

## **South Dakota**

### **Disadvantaged Community Program**

Communities that meet the disadvantaged eligibility criteria described below may receive additional subsidies. This includes communities that will meet the disadvantaged criteria as a result of the project.

Definition. To be eligible for loan subsidies a community must meet the following criteria:

- 1) for municipalities and sanitary districts:
  - a) the median household income is below the state-wide median household income; and
  - b) the monthly residential water bill is \$30 or more for 5,000 gallons usage; or
- 2) for other community water systems:
  - a) the median household income is below the state-wide median household income; and
  - b) the monthly water bill for rural households is \$55 or more for 7,000 gallons usage.

The source of median household income statistics will be the American Community Survey or other statistically valid income data supplied by the applicant and acceptable to the board.

Affordability criteria used to determine subsidy amount. Disadvantaged communities below 80 percent of the statewide median household income, but at or greater than 60 percent may receive up to a one percentage point reduction in interest rates. Disadvantaged communities with a median household income less than 60 percent of the statewide median household income may receive a zero percent loan. See Table 1 for the disadvantaged interest rates for FFY 2023.

Amount of capitalization grant to be made available for providing additional subsidies to disadvantaged communities. Disadvantaged communities are eligible for additional subsidy in the form of principal forgiveness. South Dakota utilized the option to provide additional subsidy in the form of principal forgiveness to disadvantaged communities in federal fiscal years 2016 through 2018, in an amount equal to 30 percent of the annual capitalization grant.