

## Appendix C

### PRIORITY RATING SYSTEM for Wastewater Projects

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<p>Instructions: For each line item, mark "X" to claim the points for that line item. Be sure that your narrative includes justification for every line item claimed. At the end of each category, provide the total points claimed for each program in the subtotal row for that category. Then add the subtotals from each category and enter the Total of Points for All Categories in the last line. Note that some categories have a maximum allowed points that may be less than the total of individual line items.</p>			
Line Item #	Category 1 – Project Purpose (Points will be awarded for <u>only one</u> Project Purpose)	Claimed Yes/No	Points
1.A	Project will consolidate a nonviable drinking water or wastewater utility		25
1.B	Project will resolve failed or failing infrastructure issues		20
1.C	Project will rehabilitate or replace infrastructure, including replacement by a regionalization projects		12
1.C.1	Treatment units, pumps and/or pump stations to be rehabilitated or replaced are greater than 20 years old, <b>OR</b> lines, or tanks to be rehabilitated or replaced are greater than 40 years old		8
1.D	Project will expand infrastructure		2
1.D.1	Treatment units, pumps and/or pump stations to be rehabilitated or replaced are greater than 20 years old, <b>OR</b> lines, storage tanks, drinking water wells or intake structures to be rehabilitated or replaced are greater than 40 years old		8
1.E	Project will provide service to disadvantaged areas		20
1.F	Reserved for other programs		
1.G	Project will provide stream/wetland/buffer restoration		10

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1.G.1	Restoration project that includes restoration of a first order stream and includes stormwater infiltration SCMs		5
1.G.2	Restoration project that includes restoration and/or protection of riparian buffers to at least 30 feet on both sides of the stream		5
1.H	Project will provide SCMs to treat existing sources of pollution		10
1.H.1	Project that includes SCMs in series that achieve at least 35% nutrient reduction (both TN and TP) and 85% TSS reduction		10
1.I	Project will provide reclaimed water/usage or rainwater harvesting/usage		10
1.J.1	Sole purpose of the project is to address Emerging contaminants (Construction projects). 100% of the costs are associated with this purpose <b>OR</b>		20
1.J.2	At least 75% of the project is to address Emerging contaminants (Construction projects) <b>OR</b>		15
1.J.3	Sole purpose of the project is to evaluate alternatives to address emerging contaminants (may include pilot scale treatment study)		2 5
<b>Maximum points for Category 1 – Project Purpose</b>			25
<b>Subtotal claimed for Category 1 – Project Purpose</b>			
Line Item #	Category 2 – Project Benefits	Claimed Yes/No	Points
2.A – 2.B	Reserved for other programs		
2.C	Project provides a specific environmental benefit		
2.C.1	Project replaces or repairs certain sewer lines, eliminates failed onsite wastewater system or		15

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	non-discharge system, or resolves managerial, technical & financial issues		
2.C.2	Project eliminates malfunctioning onsite wastewater systems		10
<b>2.D</b>	Project addresses promulgated but not yet effective regulations		10
<b>2.E</b>	Project directly addresses enforcement documents		
2.E.1	Project directly addresses an EPA Administrative Order for a local government Applicant located in a Tier 1 county, or addresses an existing or pending SOC, or a DEQ Administrative Order, <b>OR</b>		5
2.E.2	Project directly resolves a Notice of Violation or Notice of Deficiency		3
<b>2.F</b>	Project includes system merger or regionalization		
2.F.1	Project includes system merger <b>OR</b>		10
2.F.2	Project includes system regionalization and/or system partnerships		5
<b>2.G – 2.H.2</b>	Reserved for other programs		
2.H.3	Project addresses any PFAS compounds exceeding 10 ppt or State-established regulatory standards or limits <b>OR</b>		5
2.H.4	Project addresses PFAS exceeding proposed MCL or Hazard Index		10
<b>2.I</b>	Project improves treated water quality by adding or upgrading a unit process		3
<b>2.J – 2.M</b>	Reserved for other programs		

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<b>2.N</b>	Project provides resiliency for critical system functions		
2.N.1	Project relocates infrastructure from inside 100-year floodplain to outside 500-year floodplain <b>OR</b>		8
2.N.2	Project relocates infrastructure out of a 100-year floodplain <b>OR</b>		5
2.N.3	Project relocates infrastructure from between the 100-year and 500-year floodplains to outside the 500-year floodplain <b>OR</b>		3
2.N.4	Project fortifies or elevates infrastructure within floodplain <b>OR</b>		4
2.N.5	Project improves ability to assure continued operation during flood events <b>OR</b>		4
2.N.6	Project reduces the size of infrastructure as a result of a buyout or other abrupt loss of population <b>OR</b>		4
2.N.7	Project provides redundancy/resiliency for critical treatment and/or transmission/distribution system functions including cybersecurity and/or backup electrical power source		3
<b>2.O</b>	Project <u>directly benefits</u> subwatersheds that are impaired as noted on the most recent version of the Integrated Report		20
<b>2.P</b>	Project <u>directly benefits</u> specific classified waters		10
<b>2.Q</b>	Project will result in elimination of an NPDES discharge		3
<b>2.R</b>	Primary purpose of the project is to achieve at least 20% reduction in energy use		5
<b>2.S</b>	Reserved for other programs		

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<b>Maximum points for Category 2 – Project Benefits</b>			35
<b>Subtotal claimed for Category 2 – Project Benefits</b>			
<b>Line Item #</b>	<b>Category 3 – System Management</b>	<b>Claimed Yes/No</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>3.A</b>	Capital Planning Activities		
3.A.1	Applicant has implemented an Asset Management Plan as of the date of application <b>OR</b>		10
3.A.2	Applicant has a current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that spans at least 10 years and proposed project is included in the plan		2
<b>3.B</b>	System Operating Ratio is greater than or equal to 1.00 based on a current audit, or is less than 1.00 and unit cost is greater than 2.5% of MHI		5
<b>3.C – 3.E</b>	Reserved for other programs		
<b>Maximum points for Category 3 – System Management</b>			15
<b>Subtotal claimed for Category 3 – System Management</b>			
<b>Line Item #</b>	<b>Category 4 – Affordability</b>	<b>Claimed Yes/No</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>4.A</b>	Residential Connections		
4.A.1	Less than 10,000 residential connections <b>OR</b>		2
4.A.2	Less than 5,000 residential connections <b>OR</b>		4
4.A.3	Less than 1,000 residential connections		8
<b>4.B</b>	Current Monthly Combined Utility Rates at 5,000 Usage		
4.B.1	Greater than \$79 <b>OR</b>		4

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4.B.2	Greater than \$90 <b>OR</b>		6
4.B.3	Greater than \$107 <b>OR</b>		8
4.B.4	Greater than \$129		10
<b>4.C</b>	Local Government Unit (LGU) Indicators		
4.C.1	3 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark <b>OR</b>		3
4.C.2	4 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark <b>OR</b>		5
4.C.3	5 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark <b>OR</b>		7
4.C.4	Project benefits disadvantaged areas		5
<b>4.D – 4.G</b>	Reserved for other programs		
<b>Maximum points for Category 4 – Affordability</b>			25
<b>Subtotal claimed for Category 4 – Affordability</b>			
<b>Total of Points for All Categories</b>			