

5.9 Qualifications Based Standards for Selection of Professional Service Providers

DEQ is in compliance with the Clean Water Act's (Section 602(b)(14)) Federal procurement standard by its adherence to Idaho Code 67-2320.

5.10 Transfers Between State Revolving Funds

Should transfers become needed, DEQ reserves the right to transfer surplus funds originating back to FFY 1997 capitalization grant awards. See Attachment V for listings of capitalization grants and related narratives. Per 40 CFR 35.3550, a state may reserve the authority to transfer funds in future years. Funds may be transferred on a net basis, provided that the 33% transfer allowance associated with the DWSRF program capitalization grants received is not exceeded. Only repayments will be used for transfers. Through SFY 2023, \$45 million in transfers will have been made from the DWSRF to the CWSRF. In SFY 2024 it is expected that \$13 million will be transferred from DWSRF to the CWSRF.

6 Criteria and Method for Distribution of Funds

The following principles and procedures will be the basis for the administration, funding, allocation, and distribution of the CWSRF monies. The principles and procedures are designed to provide maximum flexibility for assistance and ensure the long-term viability of the revolving program.

6.1 Program Administration

The 4% or \$556,640 allowed in the FY 2023 capitalization grant (\$147,320) and BIL General Supplemental (\$409,320) grant provided by EPA will be set aside to be used for program administration. Program administration costs will be met by capitalization grant allocations and by fee revenues (to the extent that the annual capitalization grant is insufficient to meet our needs).

6.2 CWSRF Priority Lists

Letters of interest were sent to all cities, counties, and water and sewer districts in the state. Completed letters of interest and priority list rating forms were sent to project engineers in DEQ regional offices to complete a rating of projects in each region. The results of the rating and ranking were the preliminary Priority Lists that were presented during the public review and comment period. Separate letters of interest were sent to potential NPS applicants. Projects are rated using the following criteria:

Table 1. CWSRF Priority List Criteria

Criteria	Available Points
Public health emergency certified by DEQ Board or a Health District Board	Up to 150 Points
Regulatory Compliance Status	Up to 100 Points
Watershed Restoration	Up to 100 points
Watershed Protection	Up to 100 points
Preventing Impacts to Uses	Up to 100 points
Sustainability	Up to 100 points
Affordability	Up to 10 points

Table 2. CWSRF Emerging Contaminants Priority List Criteria

Criteria	Available Points
Public health emergency certified by DEQ Board or a Health District Board	Up to 150 Points
Regulatory Compliance Status	Up to 100 Points
Watershed Restoration	Up to 100 points
Watershed Protection	Up to 100 points
Preventing Impacts to Uses	Up to 100 points
Sustainability	Up to 100 points
Affordability	Up to 10 points
Emerging Contaminants	Up to 50 points

6.3 Fundable Projects

The highest-rated projects on the adopted Priority List that are ready to proceed are selected for funding and listed in Attachment I. DEQ staff starts at the top of the Priority List and continues to select projects ready to proceed until all the available funds are used. In cases where a lower-ranked project is selected, it is because higher-ranked projects have not indicated a readiness to proceed, do not meet the eligibility requirements for available funds, or additional funding has become available. A project that is ready to proceed will have shown evidence of legal authority to enter into debt, have a completed facility plan, be able to meet applicable capitalization grant requirements, and have expressed a willingness to proceed with the CWSRF process.

In some cases, the project amount on the Fundable List may be less than the project amount on the Priority List. The Priority List amount is the estimate of the total project cost, while the costs on the Fundable List are the amount that project applicants expect to borrow from the CWSRF. In each case, the difference will be provided from some other source, such as cash on hand or a grant from the Community Development Block Grant program administered by the Idaho Department of Commerce.