

## Appendix C

<b>PRIORITY RATING SYSTEM for Wastewater Projects</b>			
<p><b>Instructions:</b> For each line item, <u>mark "X" to claim the points for that line item</u>. 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 Project Total 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	Claimed Yes/No	Points
<b>1.A</b>	Reserved for Other Programs		
<b>1.B</b>	Project will resolve failed infrastructure issues		15
<b>1.C</b>	Project will rehabilitate or replace infrastructure		15
1.C.1	Treatment units, pumps and/or pump stations to be rehabilitated or replaced are greater than 20 years old, <b>OR water/sewer</b> lines, storage tanks, drinking water wells or intake structures to be rehabilitated or replaced are greater than 40 years old		10
<b>1.D</b>	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		10
<b>1.E – 1.E.2</b>	Reserved for Other Programs		
<b>1.F</b>	Project will provide stream/wetland/buffer restoration		15
1.F.1	Restoration project that includes restoration of a first order stream and includes stormwater infiltration BMPs		5

Line Item #	Category 1 – Project Purpose (Continued)	Claimed Yes/No	Points
1.F.2	Restoration project that includes restoration and / or protection of riparian buffers to at least 30 feet on both sides of the stream		5
<b>1.G</b>	Project will provide stormwater BMPs to treat existing sources of pollution		20
1.G.1	Project that includes BMPs or BMPs in series that achieve at least 35% nutrient reduction (both TN and TP) and 85% TSS reduction		10
<b>1.H</b>	Project will provide reclaimed water/usage or rainwater harvesting/usage		15
	<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
<b>2.A – 2.B</b>	Reserved for Other Programs		
<b>2.C</b>	Project provides a specific environmental benefit by replacement, repair, or merger; includes replacing failing septic tanks		15
<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

Line Item #	Category 2 – Project Benefits (Continued)	Claimed Yes/No	Points
2.F	Project includes system merger		10
2.G – 2.I	Reserved for Other Programs		
2.J	Project improves treated water quality by adding or upgrading a unit process		3
2.K – 2.O	Reserved for Other Programs		
2.P	Project <u>directly benefits</u> subwatersheds that are impaired as noted on the most recent version of the Integrated Report		20
2.Q	Project <u>directly benefits</u> waters classified as HQW, ORW, Tr, SA, WS-I, WS-II, WS-III* or WS-IV* (* these classifications must be covered by an approved Source Water Protection Plan to qualify)		10
2.R	Project will result in elimination of an NPDES discharge		3
2.S	Primary purpose of the project is to achieve at least 20% reduction in energy use		5
	<b>Maximum Points for Category 2 – Project Benefits</b>		35
	<b>Subtotal claimed for Category 2 – Project Benefits</b>		
Line Item #	Category 3 – System Management	Claimed Yes/No	Points
3.A	Applicant has a current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that spans at least 10-years and proposed project is included in the plan <b>OR</b>		2
3.B	Applicant has implemented an Asset Management Plan as of the date of application		10

Line Item #	Category 3 – System Management (Continued)	Claimed Yes/No	Points
3.C	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%		5
3.D – 3.F	Reserved for Other Programs		
	<b>Maximum Points for Category 3 – System Management</b>		15
	<b>Subtotal claimed for Category 3 – System Management</b>		
Line Item #	Category 4 – Affordability	Claimed Yes/No	Points
4.A	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
4.B	Current Monthly Single Utility Rates at 5,000 Usage		
4.B.1	Greater than \$33 <b>OR</b>		4
4.B.2	Greater than \$40 <b>OR</b>		6
4.B.3	Greater than \$47		8
4.B.4	Greater than \$58		10
4.C	Local Government Unit (LGU) Indicators		
4.C.1	3 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark <b>OR</b>		3

Line Item #	Category 4 – Affordability (Continued)	Claimed Yes/No	Points
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		7
<b>4.D – 4.E</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>			