

B. Project Categories

The Annual List is divided into six categories as follows:

- Category A - Projects in municipalities where population is 3,500 or less.
- Category B - Projects in municipalities where population is 3,501 through 2,000,000.
- Category C - Projects in municipalities where population is more than 2,000,000.
- Category D - Projects which meet eligibility criteria for interest-free financing in accordance with the Hardship Policy.
 - Subcategory D1 - BIL General Supplemental Additional Subsidy projects.
- Category E - Non-municipally owned projects. EFC is not entering into new agreements with non-municipal entities in FFY 2024.
- Category EC - BIL Emerging Contaminants Additional Subsidy projects.
- Category G - Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) projects that meet EPA's Green Project Reserve criteria ([Section 9G](#)).

Municipal population is determined based on population data from the 2021 American Community Survey's five-year estimates, or, in EFC's discretion, by other means if the five-year estimates are not reflective of the population served by the project.

C. Project Score System

EFC scores CWSRF-eligible projects in Categories A, B, C, D, and E using the criteria stated in 6 NYCRR § 649.3. These scoring criteria are available on [EFC's website](#). Projects that improve and restore water quality generally receive the highest scores.

EFC scores projects based on:

- Existing Source – the existing conditions of the receiving waterbody;
- Water Quality Improvement – the DEC classification of the resource that will be improved, restored, or protected based on the classification of the receiving waterbody; the severity of impairment of the affected waterbody; and the degree of improvement likely to result from completing the project;
- Consistency with DEC-Approved Management Plans;
- Intergovernmental Needs – an obligation or mandate for the project required by an executed enforcement instrument or a SPDES permit;
- Financial Need based on MHI; and
- Economic Need based on service provided to Empire Zones.

To receive the most accurate project score and ranking, applicants must submit all available relevant project documents.

GIGP Projects in Category G are scored using a separate scoring system that is discussed in [Section 9G](#).