

**Attachment 8 - Ranking Criteria for DWSRF Projects
 Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
 2018 DWSRF Project Solicitation
 Project Ranking Criteria**

Projects will be rated in four categories to determine their eligibility and selection for funding under the DWSRF Program.

DRINKING WATER SRF

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND SCORING SYSTEM

1. Readiness to proceed (maximum of 40 points)
2. Public health compliance benefit (maximum of 50 points)
3. Project benefits
 - a. Energy conservation/production and efficiency benefit (maximum of 5 points)
 - b. Water efficiency benefit (maximum of 10 points)
4. Other applicant or project attributes (maximum of 5 points)
5. Small systems assistance (maximum of 30 points)
6. Affordability (maximum of 10 points)

DWSRF SCORING SYSTEM – DETAILED BREAKDOWN

1. **Readiness To Proceed**
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY (maximum of 40 points)
 - a. State Environmental Review Process (SERP) complete – NONSI or CE approved 40 pts
 - b. SERP in progress – NONSI or CE issued 30 pts

2. **Public Health Compliance Benefits**
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY (maximum of 50 points)
 - a. Project is needed to fully address deficiencies documented in an enforcement action (e.g. Notice of Violation, Consent Order, Administrative Order, etc.) (Order # _____) 30 pts
 - b. Project will bring public water system into immediate compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act 20 pts
 - c. Project involves system and/or facility upgrades to create redundancy and enhance system reliability 10 pts
 - d. Project addresses a threat to public health from heightened exposure to lead in drinking water 20 pts

3. **Project Benefits**
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY WITHIN EACH CATEGORY (maximum of 15 points for project benefits category)

Energy Conservation/Production and Efficiency Benefit (maximum of 5 points)
CHECK ALL BELOW THAT APPLY

 - a. Project designed to reduce energy consumption by the utility via the replacement of pumps and/or motors, blowers, SCADA equipment, lighting upgrades or other energy savings products or processes. 5 pts
 - b. Energy management planning projects, including energy assessments, energy audits, optimization studies and other projects designed to determine high use energy areas. 5 pts

Water Efficiency Benefit (maximum of 10 points)

CHECK ALL BELOW THAT APPLY

- a. Project to replace leaking water lines in an attempt to identify and reduce system-wide real water loss. Project may include the purchase of leak detection equipment. 5 pts
- b. Project to replace old water meters and install a more efficient method [such as an automatic meter reading (AMR) system or an advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) system] to read, record and track water usage and reduce system-wide apparent water losses. 5 pts
- c. Project to create a water fixture or irrigation system retrofit or rebate program. 5 pts

4. Other Applicant or Project Attributes (maximum of 2 points)

CHECK ANY BELOW THAT APPLY

- a. Project benefits more than one system or community, e.g., interconnection of two or more public water systems. 1 pts
- b. Applicant maintains a central asset inventory (with descriptive information about assets such as age, size, construction materials, location, installation date, condition, and remaining useful life) and a complete water system map. 1 pts

5. Small Systems Assistance – Defined as public water systems that serve 10,000 or fewer people. (maximum of 30 points)

CHECK ONE IF APPLICABLE

- a. Less than 500 30 pts
- b. 501 to 3,300 20 pts
- c. 3,301 to 10,000 10 pts

****You must attach supporting documentation.****

6. Affordability *The borrower must meet all three affordability criteria factors below to receive 10 points.* 10 pts

TO BE ENTERED BY GEFA STAFF

- a. MHI below or equal to \$39,696 (80% of the state's MHI of \$49,620).
- b. Unemployment rate is above or equal to 6.0% (the state of Georgia unemployment rate)
- c. Population trend has decreased or remained the same when comparing 2000 Census to 2010 Census

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