

South Dakota CWSRF Project Priority Ranking System

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Priority Criteria	Priority Points
(1) Project Type Criteria (points may be awarded to only one criterion - 2 to 10 points)	
(a) Wastewater treatment works;	
(i) Elimination of a combined sewer overflow	10 points
(ii) Construction of a new or rehabilitation of an existing wastewater treatment facility to increase or maintain its capacity or treatment ability	10 points
(iii) Elimination of a sanitary sewer overflow	8 points
(iv) Reduction in infiltration/inflow identified through documented sources, such as televising or smoke testing	6 points
(v) Replacement of existing lift stations or lines without documented infiltration/inflow benefits	4 points
(vi) Installation of new lift stations, collectors, or interceptors to provide service to undeveloped areas	2 points
(b) Untreated/uncontrolled runoff;	
(i) Construction of a manure management system	10 points
(ii) Construction or rehabilitation of a storm water treatment/management facility	8 points
(iii) Development or implementation of an agricultural best management practice	6 points
(iv) Capping of a landfill	6 points
(v) Construction of storm water conveyance systems	2 points
(c) Groundwater pollution;	
(i) Elimination of septic systems	10 points
(ii) Removal of leaking underground storage tanks or remediation of impacts resulting from leaking underground storage tanks	10 points
(iii) Construction of systems, to include, but not limited to, liners, collection systems, and monitoring wells, to protect groundwater from leachate from landfills, hazardous waste sites, or other chemical storage facilities	8 points
(iv) Elimination of subsurface discharges	6 points
(d) Aquatic/riparian habitat and lake and stream restoration;	

- (i) Shoreline restoration 6 points
- (ii) Sediment removal 5 points
- (iii) Re-configuring of streams to enhance in-stream habitat 4 points

(e) Other - projects of a type not described above receive 2 points

(2) Proposed project benefits criteria (points may be awarded to only one criterion - 0 to 10 points)

- (a) Projects that address enforcement activities 10 points
- (b) Projects that address a documented water quality, public health, or safety issue, such as listing on the EPA quarterly noncompliance list, beach closings, stream sampling showing elevated fecal counts or fish kills 10 points
- (c) Projects that are identified in an EPA approved § 319 project implementation plan 10 points
- (d) Projects that raise the treatment capability of wastewater treatment facility from secondary treatment to advanced treatment or total retention 8 points
- (e) Projects that reduce the loading of a parameter that has been identified as an impairment to the receiving water or watershed as identified through the TMDL process 8 points
- (f) Projects that eliminate or remediate a source of ground water pollution 8 points
- (g) Projects that provide regional consolidation of facilities 6 points
- (h) Projects that incorporate pollution prevention or waste minimization techniques 4 points

(3) Water quality improvement criteria (points are cumulative for subsections (a) and (b) - 12 points maximum);

(a) Surface water restoration (points may be awarded to only one criterion - 0 to 8 points);

- (i) Projects that benefit a priority 1 waterbody as identified on the 303(d) list 8 points
- (ii) Projects that benefit a priority 2 waterbody as identified on the 303(d) list 6 points

(b) Source water quality protection (points may be awarded to only one criterion - 0 to 8 points);

- (i) Projects eliminating or remediating a potential contamination source within the source water area of a ground water public water supply as identified in a Source Water Assessment Report 8 points
- (ii) Projects eliminating or remediating a potential contamination source within zone A of a surface water public water supply as identified in a Source Water Assessment Report 8 points

(iii) Projects eliminating or remediating a potential contamination source within zone B of a surface water public water supply as identified in a Source Water Assessment Report 4 points

(4) Benefit magnitude criteria (points may be awarded to only one criterion - 2 to 10 points);

(a) Projects designed to serve the populace of a municipality, sanitary district, or other special purpose district are awarded points based on the population of the applicant. The source of population data is the 2010 census as prepared by the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce. Points are awarded based on the following table:

1 to 200 persons	2 points
201 to 500 persons	3 points
501 to 1,000 persons	4 points
1,001 to 2,500 persons	5 points
2,501 to 5,000 persons	6 points
5,001 to 10,000 persons	7 points
10,001 to 30,000 persons	8 points
30,001 and greater	10 points;

(b) Projects benefiting a watershed or large rural area are awarded points based on the area of the benefited area as provided in the following table:

less than 25,000 acres	2 points
25,000 to 100,000 acres	5 points
greater than 100,000 acres.	8 points

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Reference: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census of Population and Housing, *Summary Population and Housing Characteristics*, CPH-1-43, South Dakota, Washington, DC, 2012. This document is available at no cost over the internet at <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/cph-1-43.pdf>.