

requirement by selecting projects also funded by the [Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management \(UNPS & SW\) Construction Grant Program](#). The UNPS & SW Construction Grant Program is a cost-share reimbursement grant program and offers competitive grants to local governments for the control of pollution from diffuse urban sources that is carried by storm water runoff. The total cost share expected from the UNPS & SW Program during SFY 2023 is \$357,645.

The draft OSG project list includes OSG-eligible projects from the 2023 UNPS & SW Construction Grant Program application list. UNPS & SW applications were prioritized using Affordability Criteria scores from Table 7 of Section X.B, and final project selection was guided by OSG minimum allocation requirements for green infrastructure, rural communities, and financially distressed communities.

The OSG program is still under development, including the SFY 2024 application process and program administration. Project consideration in future years may be extended to eligible projects on the CWFPS's Project Priority List. Kevin Olson (kevin.olson@wisconsin.gov or 608-234-2238) is the primary contact for this program.

XIII. PROJECT PRIORITY SCORING

Chapter NR 162, Wis. Adm. Code, was last revised during SFY 2015. The revised code went into effect on July 1, 2015, and this change affected priority scores starting with SFY 2017 funding. Projects are scored under one of three categories: sewage collection systems, wastewater treatment plants, or storm water projects. Scoring criteria for pilot projects has not been established.

Collection system projects are scored on three factors:

- project type,
- human health, and
- regionalization.

Wastewater treatment plant projects are scored on four factors:

- project type,
- human health,
- regionalization, and
- water quality criteria.

Storm water projects are scored on three factors:

- project type,
- human health, and
- water quality criteria.

XIV. WATER QUALITY AND OTHER SCORING CRITERIA FOR SFY 2024

For wastewater treatment systems, one of the scoring criteria in ch. NR 162, Wis. Adm. Code, is based on water quality parameters, and scores will be assigned based on WPDES permit limits. Because this portion of the criteria is more fluid (new parameters, etc.), the values for scoring may be subject to more frequent change than the rule revision process allows. Therefore, the rule states that this portion of the scoring system will be published annually in the IUP.

Specifically, s. NR 162.50(2)(c)1, Wis. Adm. Code, states that: “The department shall establish criteria and associated points for various water quality parameters in the CWFIP intended use plan.” Section NR 162.50(2)(c)2, Wis. Adm. Code, states that: “The department shall use the current facility permit limit for calculating the points assigned to the water quality criteria category.” If a new permit is issued between submittal of the ITA/PERF and the application, a re-evaluation can be requested. In addition, if a project is being constructed for the purpose of meeting new limits contained in a compliance schedule, a re-evaluation can be requested at the time of application submittal in order to incorporate the points applicable to those new limits.

The point values below for water quality parameters will be used in scoring projects as follows:

- BOD limit (mg/l) - monthly limits or most stringent if seasonal
 - >29.99 = 2
 - 20-29.99 = 5
 - 15-19.99 = 8
 - 10-14.99 = 12
 - <10 = 16
- CBOD limit (mg/l) - monthly limits or most stringent if seasonal
 - > 24.99 = 2
 - 20-24.99 = 5
 - 15-19.99 = 8
 - 10-14.99 = 12
 - < 10 = 16
- If a permit has both a BOD and CBOD limit, then only the highest scoring criteria will be added to the total PERF score.
- TSS limit (mg/l) - monthly limits or most stringent if seasonal
 - > 29.99 = 2
 - 20-29.99 = 5
 - 15-19.99 = 8
 - 10-14.99 = 12
 - < 10 = 16
- DO limit (mg/l)
 - 4-6.99 = 1
 - > 6.99 = 3
- Ammonia limit (mg/l) - monthly limits or most stringent if seasonal – choose the higher of chronic or acute
 - Acute = 5
 - Chronic:
 - > 14.99 = 2
 - 10-14.99 = 6
 - 5-9.99 = 10
 - < 5 = 15

- Phosphorus limit (mg/l) - the most restrictive limit associated with the end of the WPDES permit term
 - > 2.49 = 1
 - 0.9-2.49 = 2
 - 0.6-0.89 = 5
 - 0.4-0.59 = 10
 - 0.2-0.39 = 15
 - < 0.2 = 20
- Chloride limit = 1
- Copper limit = 1
- Nickel limit = 1
- Zinc limit = 1
- Mercury limit = 1
- Cadmium limit = 1
- Arsenic limit = 1

Section NR 162.50(5), Wis. Adm. Code, also states that “The department may add additional or modify existing scoring criteria in the annual intended use plan.”

Additional points for regionalization will be provided as follows:

- 100 points to the subscribing municipality;
- An additional 10 points to the subscribing municipality if the project results in an increase of flow or loadings to the receiving municipal wastewater treatment plant by more than 10% such that an increase in capacity at that plant is needed and the treatment plant project is being submitted for CWFP funding to account for that increase;
- 50 points to the receiving municipality if an upgrade is needed to accommodate the increased flow or increased loadings (greater than 10%) from one or more new subscribing municipalities;
- 100 points each to two or more municipalities that are constructing a joint regional WWTP.

For SFY 2023, DNR will not add the population score to the funding list as described in s. NR 162.50(4) Wis. Adm. Code. Instead, DNR will add two percent of a municipality’s score in Table 7 of Section X.B to the PERF score for each of the municipality’s projects. For example, if a municipality scores 125 points in Table 7, 2.5 points will be added to the PERF score for each of the municipality’s projects. By making this scoring change, DNR anticipates that projects from communities meeting the affordability criteria will be prioritized. In the event of a tie on the funding list, the municipality with the smaller population will be ranked above the municipality with the larger population. If a tie still remains, the municipality with the smaller MHI figure will be ranked above the municipality with the larger MHI figure.

XV. SFY 2023 PROJECT PRIORITY LIST AND FUNDING LIST

The CWFP received 533 regular Intent to Apply (ITA) submittals totaling \$2,092,203,170 in anticipated project costs and 23 ITA submittals for pilot projects totaling \$27,432,583 in project costs by the October 31, 2021 deadline. These projects were scored and ranked on the [project priority list](#) that was published on the EIF website. Municipalities are eligible to submit SFY 2023 financial assistance applications for projects included on this list. In addition, 14 ITAs were submitted for projects for