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CWSRF Project Priority Ranking System

Source: 2020 Intended Use Plan Clean Water State Revolving Fund
https://deq.nd.gov/Publications/MF/CWSRF_IUP.pdf

Previous appropriation rules have required that a percentage of the CWSRF capitalization grant be provided in the form of additional subsidies. The CWSRF Program will provide these additional subsidies as loan forgiveness which will be allocated based on the Relative Future Wastewater Cost index (RFWCI). The RFWCI is defined as the ratio of expected average annual residential user charge for wastewater service resulting from the project, including costs recovered through special assessments, to the local annual median household income (as determined by the 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-year estimate). Criteria for determining the amount of loan forgiveness is on a project-specific basis.

For 2020, projects with a RFWCI of 2.0% or greater will qualify for 75% loan forgiveness. Projects with a RFWCI of 1.5% to 1.9% will qualify for 40% loan forgiveness. Projects with a RFWCI of less than 1.5% will not qualify for any loan forgiveness. Projects that do not qualify for loan forgiveness still qualify for a traditional CWSRF loan.

CWSRF Affordability Criteria

The CWSRF Program developed the following Affordability Criteria to be used on grants after FY2014. This criteria was developed and offered for public comment through IUP process prior to September 30, 2015. North Dakota may not offer additional subsidies to communities with affordability issues.

Affordability Criteria	Points
Median Household Income (MHI)	
MHI Less than 60% of State MHI	20
MHI Between 60% and 100% of State MHI	10
MHI greater than 100% of State MHI	0
Relative Future Wastewater Cost Index (RFWCI)	
RFWCI greater than 2%	40
RFWCI between 1.5% and 2%	20
RFWCI less than 1.5%	0
Unemployment	
City unemployment rate is more than State unemployment rate	20
City unemployment rate is less than State unemployment rate	0
Population Trends	
City population % change is greater than State population % change	20
City population % change is less than State population % change	0