

(u) “USEPA” means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Section 3. General Policy.

(a) The Board shall approve loans and Additional Subsidies under the provisions of this Chapter, subject to the Select Water Committee’s review and recommendation of projects, in such a manner and to such applicants as shall, in the judgment of the Board, inure to the greatest benefit of the citizens of the State of Wyoming and represent a prudent use of loan funds.

(b) Funding for loans and additional subsidies under this Chapter is subject to a supplemental congressional appropriation in the Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs act of 2021. To facilitate key provision of this Act, the Board will consider funding applications for:

- (i) Projects addressing Emerging Contaminants;
- (ii) Projects addressing lead service lines; and,
- (iii) Conventional safe drinking water projects.

Section 4. Base and Supplemental Funding Disadvantaged Community Eligibility.

(a) OS LI shall determine if an applicant is disadvantaged by awarding points based on population trend, income data, unemployment data, enterprise system rate management, and the prior year’s propriety tax and four percent (4%) sales tax collections. Applicants whose total points are nine (9) or greater are eligible for Additional Subsidies of up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their loan amount. Applicants whose total points are equal to or greater than six (6) but less than nine (9) are eligible for Additional Subsidies of up to fifty percent (50%) of their loan amount. Applicants whose total points are equal to or greater than three (3) but less than six (6) are eligible for Additional Subsidies of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of their loan amount. Applicants whose total points are less than three (3) are not considered disadvantaged and are not eligible for Additional Subsidies.

(i) Population trend points are awarded based on the category that the applicant was in as of the last decennial census (or other available population data acceptable to OS LI if decennial census data is not available). If an applicant can show population trend data demonstrating that it has likely dropped to a smaller category since the last decennial census, its points may be adjusted up accordingly.

(A) Applicants whose population is five hundred (500) or less will receive three (3) points.

(B) Applicants whose population is between five hundred one (501) and three thousand, three hundred (3,300) will receive two (2) points.