

PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

Following the USEPA's recommendation, Kentucky developed the Priority System Guidance Document (Appendix C) designed to determine the order in which projects are evaluated for funding based on the following criteria:

1. Most serious risk to human health;
2. Compliance with the requirements of the SDWA; and
3. Systems most in need on a per-household basis according to state affordability criteria.

Each year, the KIA issues a Call for Projects where potential borrowers are invited to submit DWSRF project information via the WRIS. The 2024 Call for Projects occurred October 3, 2022 through December 16, 2022. To communicate this Call for Projects, a press release through the Governor's Office was issued. Additionally, an email distribution was sent to all water utilities, ADDs, mayors, county judge executives, and the engineering community.

The Project Priority List is comprised of one list which serves as both a "fundable list" and a "comprehensive list." The fundable list is defined as a list of projects eligible for funding with available funds from the DWSRF. The projects on the comprehensive list may receive funding in the event that a project from the fundable list is withdrawn, deemed ineligible, or unable to meet the DWSRF program requirements within the given time frame.

Properly submitted projects were considered for funding and eligible projects placed on the Project Priority List. Projects were evaluated and assigned a score based upon the ranking criteria in the Priority System Guidance Document (Appendix C). In the event of a tie, the following factors were used to priority rank each project:

1. The size of service of a small system as defined by population;
2. Projects with existing enforcement actions (i.e. Agreed Orders, Consent Decrees);
3. Water quality impacts of the project; and
4. Financial need as evidenced by the median household income of the applicant.

The 2024 Project Priority List (Appendix A) shows that Kentucky has sufficient eligible projects to meet the binding commitment requirements of the FFY 2023 Capitalization Grants. A brief description of the following fields will be helpful in reviewing the list:

Rank: Rank of project on the comprehensive Project Priority List.

Score: Total number of points the project received using the ranking criteria in Appendix C.

Loan Number: Priority list tracking number for project. This is the assigned loan number for the project throughout the process and should be referred to on all correspondence regarding the project.

APPENDIX C

SET-ASIDE WORK PLANS

KENTUCKY DIVISION OF WATER

2023 BASE WORKPLANS

	%	FFY 2023	Expended by:
Grant Amount \$:		\$ 6,012,000	
DWSRF Program Admin(4% max available)			
DOW (max 3%)	3	\$ 180,360	October 2023
KIA (1%)	1	\$ 60,120	
Subtotal Amount:		\$ 180,360	
State Program Mgt. (10% max available)			
Supplement PWSS Program	10	\$ 601,200	
DOW Personnel		\$ 576,200	August 2023
Contractual		\$ 25,000	
Subtotal Amount:		\$ 601,200	
Small Systems Tech. Assist (2% max)			
DOW Personnel	2	\$ 120,240	August 2023
Subtotal Amount:		\$ 120,240	
State/Local Assist (up to 15%-10% max):			
Capacity Development - TMF Assistance	10	\$ 601,200	
DOW Personnel		\$ 58,200	August 2023
Travel		\$ 0	
Contracts		\$ 246,000	
Dev/Implement Operator Cert Program		\$ 297,000	September 2024
Source Water Assessment Program	4	\$ 240,480	September 2024
DOW Personnel		\$ 240,480	
Contracts		\$ 0	
Wellhead Protection Program	1	\$ 60,120	July 2024
DOW Personnel		\$ 60,120	
Equipment		\$ -	
Travel		\$ -	
Contracts		\$ -	
Subtotal Amount:		\$ 901,800	
Total Grant Set-Asides:	31	\$ 1,863,720	
Total DOW Set Aside Amount:	30	\$ 1,803,600	
Total KIA Set Aside Amount	1	\$ 60,120	

WRIS #: The WRIS number is the identification number assigned to each project profile by an Area Water Management Council after a project has received endorsement. Information stored in the WRIS database includes geographic information system (GIS) data, information on water resources, and drinking and wastewater facilities. It is used by different entities and provides much of the information needed for all aspects of water resource planning.

Applicant: Name of applicant identified on the Project Profile Form or the community in which the project is associated.

Project Title: Short description of project components.

Requested Loan Amount: Amount of desired SRF loan identified on the Project Profile Form.

Invited Loan Amount: The amount of DWSRF funds that KIA has allocated to the proposed project. If this field lists a dollar amount greater than zero, then the project is invited for funding.

Principal Forgiveness Amount: Estimated amount of principal forgiveness that a project is eligible to receive. Eligibility does not guarantee that a project will be offered principal forgiveness due to the amount of funds available. (Noted in a separate table under Additional Subsidization above).

The 2025 IUP process will begin September 18, 2023 with the annual Call for Projects and will conclude on December 15, 2023 for projects to be considered in the SFY 2025 funding cycle. The following schedule is tentative:

2025 Call for Projects	September 18, 2023 – December 15, 2023
Creation of Project Priority List	January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024
Public Notice Period for IUP	May 2, 2024 - June 1, 2024
Finalize 2025 IUP and send to EPA	Prior to June 30, 2024

Email notifications will be sent in September 2023 to all water utilities, ADDs, mayors, county judge executives, economic development directors, the engineering community and other stakeholders announcing the Call for Projects.