or toxic pollutants. (BOD, nitrogen, phosphorus, ammonia, metals, synthetic organic chemicals) 5 pts
- c. Project will reduce sanitary sewer overflows (SSO). 5 pts
- d. Project will eliminate leaking/failing septic systems.

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