

North Dakota Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund FY 2025 Intended Use Plan
Attachment C

1. AFFORDABILITY (100/300 points)

a. 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

b. Relative Future Wastewater Cost Index (RFWCI)

RFWCI greater than 2%	40
RFWCI between 1.5% and 2%	20
RFWCI less than 1.5%	0

c. Unemployment

City unemployment rate is more than State unemployment rate	20
City unemployment rate is less than or equal to State unemployment rate	0

d. Population Trends

City population % change is greater than State population % change	20
City population % change is less than or equal to State population % change	0

2. WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS, BENEFICIAL USE, AND OTHER USES AND OUTCOMES (50/300 points)

a. 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 or project implements a section 319 NPS management program	15
b. Project may protect aquifer with priority ranking:	
• High	15
• Moderate	10
• Low	5
c. Project may enhance or affect the following receiving water beneficial use	
• Municipal and domestic water	4
• Fish and aquatic biota	2
• Recreation	2
• Agricultural	1
• Industrial	1
d. Project located in a source water protection area and may help to protect a public water supply	15

Accumulative Projects can receive points from 2a OR 2b and potentially include additional points from 2c and 2d

Other Uses and Outcomes

e. Public health (e.g. Pathogen Reduction)	4
f. Disaster resilience component	3
g. Address nutrient loadings of nitrogen and phosphorous	2
h. Regionalization/consolidation	1

Accumulative

3. PERMIT COMPLIANCE (50/300 points)

Project addresses an enforcement action by a regulatory agency and the facility is currently in significant non-compliance. And/or project addresses a deficiency received during a sanitary survey.	50
Project addresses a facility's voluntary efforts to resolve a possible violation and will mitigate the issuance of a consent order or other enforcement action. And/or project addresses a defect received during a sanitary survey.	30
Project is designed to maintain permit compliance or meet new permit effluent limits.	15
Project does not address compliance issue.	0

4. READINESS TO PROCEED (60/300 points)

Plans and Specifications Approved	10
Plans and Specifications Submitted	5
Facility Plan Approved	15
Facility Plan Submitted	10
Preliminary Engineering Report, Feasibility Study, or Technical Design Memo Submitted	10
PAR Approved	5
PAR Report Submitted	5

Accumulative

5. GREEN PROJECT RESERVE (GPR) (40/300 points)

Project incorporates Green Project Reserve Components (Green infrastructure, Energy Efficiency, Water Efficiency, and/or Environmentally Innovative) at a minimum of 20 percent of total project costs	30
Project is categorically eligible for the GPR and does NOT require a business case	10

Accumulative

Guidance for GPR can be located at <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/green-project-reserve-guidance-clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf>

Affordability data is pulled from the most recent 5-year American Community Survey available at beginning of IUP Process. If an updated survey is available in December, the previous data set would still be used. For example, the 2024 IUP used the 2021: ACS 5-year Estimates and. The ACS 5-year Estimates data can be pulled from <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>

Communities that have any Affordability Criteria points due to meeting any one of the affordability criteria will be considered a disadvantaged community.

The CWSRF loan amount for multi-phased projects will be limited to phases with construction expected to begin within the next 3 years.

Refinance projects will not be ranked because they are not considered for loan forgiveness.